



EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

November 4, 2008 – 11:30 to 1:00



Lunch will be provided

PLEASE enter your organizations' events on ECIC website calendar

"How to" Information attached to April 2002 Agenda – We are looking for a volunteer to input this information. Pattie Connell has agreed to input info until we get a new student volunteer. You may contact Pattie at Curative

AGENDA

11:30 Announcements and Promotion of Members' Programs

If possible please bring or email d-lpizur@execpccom.a a written copy of your announcement.

12:00 Report on the progress of the Website.

Jill Ochoa

12:15 Appreciative Inquiry-What works?

Linda Hurst – Collaborating Partners

- Think back about your membership in the ECIC. What do you think was a high point for the ECIC?
- What do you like most about the ECIC?
- What are your 3 wishes for the future of the ECIC?

Sign-up to host meetings.

What topics/speakers should we have at meetings?

Some ideas, WIC, W2, New Dept. of Wisconsin Children & Families, Sen. Jeff

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Next meeting Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008

Meeting Location South Milwaukee School District and topic to be determined

Council website www.ecicouncil.org

Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2008

Thank you to St. Francis Public Library for the hosting and a wonderful lunch!

Announcement and Attendance:

Franciscan Villa Childcare, Lisa Lenyard- infant room full but has room for a few preschool children.

St. Ann's Center Child Care, Shelly Reynolds – Needs employee. Center having \$300,000 raffle. Have respite care available for young adults over 18, caregiver Kathy Smith. Have had cookbook fundraiser.

Collaborating Partners/DPI Preschool Consultant, Linda Hurst – Teaches EC administration. Lead and will continue to lead ECIC discussion evaluating the group.

Cudahy Health Dept, Ed Wrench – Walk Your Child to School Day – Oct. 1. Fire prevention event to be held Oct 23, the program is spreading throughout the state. UW Medical College and a Cudahy Elementary school working on health and eliminating obesity of elementary students. Kozy Elementary school has a walking program. Have a grant to deal with community safety, disaster preparedness and accident prevention. Preparing for DOT grant to purchase car seats. Starting flu clinics currently do not have a supply of vaccine for very young children.

Parents Plus, Trudy Ranallo – State Parent Resource Center and work on No child Left Behind especially the parent involvement piece. Working with the Family Life Center to do workshops in 2009. Most training materials from Parents Plus are free. Shared list of presentations.

St. Francis Public Library, Maggie Luczywko & Susan Lyles – **Handed** out Fall booklet. Collaboration with the Family Life Center to hold workshops. Discussed the role of the library in the ECIC. Many members responded that they thought the library was an integral part of the ECIC.

Oak Creek Health Dept., Mary Lee Barrett – did not attend

Prince of Peace, Mary Ashley and Tracy Civel, - Looking for one enter level staff person. Advertized on Craigslist. Had a successful rummage sale.

South Milwaukee School District, Anna Borden – working at all levels of the school district. Working with 48 students a few that are preschoolers. District is focusing on early childhood programs.

UW-Extension, Tina Ginners – Holding Connecting with Families workshops at Franciscan Villa Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21. Will do a Touch Point workshop in 2009.

Curative Care Network, Pattie Connell – Serving the playgroups done in collaboration with the Family Life Center

FLC-Director & Project Concern -Co-Director & ECIC co-chair, Debby Pizur –

FLC – moving to the parish rectory perhaps as soon as Dec. The parish is in need of a 20 hour a week day time and 20 hour a week night time secretary.

PC – Shared latest Project Concern newsletter and lead summary.

Past group discussion- ECIC -

- Comment on the need by some members to get more detailed information on member organizations.
- Have member organizations invite like organizations to ECIC meeting and talk about their connection to the ECIC. St. Francis library will host and invite area librarians to attend the ECIC meeting.
- Tabled discussion of feedback questions.
- Last years comments: topics to cover in the future: Parents Plus, Wisc. Children & Families, WIC, Head Start, CESA 1
- Question was raised on resources for parents- lending library of toys/equipment for children with special needs. Possible sources Katie's Closet, CESA 1, and SM Library. Is there a need for more resources? If so does the ECIC want to take on that project?

Website Update: Remember to send your link or info you want on website to– **Jillian Ochoa** MOUSE BYTEZ,

www.mousebytez.com, Phone: 414 294-2187, Email: Jill@Mousebytez.com

Jill is waiting to get pictures from St. Francis High School and St. Lucas elementary school. Site should be ready in 1.5 weeks.

Jill is creating the St. Francis Police Dept site and is teaching beginning computer classes.

Libraries and their connection to the ECIC

The ECIC started in So. Milw and branched out. The focus was working for children from birth to 8years. Some members felt the groups focus has changed. The question was asked what benefits do members get from belonging to the ECIC – Networking and getting to know each other and getting comfortable with each other so that you can call on members when you need assistance. The libraries were viewed as the hub of the organization, where information can be shared and retrieved.

Assumptions of Appreciative Inquiry

In every society, organization, or group, something works.

What we focus on becomes our reality.

Reality is created in the moment, and there are multiple realities.

The act of asking questions of an organization or group influences the group in some way.

People have more confidence and comfort to journey to the future (the unknown) when they carry forward parts of the past (the known).

If we carry parts of the past forward, they should be what are best about the past

It is important to value differences.

The language we use creates our reality.