



Visioneering Wichita Birth - K Meeting
July 10 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce Board Room
350 W. Douglas
(Parking available behind building)

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Visioneering Wichita

Visioneering Wichita completed Phase I in December, 2004 which brought together over 16,000 area residents along with government and community leaders to understand and address the significant challenges facing our (MSA) Metropolitan Statistical Area of Sedgwick, Harvey, Butler and Sumner counties. The result of this unprecedented effort was the publication of a 20-year strategic plan and vision for our metro area (see www.visioneeringwichita.com for plan).

Now is the time to aggressively implement that plan. One of the strategies within the document deals with Birth through K stating *we should expect all children to enter kindergarten ready to learn at the kindergarten level.*

Your organization has been identified as a needed valuable asset to begin an exploratory discussion regarding the formation of a strategic alliance in the Birth – K arena. You and/or a representative are invited to attend this initial meeting which will specifically discuss the following:

Birth-K

Expect all children to enter kindergarten ready to learn at the kindergarten level by:

- a) Identifying reading deficiencies early and help birth-K parents and teachers with programs that result in each child being ready for kindergarten.
- b) Improving access to birth-K programs including Headstart, educational daycare, etc.
- c) Including programs for parents and children to address language skills and social development of birth-K within the community.
- d) Providing more qualified pre-school teachers in daycare and birth-K programs.

Please indicate your attendance by contacting Diane Longfellow at 316-268-1141 or via email at dlongfellow@wichitachamber.org by July 7th. If you are unable to attend you may send a representative.