

O.U.R. Children Project – National Group – ph call notes: 3/15/11

Present:

DesGeorges, Janet; ..on line
Johnson, Harold; ..on line
Maria Rodriguez;
Chresta Brinkman; ..on line
Wendy Hewitt; ..on line
Jennifer Richter;
Cheryl Johnson;
Candace Lindow Davies;
Jamie Mallory;
Sara Kennedy; ..on line
Walter and Katie Greene;
Kristal Molina;
Terri Patterson;
Tami Esmay;
Edwards, Tom;
lauraG@lifetrackresources.org;
Julie Hahn;
Kim Aeillo;
Heidi Winter;
Jean Marie Moore;
Sarah Kiefer;
Jay Cherry: ..on line

Agenda:

- Updates
- Bright Spots
- Reflections from EHDI booth
- Next steps

Meeting Notes:

- **Updates**
 - Sara Kennedy
 - Talked with a Mom that is still considering to write an article re. CA/N for H&V
 - Found a blog re. bullying with some great info...is asking for permission to share the info...Chresta B offered to help Sara with this
 - Have the KidPower (<http://www.kidpower.org/>) class coming up next month
 - Janet DesGeoerges
 - Worked with Ashley Koe/DOVE re. a workshop for middle school children who are d/hh are (6-8 stu) re. a class on bullying...kids really networked as a result of this workshop...this class was carried out face-to-face...the workshop was provided at no cost my DOVE...workshop provided in a home...both parents and kids shared their stories re. bullying...Sara noted that the kids almost needed to learn how to

effectively communicate with one another, i.e., how to alter their communication strategies to fit the communication needs of the individuals they were communicating with...conversation began re. how much more likely to be comfortable with adults vs. peers

- At the MN H&V conference last week...had info re. the OUR Children Project at their booth
- Included info re. the OUR Children Project at the WA H&V GBYS training last week
- Jay Cherry
 - ? re. availability of CA/N related material at H&V events (**see below re. “EHDI booth”**)
- Harold Johnson
 - Presentations [copies of the presentations can be found at: <http://deafed-childabuse-neglect-col.wiki.educ.msu.edu/Presentations>]
 - 02/11: ACE-D/HH
 - 02/11: EHDI
 - Dr. Jack Levine came to booth + came to presentation + said he would raise the topic of child maltreatment to the EHDI Board...I have followed up with Jack with a ph conf...no response yet
 - 03/11: National Symposium on Child Abuse
 - 04/11: National Convention of the Council for Exceptional Children
 - 07/11: National Exchange Club
 - 11/11: MI EOTA
 - ?: Webinar for GBYS group
 - Writing
 - Chapter + article + newsletter
 - Courses
 - Module dev for University of New Orleans...shared with nation
 - MSU/College of Education
- **Bright Spots**
 - 10 posted
 - 2 being edited now
 - Ph conversation with RIT research on 3/21 (I sent a copy of the poster to the group)
- **Reflections from EHDI booth**
 - Have a banner now...**Janet** noted the need to create a flyer with info re. the banner and info to distribute (handouts & ChildHelp magnets + dev a DVD of Bright Spot video + we can stop CAN Together + pdf re. talking with your child about child abuse from Gennie Stults)...**this a ‘to do’ item for this month**
 - H&V’s logo ‘brought them in’
 - Most indi were willing to engage in conversations re. child maltreatment
- **Next steps**
 - Enhancement of the GBYS training/support re. child maltreatment

- Invitation of Harold, Janet and other “Bright Spots” to do online, ooVoo based, training
- Use of the O.U.R. Children banner at H&V events
- Suggestions for presentations concerning this topic at the National Leadership Conference this summer?
- Identification and nomination of “Bright Spots” (<http://deafed-childabuse-neglect-col.wiki.educ.msu.edu/Bright+Spot+-+Home+Page>)
- Asking schools to provide info and training re. sexuality and personal safety to our children
- Having one-on-one conversations with peers/colleagues re. this topic
- Start with the 2010 EHDI Conference...Three Questions: One Answer...PP...Janet will put this out to the network to see if anyone would be willing to look at this PP with the eye to modifying it into a format that H&V can use...request to add a couple of slides re., the project itself
- Janet...will tackle info re. booth and flyer info re. OUR Children
- Harold...writing...presentations...meeting with Federal grant officer in AL...Bright Spot work
- Jay will send to Chresta...adding more info re. bullying on the wiki
- Sara...will follow up with in re. article + have the next KidPower workshop
- Wendy...will review Bright Spot info and see if they can find an indi to recommend
- Chresta...working with Harold re. dev a master PP that could be shared with schools...will look at the existing PP to see what can be pulled from them to dev the master PP

Next Ph Conf:

- 4/12
- 10:00 a.m.at MTZ
- One point of our meeting will be to discuss how we can present this topic at the next H&V national leadership conference.