

Caring & Sharing/SAY

January 9, 2009

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Pam Rud, Rosie Duran, Mark Dorr, Lizzy Slatt, Nick Hardy, Lauren Powers, Carrie Landers, Candace Sindoris, Elise Kormas, Jane Bradley, Kiersten Guerrero, Bonita Joy O'Reilly, Julie Witkowski, Rachael Bibby, Lisa Scott, Kim Vanous, Stacey Getz, Nichole Franko, Karen Bettis, Brenda Guzman

Presentation—Jane Bradley, ChildSafe

- Only agency with specialized therapy on an out-patient basis for sexually abused victims. Use variety of treatments including group therapy to let victims know they are not alone
- Mission is to repair damage to victims and families, reduce risk of revictimization and prevent the cycle of abuse into future generations
- 93% of victims know their abuser; 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused by the age of 18
- Length of treatment at ChildSafe depends on the child's circumstances
- 3 programs offered: child sex abuse treatment; adults molested as children; promoting healthy adolescent sexual expression-for child sex offenders. Feel that they have all been victims of some sort of abuse
- Therapy groups broken out by age and gender; girls 7-10, 11-13, 14-18; boys don't do as well in groups so they are formed on as needed basis; mothers of victims; siblings of victims; parents of sibling incest; third party parent; adult survivors; informed supervision for parents to put plan in place for child offenders
- Provide safe, responsive treatment, education and recovery for child sexual abuse without prejudice or discrimination; personal dignity and worth for each individuals respected and celebrated
- Caseload has increased in the last 8 months and have had to hire more staff while struggling with funding. Families pay sliding fee
- How to help: report abuse, pass on knowledge, volunteer, contribute

Round Robin Discussion

- Early Childhood Council—council meeting on Monday, January 12 from 9-11:30 at the Harmony Library. PSD presenting on potential preschool programs in the school district; recently received a Colorado Trust grant on health/wellness
- PSD—hiring a wellness coordinator
- Healthy Kids Club—preparing for Schools on the Move, a district wide program for kids and staff to encourage activity among kids and staff with prizes awarded. Happening in PSD, TSD and Windsor
- Basecamp—Broncos camps football and fitness camps coming up at most sites. Have to be a member to participate but will be offering free buddy passes and scholarships and sliding scale fees offered for families in need
- Boys and Girls Club-Loveland club opened on Monday. Had 140 kids on Wednesday. Today from 5-8 p.m. is the opening of the art show at Centerra Barnes and Noble. Art will be displayed all month. Grand opening of the Loveland club on January 20 at 4 p.m.
- SAVA—Journey conference on March 3 for teen girls in Poudre School District. Aimed at building leadership and other opportunities for girls. Designed by the girls with breakout sessions, keynote speaker and a capstone presentation which will be the SAVA play. Usually have 300 girls participate. Vagina Monologues coming on March 1 at Divas and Desserts at the Lincoln Center. Cost is \$25
- PSD Transition series is a series for families of students with disabilities transitioning into the community

- Family Center—offering child care, parenting classes, parents as teacher program and resource center. Parents as Teachers is a developmental program for parents of children prenatal through age 5 providing activities and resources for parents in their home
- Girl Scouts—new staffing with Lisa Scott and Nichole Franko covering Larimer County. Train the trainer for Power Up February 22-25. Cost is \$500, reduced to \$295 if intentions are girl scout related
- Housing Authority—provide homeownership coordinator, rental/mortgage assistance, section 8 housing choice voucher. Applications available for Habitat for Humanity. Information meeting January 18 at 6:30 p.m. or January 21 at 1 p.m.
- CORE Center—Tutoring M-Th; GED prep; ESL classes; empowering youth program trying to increase collaboration around youth in 4 neighborhoods; pregnancy and sexuality counseling for teens
- Disabled Resource Services—job coaching for teens with disabilities; PSD has new ACE coordinator, Steve Mishkind; winetasting in April
- CHP+--looking for places to distribute info
- Colorado After School Network—resources and outreach for after school programs; Youth Development Institute is online professional development courses-www.coloradoafterschoolnetwork.org
- Children's Speech and Reading Center—screenings and evaluations and therapy for children 0-12 around speech, reading and language development delays. Work on sliding scale. Parent education presentation. Autism workshop coming on January 29-30 for anyone who works with children with autism at American Baptist Church. \$200 fee
- Irlen Clinic—18% of the population is estimated to have Irlen syndrome, a leaning disability affecting vision
- The Center for Community Family Outreach—adding parent/kid classes; increasing focus on parents
- Lutheran Family Services—offering a parent support group and looking for a child care provider a couple of hours per week on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m.