

Education Work Group

Meeting notes: Tuesday, April 13, 2010

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Kathy Burke, David Bull, Pat Skaggs, Kim Scheerer, Holly Bella and Jody Howard

Information provided on playgroup survey.

Group informed of Kent county playgroup curriculum.

Reviewed discussion from the previous meeting.

Discussion of “Expanding playgroups” handout.

Recommendation for continuation of serves not in competition with already existing services.

Head Start homebase option explained.

Discussion of appropriateness of traditional format of playgroups. Need to explore other options.

Need to connect with other organizations/facilities rather than school districts for community ownership.

Who’s mission does it fit?

How to measure proposed outcomes for children and families.

Concerns regarding existing playgroups and funding sources.

Decision to focus on Morenci because of request/support from parent liaison group.

Morenci considerations:

- Training for facilitator.

- Temporary assignment of a mentor for modeling/support.

- Survey Morenci parent group for days, times, location.

- Determine Morenci program cost – staff, materials, mileage.

- Identify funding sources.

June retreat:

- Address Morenci considerations.

- Invite Morenci parents to attend.

- Invite Britton-Macon playgroup facilitator to attend.

Resources for review:

- Margaret – Kent County curriculum if available

- Kathy – MDE Early Childhood Standards of Quality

- Jody – Parents as Teachers