

Dependent Care Committee
Elder/Disabled Care Subcommittee
May 22, 2006

- I. We reviewed notes from last time. Denise Lewis (chairing this sub-group) walked the group through an agenda that she had prepared for this meeting.
- II. Elders.
 - A. Learned some stats: 19% of all elders in A-C County live at or below poverty
 - B. Identify gaps in knowledge: what services do they (the elderly or disabled) say they need. Ideas for finding out:
 1. go to nursing homes and ask
 2. ask at Adult-Day centers

Anne Hansen from the NE GA Regional Dev. Center said the #1 needs among elders are: prescription drugs help, home delivery meals, transportation, and personal care. Anne said she could get us information and stats. (this is something the community can really do!

 - C. How can we break the cycle of poverty in this area?
 - D. Care-Net is a coalition of community agencies looking at care-giver needs. (Only 1 yr old at R.Carter institute)
 - E. “Basic” services are provided b/c of older Americans Act of 1972(?); but it will never meet all the needs (services are based on need level)
 - F. Are we reaching those with greatest need?
- III. Disabled: can also be served by community care services program (CCSP)
 - A. Gaps: 1.disabled ages 21-60 (when the school system stops serving them)
 2. parents caring for adults with disabilities
 - B. Planning for future of disabled child? (trust fund, future guardian, adult homes for after caring parent is gone...)
 - C. Need: help parents plan for disabled child in the “gap” of services (after primary caretaker is gone.) also emergency planning
 - D. Council on Aging is in the process of expansion
- IV. What Now?/Tasks:
 - A. Ask Gwen O’looney for disabled information. Can she come next time? What services exist?
 - B. Personal support workers (CNAs) big need
 - C. How can we engage students to volunteer in personal care/meals on wheels/transportation
 - D. Check Ameri-Corps
 - E. Email Katherine Fowler (at Council on Aging) about needs
- V. More Gaps: Transportation. The “Lift” is not user-friendly. Find more info about their services
- VI. Need: Care-giver services. (get them into the wk force to break the cycle—especially hard for those who care for the bed-bound)

- A. In GA, Medicare will not pay family member to provide care.
- B. Idea: Coupon system with cabs (there is already a system in another state where this exists. Get this info)
- C. GAP (clearing house for volunteers at UGA) (stands for Globally Aware and Active People)
- D. Idea: HOPE recipients do Service Learning as a part of maintaining scholarship (even just 10 hrs a semester could help with so many community needs!!!!) Draft a generic letter
- E. How can we get the impoverished here? People that provide care? Elders????
- F. Visit and talk to residents at Denny Towers, Lanier Gardens
- G. Call Leisure Services about telling their Seniors that come to the Sr Centers. Call Athens Housing Authority.
- H. Could we have a meeting/Focus Group at the Sr Centers? Nursing/Care homes?

VII. Denise took down contact information and assigned members small tasks, which she will email. Anne will provide statistics of needs for next meeting.

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Meeting Notes

- I. Ground rules for discussion
 - a. Create an inclusive and respectful environment for future meetings
 - b. Ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate and contribute

- II. Organized group for discussion
 - a. Recorder and reporter- Jessica Garris Miller
 - b. Facilitator- Sherry Lee

- III. Reviewed agenda and notes from meeting on April 24

- IV. Additional data needs
 - a. Statistics on wages of registered and unregistered child care workers in Athens-Clarke County
 - b. # of registered child care providers in ACC
 - c. # of children in informal care (relatives, neighbors, and friends)
 - d. # of high risk babies born in ACC
 - e. #of teacher referrals for school age children with physical, emotional and mental disabilities

- V. Barriers to obtaining certified care for pre-K
 - a. Affordability (lack of subsidies)
 - b. Access (lack of slots, transportation, and flexibility)
 - c. Cultural issues/differences

- VI. Some identified needs
 - a. Certification training for child care workers
 - b. Basic health and safety training for child care workers in private homes
 - c. Increase tax credits for child care
 - d. Parent involvement on committee
 - e. Employer involvement on committee

- VII. Some potential resources for meeting identified needs
 - a. Data in addition to PPA- Abby Winkles
 - b. Mass media communication to ACC parents- Alisa Demao, Reporter, Athens Banner Herald
 - c. Parents' Voices- California (teaches parents how to lobby legislators)

- d. Child and Parent Services (CAPS)
- e. PPA Learning Communities
- f. Focus Groups

VIII. Committee tasks

- a. Employer provided on-site child care- Paula
- b. Employer vouchers for child care- Evelyn Neely and Jean Gowen
- c. Parent recruitment- Lorrie Bass
- d. Youth and faith-based community recruitment- Tanya Foster and Adriana Robinson