

Kid Connection Network Status Report for June 14, 2007

Administration/Governance

As part of ECC's transition process, the Kid Connection Advisory Committee agreed in May 2007 to dissolve as a separate group, and to integrate its community advisory role into ECC's management role. While most agencies represented on the current Advisory Committee already actively participate in ECC, any interested agency is welcome to join the ECC collaborative and continue in an advisory capacity with Kid Connection.

Kid Connection recently submitted a budget expansion request to the Children's Board for the purpose of increasing service capacity. An additional \$60K was requested, which would increase the annual budget from \$150,000 to almost \$210,000, and would increase the staff from 3 to 4 employees. We're awaiting final approval from the Children's Board.

Operations & Quality Assurance

Kid Connection Client Report. See the attached client activity summary for May.

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 May 2007. Additional reports from 2-1-1 are posted on the Kid Connection web site, 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 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

Community resource training at ECC conference. Kid Connection is expecting to host another Early Childhood Community Resource Fair for registered attendees (only) at the ECC conference in November. It will be scheduled as a 1 ½ hour breakout session on Friday or Saturday. The time frame will allow approximately 15 program presentations in a format similar to the fair in May. We'll start planning soon, including identifying potential program presenters and setting a presenter fee.