

Kid Connection Network Status Report and Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2007

Administration/Governance

Kid Connection continues to work closely with ECC, Achieve Management, and the Children's Board to facilitate the 1) transition of ECC from an all-volunteer organization to a self-sustaining non-profit with paid staff and infrastructure, 2) formal establishment of ECC as the employer/managing agency for Kid Connection, and 3) expansion of Kid Connection operations to include a 2nd Family Support Coordinator. We hope to finalize plans, secure transition and expansion funding from the Children's Board at the June BOD meeting, and begin implementation this summer.

As part of the transition, and to avoid duplication of functions and meetings, the Advisory Committee agreed 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. Effective immediately, Kid Connection will submit its monthly status report to ECC at its next monthly meeting on June 14 (2nd Thursday of each month at the Manhattan Center, except in July)

Operations & Quality Assurance

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 March 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.

Kid Connection Client Report. See the attached client activity summary for March and April. Of note, the number of clients we served during the month of April exceeded the total number of clients we served in our first six months of operation.

Training

Kid Connection training for community agencies. On May 3, Kid Connection and ECC hosted the 2nd Annual Early Childhood Community Resource Fair at the Children's Board. Attendance at the 3-hour event was surprisingly strong – over 200 "trainees" from many different health and social service agencies, and another 35 program representatives who made 5-minute presentations to the audience. Feedback from the satisfaction survey was overwhelmingly positive, and included some good recommendations for future events. We have approximately 50 resource notebooks that are available to purchase for \$3 each. Program profiles will also be posted shortly on our web site.

Cost of the event was around \$850, and was funded primarily by Kid Connection and FDLRS. Presenter registration fees and resource book sales, which totaled approximately \$500, were used to offset some of those costs and to contribute to ECC's general revenue. A suggestion at the Advisory Committee meeting was to explore potential sponsors to underwrite future fair expenses, such as Babies R Us. Another thought is to combine this fair with a similar event sponsored by the Zero Exposure Project (for expectant mothers) for a full day event at a larger venue.

Next ECC meeting is Thurs, June 14, at FDLRS/Manhattan Center from 11:30A – 1P.