

**Family Engagement Meeting
May 15, 2007**

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After the presentation by B.J. Walker, the Family Engagement Team had a short meeting.

Some ideas that were discussed included:

- Multiple open doors and centers with a common purpose rather than “one stop”
- Family Mentoring is an important piece. Get a definition for Family Mentoring.
- Faith-based community involvement is important.
- We need to come up with the two or three major outcomes we are looking for.
- What would a Family Engagement/Resource Center focus on? If we get one—so what? What outcomes are we expecting?
- Is our goal community development? Do we expand the role of Community Connections?
- Are our goals education, work, service?
- We need long term sustainability.
- What’s our mission?
- We seem to be operating with different definitions. We need to get on the same page.
- Family Engagement focuses on student achievement, Family Resource Center focuses on a One Stop, Family Literacy focuses on parents; GED and ESL. Our focus seems to be all of these plus more.
- We need to define our indicators.
- Because we really do not know what we are doing—we are focusing on a pilot.

The agenda for our meeting on May 23 would include:

- I. Define our terms Family Engagement, Family Resource Center, and Family Literacy.** (Jan was going to bring.)
- II. Examine data from the Fourth Street and Coile quadrant to identify the real issues.** (Monica was going to bring the data from the Fourth Street/Coile Street quadrant. She was also going to break out the immigrant data to help address the issues of that population. Clo was going to get the police data for the area to also help identify the real problems.)
- III. Develop strategies to identify the assets in the Fourth Street community.** (Identify potential community leaders.)
- IV. Determine the goal(s) of our initiative as it relates to the overall goals of OneAthens/PPA.**
- V. Determine the major outcomes that we are seeking from this initiative.**