

## **Kid Connection Network Status Report for August 9, 2007**

### **Administration/Governance**

Kid Connection formally became a funded program of ECC effective July 1, 2007. The Children's Board FY 2007 contract with Achieve Management to administer Kid Connection was modified so that ECC is now the contracted agency for Kid Connection, and Achieve Management is a subcontractor providing fiscal management services to ECC.

### **Operations & Quality Assurance**

*Kid Connection Client Report.* See the attached client activity summary for June and July 2007.

*2-1-1 Call & Referral Reports.* Attached is the summary of number of 2-1-1 calls, referrals, web site hits, and "top needs" for July 2007. Additional reports from 2-1-1 are posted on the Kid Connection web site, [www.kidconnect.info](http://www.kidconnect.info). Those reports provide breakdown of calls by age of the child, as well number of early childhood and prenatal referrals by specific agency/program.

A reminder that the protocol that 2-1-1 counselors use in referring callers to Kid Connection and other early childhood programs (see attached) was modified in March. The change is that Kid Connection is provided as a "safety net" referral for ***all early childhood calls that result in 2 or more referrals***. Counselors are also encouraged to refer to "major" programs whenever possible.

### **Training**

*Developmental Screening/Resource training at Nov conference.* Kid Connection/ECC will conduct developmental screening training at the annual conference in November. The breakout session, scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 11:15A to 12:30 PM, will include an overview of developmental screening (e.g., importance, developmental indicators, screening instruments, etc.) along with a small panel of providers that will describe how they conduct developmental screening across a variety of settings (e.g., in childcare facility, home visiting program, multi-provider collaboration, etc.). Attendees should leave with a better understanding of developmental screening resources in the community, and will hopefully consider how their agency/ program may be able to initiate their own screening program.

*Other training notes:* Kid Connection participated in an early childhood services forum for SPAN members on July 26 at Metropolitan Ministries. The Children's Board organized the panel of service providers who presented at the event. As the new school year approaches, Kid Connection expects to meet with and/or revisit several key groups within the school district, including social workers, psychologists, elementary school principals, and ESE staff. Our focus is to educate providers about how we can work cooperatively with them to better serve young children and families.