

Early Childcare Collaborative Steering Committee –Progress Report- 2016

Goal 1: Increase collaboration and networking among private childcare centers, Head Start, GCSD, and other early childhood service providers.

Objective 1: Support the work of the Early Learning Council (ELC).

- **Objective accomplished**

Objective 2: Plan training events to provide “Program Administration” CEUs for directors from private childcare centers, Head Start programs, and GCSD programs.

- **No progress on objective.**

Goal 2: Increase training opportunities offered to staff and volunteers in public and private early childcare programs in Georgetown County.

Objective 1: Regularly support the assessment of the training resources and training needs for staff and volunteers in public and private early childhood programs.

- **Objective accomplished:** At their training event October 20, 2016, leaders asked participants to describe their training needs. Steering committee members continuously assess training resources and needs during their meetings.

Objective 2: By partnering with local organizations and sponsoring our own events, provide substantial training opportunities for Early Childhood Providers at least twice per year.

- **Objective partially accomplished:** ECC provided a Networking meeting on October 20, 2016 to reengage the Early Childcare Providers.

Objective 3: Publicize training opportunities through our Facebook page and through www.youthcollabgtown.org.

- **Objective accomplished:** The ECC continues to have a Facebook Page and a page on the www.youthcollabgtown.org website.

Goal 3: Support community efforts to move toward quality pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs.

Objective 1: Partner with Georgetown County Achieves Together (GCAT) to improve readiness outcomes for students.

- **No progress on objective**

Objective 2: Encourage the increased use of evidence-based practices and other quality practices for improving school readiness.

- **Objective ongoing**: Members of the ECC Steering Committee are planning training opportunities that promote evidence-based practices for improving school readiness.

Objective 3: Participate in the Quality for Children (Q4C) Task Force to explore ways to bring additional resources to support high quality childcare programs.

- **Objective accomplished**: Members of the ECC participated in the Task Force, which met its goals and is no longer meeting. The ECC will address concerns regarding the availability of Early Childcare courses available at Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

Goal 4: Promote early childhood provider assets in Georgetown County.

Objective 1: Promote special programs of interest to private childcare facilities, Head Start, and GCSD.

- **Objective ongoing**: Training opportunities will promote special programs of interest

Objective 2: Help childcare providers market their programs.

- **Objective accomplished**: Childcare providers can take advantage of the www.youthcollabgtown.org website and the ECC Facebook page to help market their programs.