



Project Sussex Kids:
The Sussex County Council for Young Children
Families of School-Aged Children Subcommittee Meeting
May 11, 2015; 10:00am
Project Self-Sufficiency

- Welcome and Member Introductions; **Deborah Berry-Toon, Haley McCracken, Melissa Bischoff, Kathy Nauta, Maureen Strelzik, Paige Ortega, Kris Imbrie, Tammy Miller, Jane Langeveld**
- Program History and Review
 - Steering Committee meetings held – February 5, 2015 & April 9, 2015
 - Steering Committee Members:
 - Melissa Bischoff – Supervisor and Case Manager, PSS
 - Kathy Nauta – Parent and Community Resident
 - Deborah Berry-Toon, Executive Director; PSS
 - Haley McCracken, Program Coordinator, PSS
 - Jamie Bernard, Executive Director; DASI
 - Kris Imbrie, LCSW, Family Therapist
 - Maureen Strelzik, LCSW
 - Lauren Conklin, Ogdensburg School Social Worker
 - Lis Schuman, bi-lingual case manager; PSS
 - Kathy Baklarz; Special Child Health Services
 - Donna Laval; Perinatal Mental Health Coordinator, Partnership for Maternal and Child Health
 - Tammy Miller; Director of Guidance, Hopatcong Borough Schools
 - Kathy Kwasnik; United Way of Northern NJ, Success by 6
 - Linda Pumphrey; Director, DCP&P
 - Partnership Celebration held – April 29, 2015; 9am & April 30, 2015; 7pm
- Region Outreach
 - Newton – held meeting with Parental Liaison
 - **Parent Academy**
 - **K registration at MAS; speak with guidance**
 - Montague – continued outreach
 - **Join Montague/Sandyston**
 - Hopatcong – planning resource fair for the Fall; attending Safety Town Event
 - **New Principal at K-1 school; Katherine McFadden**
 - Ogdensburg/Franklin – outreach continued
 - Sussex/Wantage – held Father Daughter Dance on 4/24/15
 - Vernon – presented PSK at SCA meetings on 5/4/15
 - **Resource Fair**
 - **General Suggestions for Outreach:**

- **Hold event a week after back to school nights**
 - **Have door prizes**
 - **Include family pets**
 - **Target smaller group K-1, but invite the district**
 - **Ice cream social**
 - **Field Day at the event**
 - **Have activity for children**
 - **Target parents, teachers and substitute teachers**
 - **In-service days and faculty meetings**
 - **Instead of marketing as Parent Ed. market as Substance Abuse Prevention**
 - **Hold Parent Support Groups**
 - **Superintendent Round Table**
 - **PSS possibly to host in-service Luncheon**
 - **NORWESCAP child care centers mandatory training**
- Objectives
 - Resource Guide
 - Website
 - Facebook Page, Twitter, Blog
 - Information and referral line
 - Grow NJ Kids
 - Parent Leadership Training
 - **Central Intake**
 - **Begins July 1 for Sussex/Warren referrals for family resources**
 - **PSS will receive perinatal risk assessment**
 - **Will be meeting with Maternal/Child health consortium to see how they run Central Intake**
- Discussion
 - Mission Statement
 - Family Needs Assessment
 - Outreach to diverse population
 - Speakers;
 - **Kris Imbrie passion for trauma in children's lives and how it affect behavior; tools for self-deregulation**
 - Times for meetings
 - Disseminating Information
 - Volunteers for Events
 - Articles/Resources
 - *Sitting Still Like a Frog*
 - *Explosive Child*; Ross Green
 - *BePeace*; includes Heart Math incorporated in to the classroom
 - **Non-violent communication; Marshall Rosenberg**
 - *DOVE* self acceptance videos
- Next Meeting Dates: July (**avoid the end of July**), September, November