



EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

December 2, 2008 – 11:30 to 1:00

City of Oak Creek Health Dept

901 15th Avenue South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Phone: 414-766-5000

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

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11:30 Announcements and Promotion of Members' Programs

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

12:00 Report on the progress of the Website.

Jill Ochoa

12:15 CESA 1 – services and programs

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 Pale, presentations by member organizations.

Next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009

Meeting Location City of Oak Creek Health Dept, 8640 S. Howell Ave, Ok Creek, WI 53154, Phone: (414) 768-6525

And topic Parents Plus

Council website www.ecicouncil.org

Meeting Minutes – Nov. 4, 2008

Thank you to St. Ann's for the hosting and a wonderful crescents and salad!

Announcement and Attendance:

Franciscan Villa Childcare, Lisa Lenyard- Have a few preschool and 1 year old spots available.

St. Ann's Center Child Care, Shelly Reynolds – have some space in their after school program – transportation available. Have swim programs, Friday Night open swim 6 -7:30pm \$5 per person (2 & under free). Infant/parent Lessons (6 mos- 5 yrs) \$45.

Collaborating Partners/DPI Preschool Consultant, Linda Hurst – DPI consultant for Homeless students and collaborating coach.

Cudahy Health Dept, Ed Wrench – No announcements

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 raining materials from Parents Plus are free. Shared list of presentations, Parent Plus brochure and Tips on Talking to School Staff.

St. Francis Public Library, Susan Lyles – Tot Time 9 to 11am on Friday.

Educare, Jessica Schmidt – Location Euclid and Clement. Holding open enrollment, Nov. 19, 6:30-8:00pm. Serve children 2 and up and can provide transportation to select schools.

Mary Linsmeier Schools-So. Milw, Kathy Monson – Have a few spots for preschoolers and grade school students.

Oak Creek Health Dept., Mary Lee Barrett – Birth rate is raising, continuing to do ASQ and making baby visits.

Prince of Peace, Mary Ashley and Tracy Civel, - unable to attend.

South Milwaukee School District, Anna Borden – District is focusing on early childhood programs. Have set goal of working on Child Find and community connections.

CESA 1, Cindy Prendergast – Developing workshops. Doing 0- to 6 assessment training on Feb. 9th. Assessment has a sensory component.

UW-Extension, Tina Ginnors – Holding Connecting with Families workshops at Franciscan Villa Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21. Will do a Touch Point workshop in 2009. Is only EC specialist for Extension in a 4 county area.

St. Luke's South Shore, Patty Borkowski – Hospital celebrating 50th Anniversary this year. Restoration work is almost completed after the spring flooding that damaged the lower level.

Parent Liaison for Cudahy School Dist/FLC playgroup leader, Gail Kolvenbach – Children and adults at playgroups growing comfortable with each other. Providing resources to families. Doing a survey regarding the playgroup and its impact. Looking into working with St. Francis School Dist as their liaison.

So. Milwaukee Health Dept, Jackie Benka – providing FREE flu shoots to all children. It is highly recommend that all children receive flu shoots. Looking for speakers to talk to teen parents. This year there seems to be a growing number of teen parents.

Curative Care Network, Pattie Connell – unable to attend

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

FLC – finish work on Winter/Spring Activity Booklet. Served 222 children at the children's food pantry and clothing bank. Shared FLC Fall Activity Booklet.

PC – Served over 1,200 people in Oct. Shared "The Legacy of Lead" summary of the report on Childhood Lead Poisoning in WI 2008 and What does a safe environment look like? Flyer from the US Dept of Health and Human Services.

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 raise 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?

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?

Lisa Lenyard shared PowerPoint presentation that was given at the Collaboration Conference. Anyone have ideas to enrich the presentation?

(Previous discussion) 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.

(Nov. Discussion)

What do you think was a high point for the ECIC?

PAT program

Connecting with others and sharing info received with families that are served.

Grant money received in the past.

The diverse organizations that belong to the Council.

What do you like most about the ECIC?

Information sharing

Building relationship that help members serve families

Partnering

The communication between agencies prevents duplication of services.

What are your 3 wishes for the future of the ECIC?

Continue/increase collaboration/membership

Money to support Council and activities

Finish website and utilize it

Have members share leadership role.

Follow-up on people/organizations that are no longer a part of the ECIC.

St. Luke's South Shore to become a place to hold trainings.

Expand

Learn more about member organizations.

Find an effective way to share information received by council members with others.

I wish a rich person would leave an endowment to the ECIC in their will.

Additional discussion

Think about doing another Family Fun Night. Or perhaps do a resource night or child development days. These events could be done in conjunction with the cities' community night outs.

Resources available at www.collaboratingpartners.com

Compile list of members – Susan Lyles and Shelly Reynolds have volunteered to complete this task.

Develop a new directory

Funds maybe available for a small project from regional mini-grant. Proposal needs to be put together and submitted to Linda Hurst.

Perhaps the Council should investigate grant opportunities. Marquette University has a grant library.

Due to shrinking budgets – should host charge a small amount for lunch? Kathy Monson volunteered to help any host look for a donation for lunch.

Topic in the future Birth to 3 changes. Has the move of Curative out of Cudahy impacted families? What is happening with Head Start?

An Overview of The Child Development Days Model and Community Coordinated Screening System was shared