

## **Yolo County Inclusion Team**

September 24, 2009

10:00 – 12:00

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Lynn Arner (CCS), Lana Casper (FRC), Rebecca Foster (LPC), Yin Myo-Flores (CCS), Wangui Ndirangu (HS/EHS), Regan Overholt (F5Yolo), Robbie Townsley (CCS, R&R), Kathilyn Wilcox (parent)

### 2. Meeting Calendar

A. The group revisited a regular meeting time for the group. It was decided to meet from 12:30 – 2:30 to accommodate those who cannot attend morning meetings and also those who need to pick up children after school. Each meeting will contain an agency spotlight where an individual will share their services/information related to special needs services and inclusion. All participants in the group were asked to create a “blurb” to go on the Inclusion Group website as well.

### 3. Centralized Calendar of Events/Website

A. WarmLine will be able to house events related to this group on their calendar. Information should be sent to [raymond@warmlinefrc.org](mailto:raymond@warmlinefrc.org) and include a contact number and perhaps a link for more information. The events should only be those that are open for enrollment for others in the county. This may need to be revisited if the number of events becomes overwhelming on the online calendar.

B. For now, the Yolo County Child Care Planning Council website will host the information about the Inclusion Team. R. Townsley shared that one of the goals for the Children’s Alliance is to create a mapping of resources on their website. She will see if they would be willing to partner with the Inclusion group for a website.

### 4. Agency Spotlight: WarmLine

A. The mission statement at WarmLine is to provide information, education and support to promote and strengthen the foundation of families with children with special needs so they can face the challenges of the present and create new dreams for the future. The employees are all parents of children with disabilities. WarmLine offers parent-to-parent support, resources and information. There is a lot of community outreach and networking in order to bring that information to other parents who need support. Most of their funding is for families from birth – 3 in the Early Start program through the Department of Developmental Services, and they also get some family empowerment grants that allow them to work with families with children of all ages. They have offices in Sacramento, Placerville, Marysville, and a small office at Child Care Services in Davis. WarmLine has libraries, parent support groups and also provides trainings/workshops for families. The majority of calls that WarmLine

gets are from parents who are new to the system and need information and knowledge about available resources.

- B. One item that D. Casey wanted to make sure that parents know is that SSTs are not legally mandated and sometimes can even delay services.
- C. Many children are not screened holistically, but are only screened for the reported concern. Because of this, speech and language seem to be the highest reported and social-emotional may take years to be assessed.

#### 5. Revisit Goals

- A. Originally the focus of this group was for the early years, but the consensus of the group is to be the least restrictive as possible and to invite those who may focus services for older children. This will allow discussions for continuity of services and ensure that this group serves all children of Yolo County with special needs.
- B. The LPC subcommittee plans to work on the community assessment and facilitate with trainings.
- C. Site visits to SEEDS locations should be arranged. L. Arner will plan 1 visit for members of our Inclusion Team, and if other agencies plan visits and have space for more participation this should be shared with our group.
- D. It was discussed that this group should not invite a pilot family until more established or able to really help the family instead of just informing them of numbers to call. Families, parents and older children should be invited to share their experiences with the group in regards to their entry in the system, what services were provided, who helped them etc.

#### 6. Set Action Plan

- A. Two items remaining from our goals determined at the August meeting are Community Outreach and Trainings. These will be discussed at the next meeting. Information for pediatricians' offices, preschools (school districts may not be involved due to the material not being endorsed by the district), and other locations was discussed. Goals and outcomes for the trainings will be emphasized at the next meeting.
- B. Participants were asked to share which month they would prefer to be the spotlight agency. "Blurbs" for our group should be sent to R. Foster to go on the LPC website for the Inclusion Team; events/trainings/workshops should be sent to Raymond at WarmLine.

- 7. Next Meeting:                   October 22, 2009; 12:30 – 2:30  
  Yolo County Office of Education, Conference Center