

## CAP ACTION MEETING

October 19, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### *Minutes*

#### **In Attendance:**

Kathryn Christensen, The Care Center  
Juan Delara, OSDH  
Shannon Hartsock, Family Builders  
Taffy Henderson, OCCHD  
Tiffany Holmes, OSDH  
Monica Inciarte-Wakefield, LCDA  
Vicki Land, SSCO

Kyle Moore, OCCHD  
Sarah Neyman, PCCT\*  
Canielle Preston, OHCA  
Robyn Sears, OUHSC  
Sherie Trice, OSDH  
Mindy Turner, Bethany PAT  
Jessica Waszack, Safe Families Oklahoma

#### **\*Video Conference**

Sherie Trice opened the meeting at 10:00 am. All in attendance introduced themselves.

#### **Welcome**

##### **• Announcements/Updates**

- The OUHSC Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Conference will be held April 17, 2019 - April 19, 2019. More information to come. OSDH/FSPS will sponsor a prevention track.
  - The Outstanding Child Abuse Prevention Awards will be held April 18<sup>th</sup> in the evening at the CCAN Conference due to renovation of the State Capitol Building
- Oklahoma State Department of Health has awarded all monies for the OCAP contracts.
- Oklahoma County has received several new parent educators and are looking for new families to serve if you know of anyone that could benefit from services, please contact parentPRO at 1-877-271-7611.
- The Oklahoma State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will be reviewed by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth on October 26, 2018 for final review along with Tom Bates, OSDH Interim Commissioner.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Family Builders**

#### **“We Exist to Stop Abuse”- A look at what we do.**

*Shannon Hartsock, Client Service Coordinator*

Located in Shepard’s Mall, 2401 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 5, Oklahoma City, OK 73107

*Mission: Strengthening relationships and working to break cycles of child abuse and family violence.*

### **Family Builders Provides 3 Programs: Parenting Classes, Batterer’s Intervention Program and Community Education and Outreach**

#### **1. Parenting Classes**

- Family Builder partners with DHS to provide families with open active cases, typically court-ordered. Voluntary Parenting classes are also available.
- There are two types of parenting classes:
- Parenting Skills Class:
  - 12-week course
  - Common Sense Parenting, Parenting 101
- Compassion Workshop:
  - 12-week course

- More personal and intimate
- Helps parents understand and deal with their own emotions
- Gives information on more effective ways to deal with stress

## 2. Batterer's Intervention Program (for batterer, not victim)

- 52-week course
- Services provided in Oklahoma, Logan, and Canadian Counties, but may soon expand to Pottawatomie County
- Is an evidence-based program
- While in the program, if a batterer has a setback anytime during the course, they will have to restart the program
- Intimate Partner Violence is the most common batterer in the programs
- **Community Education & Outreach**
  - Talks about child abuse and neglect around the state.
  - Co-parenting classes are now court ordered if child is less than the age of 18.
    - Parents are seen separately
    - Counseling and therapy provided
- **Cost for Classes – Contact:** familybuildersok.org or (405) 232-8226
  - \$35 intake fee
  - \$25 per week out of pocket fee
 Fees are based on a sliding scale, classes can be as low as \$10.

**Safe Families Oklahoma** - [www.SafeFamiliesOK.org](http://www.SafeFamiliesOK.org) or (405) 418-3825

**Safe Families host vulnerable children and create extended family-like supports for families in crisis through a community of compassionate volunteers. "We keep children safe and families intact."**

*Jessica Waszak, Safe Families Oklahoma Manager*

Located at 3 East Main Street Oklahoma City, OK 73104

- Safe Families started in Chicago when the founder ran into a mom who was at her wits end and wanted help before her child was taken or abused. The founder and his wife kept the woman's child for a couple of months and was returned to their mother.
- Safe Families is a privately owned 501 C3 nonprofit and is based on the National Safe Families for Children model. They are trying to become an evidence-based program.
- Safe Families ended their pilot program July 2017
- Hosting a child costs on average \$1500
- Children have to have some type of medical insurance
- **Volunteers**
  - Volunteers are housed within local faith-based organizations
  - Although only available in Oklahoma City at this time, legislation is statewide
  - The program is designed to partner with other agencies such as schools or other family-oriented programs i.e. Positive Tomorrows
  - All volunteers are trained
  - All volunteers undergo a background and reference check (Angel Foster Network is used to screen families)
- **Who can participate?**
  - Parents who have gotten a job and can't afford child care
  - Mothers who enter programs such as ReMerge where they will be away and need someone to care for the children
  - Families that face homelessness and want a safe place for their kids to stay until parents can get back on their feet

- **Goals**
  - **Keeping the families together**
  - Families can reunify without a child abuse or neglect case
- **Host Families**
  - Will become Partial Power of Attorney of child
    - It does not take away parents' rights, just allows host family the ability to handle medical needs as well as school, etc
  - Are required to take a 3-hour online training course and a 3-hour in person training
  - No corporal punishment
  - Assistance from Circle of Parents

**Update Cap Small Meeting:**

- Introductions
- History of CAP meeting
- Mission Statement discussion
- 2019 Priorities
- Goals of the group
  - Training for group members
  - Training for community members
  - Events
- Who is missing from the table?

**No cost Child Abuse Prevention Promotion**

- Initiatives that have been done in other places by other stakeholders
- "Do one thing!"
  - Encourage people to be supportive to parents (community-building around parents)
  - Host a play group
  - Speak up about child abuse

**Next Meetings** - OCCHD NE Regional Health & Wellness Campus, 2600 NE 63<sup>rd</sup>, OKC

- Friday, January 11, 2019 - 10:00am-Noon
- Friday, February 8, 2019 - 10:00am-Noon
- Friday, March 8, 2019 - 10:00am-Noon

**Meeting Adjourned**