



**Prenatal Families and Families of Infants/Toddlers and Preschoolers**  
**September 22, 2015; 1:00pm**

- Welcome and Introductions –  
*Deborah Berry-Toon, Haley McCracken, Devon Eehalt, Gina Buono, Caren Vogt, Krystal Hall, Kathy Kwasnik, Elizabeth Larsen, Elsie Lorber, Anita Plantamura, Ellen Phelps*
- Special Parent Advisory Group Overview –
  - Ria is president of the group in Hardyston Elementary and Middle School and presented how she got the SEPAG running
  - Works closely with CST
  - Connects parents to resources and teaches them to be the #1 advocate for their child; not to expect the school to do everything
  - Will give parents support
  - Holds open forums for parents
  - Because of her approach to working with parents and school, administration and CST welcome her
  - Works closely with PTA
  - SCCYC looking to promote Ria's SEPAG approach in other schools
- Pediatrician Outreach -
  - Dr. Chris Canzoniero gave insight in to how to make community outreach easy for them
  - Pediatricians have short amount of time to cover a wide range of topics with patients
  - Target office staff to give out information/referrals
  - Magnet to be handed out with wellness visit papers
  - Staff luncheon/in-service
  - Plastic sleeve inserts on the back of exam room doors with simple message
  - Also reaching out to Dr. Saluja in Vernon and ipediatrics in Jefferson
- BUILD Conference –
  - National initiative to bring state and local early childhood professionals together to discuss early childhood education for Birth to age 5.
  - States represented included: NJ, PA, OH, NY and VT
  - Panel included key partnerships with mental health providers, pediatricians, and libraries
- SPAN Seminars – distributed flyers
  - Free and open to the public
  - Childcare provided
  - Refreshments provided
  - Cover a range of topics for all parents
- General Council meeting – 10/21/15 9am or 6pm – overview of SCCYC and presentation from Sue Ryan Arc of Warren County Media, Technology and Screen Time with Young Children
- Central Intake – Department of Health Race to the Top dollars

- Originally started as a single point of entry to streamline home visitation referrals, has since been expanded by the state to include referrals for people of all ages
  - Nurse Family Partnership – Serves first time mothers within 28 weeks of first pregnancy, they get paired with an RN that stays with them until the baby is 2 years old.
  - Health Families – first time or subsequent pregnancy up to 6 months; professional home visitor stays with the mother until the child is 3 years old
  - Parents as Teachers – Home visitation program for children under the age of 3 up to age 5
- PSS has funding for Sussex and Warren and are the only new vendor
- Pregnant mom's on Medicaid fill out Perinatal Risk Assessment that gets sent to the state that PSS has access to; Women check off that they can be contacted for additional resources, PSS intake worker contacts and links to services; also follows up with them
- Goal is for every pregnant mom regardless of insurance type fills out a PRA
- PSS on site at NPC 5 days per week
- Participants and providers can refer to Central Intake by filling out the Community Health Referral Form
- LOS in Sussex is 80 which was doubled in August
- LOS in Sussex in 80, which is lagging, but getting higher each month
- Parent Outreach and Childcare Centers
  - West Side Childcare Center Open House on 10/15 – Haley will attend and present to parents
  - Anita reports parents are overwhelmed by email; best to do flyers as well
  - Caren Vogt at Our Savior Childcare Center doing a Fall Festival on 10/3; SCCYC present with information table
  - Working with Kris Imbrie to do a webinar version of child self-deregulation strategy presentation
  - United Way uses Go To Meeting to set up webinars
- Grow NJ Kids
  - Kathy Kwasnik stated that the pilot rating centers are close to being rated
  - 490 centers have signed on to Grow NJ Kids, the state needs 1600; centers receive \$10,000 worth of equipment
  - Kathy Priestly open to coming out to Sussex to train on Grow NJ Kids
- Keeping Babies and Children in Mind
  - PSS and NMC to host workshops from 6pm-9pm for parents and professionals; dates TBA.
- Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2015 at 1pm