



Parma City School District
Parma Area Family to Family Collaborative
<http://www.parmacityschools.org/family2family>
Meeting Minutes
Date: January 27, 2010
Time: 8:15 am to 9:30 am
Location: Parma Christian Church

Community Presenters:

- Greer Connor from Ohio Benefit Bank presented information on the increased need for OBB sites and counselors. Parma no longer has a regular site for OBB clients, and need has increased over 200%. Over \$1.8 billion in unclaimed State and Federal funds were returned last year as unused. Mobile OBB van is available to come to community events. Sign-up sheet was passed to interested parties.
- Rebecca Kodysh from Big Brothers/Big Sisters presented information on the demand for Big Brothers and Sisters. Parma currently has two school based programs running (Dag and Hanna schools). Two new groups for children (children of incarcerated parents and children of deployed military) will be starting up soon. BBBS serves children 8-18 years old.

Old Business

- Monthly Report
 - Served 1337 families this year
 - Served 256 families last month alone, not including families served at events (movie night, Holiday event etc.).

New Business:

- **Tapestry/Parent Advocate**
Coordinates Strong Families, Strong Parents support group. Next meeting is February 23, 2010. Note new time (10 a.m. to noon). Support groups at the WestSide Community House and Lakewood are available during the evening.

Update from Community Partners

- **Department of Children and Family Services:** Please support Health and Human Services levy in May.
- **Parma Health Ministry:** Awarded Pride Award from the Parma/ Parma Heights Chamber of Commerce. They still need volunteer doctors.
- **Church in the Woods/Pay It Forward Café:** Looking for ideas or presenters for Saturday meals program.
- **Parma Kiwanis:** "Ask Me" Developmental Asset buttons available.
- **Parma Christian Church:** Every fifth Sunday the church will be hosting a potluck dinner for families.
- **YMCA:** New accelerated swim program available. Scholarships for families in need are available. Half off the joiners fee if membership is approved before February 2/15/10.

- **Cuyahoga County Public Libraries:** Many new user policies in place. Internet users wishing to print will now be charged for paper, and must have a library card.
- **Positive Education Program (PEP)** Name of agency has changed, but same services are still being offered to children with mental health challenges.
- **Employment and Family Services:** A Utilities resource Fair will be held on February 11 from 9-4:00. More information is available by calling 211.
- **Parma Area Family Collaborative:** Rose McWeeny, WRAP specialist provided information about Foster/kinship care.
- **MyCom:** Bryan Stanton presented information on the MyCom initiative. A Youth council is being formed to design and promote activities (a Community garden is being considered). The next Youth Council meeting will be February 11 at Parma Senior High.
- **Shiloh Café:** Currently, there are over 50 students registered for the new Shiloh Café, which is held every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. The Café provides tutoring and OAT assistance as well as planned activities. Berea Children's Home, Parma Health Education Center, and the YMCA are providing support.

Next Meeting

Date: February 25, 2010

Time: 8:00 to 8:30am networking, 8:30 to 9:30am meeting

Location: Bethel Temple Church

12901 West Pleasant Valley Road, Parma, OH 44130

(Near Tri-C West and W 130th Street)

- **Don't forget to bring your dollar donation for a local food center**
- **Don't forget to bring upcoming events to share with the collaborative partners**
- **Do you have space for 25 people or more? Let us know! We would like to hold our monthly collaborative meeting at your site.**

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