

FEAT Project
Training and Education Workgroup Notes
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I. Family Advocate:

- a. Kim Morton, the FEAT Family Advocate who is housed at the Relief Nursery, introduced herself to the group and talked about her role. She has the capacity to work intensively with families who are referred to her by Ob-Gyns or through hospitals. She hopes to focus on accessing pregnant women who aren't receiving prenatal care, hopefully through avenues such as Planned Parenthood, WIC and DHS Self-sufficiency.
- b. **Flier:** Group looked at a flier that Kim will distribute geared toward pregnant women and giving information about treatment and other resources in Lane County as well as her contact information. The original flier was designed by Lucy. **Kris** will work on additional formatting in collaboration with **Kim**.
- c. **Referrals:** The hope is that prenatal practices, even those who have case managers in place, will refer women to Kim who are in need of additional or more intensive assistance. Anne Duret, RN Case Manager of Peacehealth, said that she would be likely to refer mothers who have more than one child at home or would refer a mom when her baby has reached 8 weeks, as that is the age at which her services terminate. Kim can provide services up to 18 months.
 - i. Anne also told us that Oregon Maternity Case Management has a thick binder detailing the type of services reimbursed under OHP and the impact of having a case manager.
- d. Karen Lawrence (a doctoral student in the Early Intervention Program who is assisting with FEAT) will bring information about the Family Advocate to focus groups she is conducting with Prenatal Providers.
 - i. Anne suggested contacting Trillium Pregnancy Doula Group and some of the high school Doula Programs for potential focus groups.

II. Prenatal Provider Training

- a. During focus groups, providers are showing an interest in SEN-related training
- b. Hope to pilot some training in the spring
- c. **Anne** will check with Peacehealth regarding the calendar, to be sure we don't schedule anything that conflicts with other conferences (e.g. for Neonatologists or Peds)
- d. Christa suggested holding a training with different content in the morning and afternoon and inviting family and community members to participate.
- e. **Speakers:**

- i. We brainstormed about potential speakers. Folks suggested including specialists from around the state, contacting Ira Chasnoff, M.D., including parent speakers
 - ii. Kris has contacted AIA to seek assistance re: training and is awaiting a reply.
 - iii. Kris will also contact folks from WA who published Guidelines for Screening.
- f. Funding
 - i. The FEAT Project may be able to provide some funding for a pilot training and could likely host the training in the EI building.
 - ii. Anne Duret suggested that Peacehealth might donate space and food.
 - iii. Anne also suggested that the United Way or March of Dimes might sponsor this type of training.

I. Parent Involvement

- a. We discussed the importance of having more parent involvement in the FEAT project as well as the difficulties for parents of being involved in regular morning meetings.
- b. **Christa** and **Lucy** will help to identify additional parents who might be willing to be involved.
- c. **Kris** will send an email out to FEAT list to ask folks to invite additional parent involvement.