



## **Childhood Readiness and Success Team Notes – May 9, 2011**

**Team Goal: In Carroll County, all children are ready for Kindergarten and achieve at or above grade level success by the end of third grade.**

Attendance: Howard Cunningham, Nancy Coville, Cyndi Paulin (Carol DeLaurier, Jenn Karnopp, and Jay McIntire reported time conflicts.)

### **Next Meetings:**

June 16 – CCU Annual Community Meeting with all teams, 6:00-8:00 pm at K.A. Brett School, 5:30 pm refreshments & networking.

Monday, July 11 at 6:00 pm at Tri-County CAP Resource Center.

### **School Survey Report**

- We have received positive feedback from the schools regarding the draft report. Four schools have responded (Carpenter, Conway Elementary, Sandwich & John Fuller), 3 providing additional information. The comment period is open through the end of the week.

### **Watch Me Grow** – working on Wakefield Screening Day

- Watch Me Grow Screening Day is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-noon and 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. The free training for volunteer assessors will be Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - noon. Both will be at the First Congregational Church of Wakefield. There are several people from Wakefield interested in being trained as well as a few members of our team.

**Follow up Kindergarten Readiness workshops** – Nancy reported that Joan Grossman and Ann Hamilton are planning a parent workshop for four year olds.

### **What next: how should we build on the Kindergarten readiness workshops, survey, definition of Kindergarten readiness and Watch Me Grow work?**

The group decided to plan a gathering for early childhood educators and Kindergarten teachers in the fall. Both groups share the goal of wanting to figure out how to help more children in their communities enter school ready to learn. Also include Libraries, Oasis (Brett School), Remick Museum and MWV Children's Museum.

- We want to promote interaction between the two groups and look at how to link their work more together. Including community groups can help reinforce the idea that Kindergarten readiness is a shared community responsibility and the libraries and museums are probably quite likely to use the information they hear from educators to inform their planning.
- What do both groups need? Training? Support to work with their parents, etc.?
- Is there a common assessment that can be used to check in regarding children's progress? It looks like Watch Me Grow could fill that role for gross & fine motor, communication, self-help skills, and social/emotional but another tool is likely needed to assess early literacy and numeracy development.

### **Early Childhood Parade**

- Nancy Coville and Cyndi staffed our table at the Early Childhood parade. It went very well. The children enjoyed the activity and we gave them their drawings to bring home which had a message on the back encouraging parents to talk with and read to their children every day. We also made some good contacts with the preschools and child care centers. (Thank you to Nancy for her help!)

**June 16<sup>th</sup> – Carroll County United Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will include time for the team to report on their progress (about 8 minutes) as well as time for a “mini” team meeting (about 30 mins.) The progress we can report includes the school survey and accompanying report, Watch Me Grow efforts, definition of Kindergarten Readiness and the Kindergarten Readiness workshops. During the breakout session we can focus on the fall gathering, next steps for Watch Me Grow. Howard, Carol & Cyndi will schedule meeting to flesh out the specific items to bring to the annual meeting and invite any other team meeting member who would like to be part of that planning.