



EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

February 3, 2009 – 11:30 to 1:00

Host - Cudahy Health Department

Place - Cudahy Family Library

3500 Library Dr

Cudahy, WI 53110

(414) 769-2244

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

12:30 Discussion of speakers for March, April, May and June

Sign-up to host meetings.

What topics/speakers should we have at meetings?

Discuss more about Appreciative Inquiry?

Some ideas, WIC, W2, New Dept. of Wisconsin Children & Families, Sen. Jeff Pale, presentations by member organizations.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Meeting location Cudahy Head Start 5885 S. Packard and topic Head Start

Council website – ecicouncil.org

Meeting Minutes – Jan. 6, 2009

Thank you to the Oak Creek Health Dept for hosting. Thank you to Mary Linsmeier for getting the food for lunch.

Announcement and Attendance:

Franciscan Villa Childcare, Lisa Lenyard- Enrollment is holding steady. Will be hosting Touch Points workshop

St. Ann's Center Child Care, Shelly Reynolds – unable to attend

Cudahy Health Dept, Ed Wrench – No announcements

Parents Plus, Trudy Ranallo – Will be doing a workshop in Jan for the FLC. Speaker for Jan. see notes below.

St. Francis Public Library, Susan Lyles – Unable to attend.

Mary Linsmeier Schools-So. Milw, Kathy Monson & Tammy Scheln– Take care of children 6 weeks to 12 years. Have infants on a waiting list. Tammy teaches the Red Cross baby sitting course. Tammy found the food for Jan.'s meeting and has volunteered to get food for anyone needing food for the ECIC meeting.

Oak Creek Health Dept., Mary Lee Barrett, Judi Price, Kerry Wardeus – Continuing ASQ, made multiple references. Started with 3 year olds. Mail out ASQ and do some screenings at immunizations clinics. Clinics are very busy. Grant for child with special needs. Served 17 children with exceptional need. Exceeded number of children that were expected to be served.

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

South Milwaukee School District, Anna Borden – Serving a few preschoolers. Serves children at all grade levels and doing screenings and referrals. Cindy Dennis Lakeview Elementary Principle in charge of EC forum. Anna gave Cindy the names of ECIC members to invite to forum.

CESA 1, Cindy Prendergast – unable to attend.

UW-Extension, Tina Ginnners – In the process of finishing Connecting with Families Training. Will be doing Touch Point training in Feb. a strength based approach to working with children. Preparing caregivers for developmental burst and delays, thus relieving caregiver stress. Tina will be leaving the Extension in June as she is having a second child – BEST OF LUCK TINA!

Parent Liaison for Cudahy School Dist/FLC playgroup leader, Gail Kolvenbach – Starting 2009 playgroups at the Cudahy, Oak Creek and Franklin Libraries. Gail encourages playgroup families to use community resources, especially the public library. Gail did a survey of playgroup families and created a listserv of playgroup families forwarding the ECIC information.

Playgroup program consists of modeling appropriate interactions with children, free play, music and movement, a story and activity and information and referral. Curative provides services during the playgroup.

So. Milwaukee Health Dept, Jackie Benka – Have a new grant to do ASQ. Referred teen moms to FLC home-visiting program.

Curative Care Network, Pattie Connell – Starting up playgroups again. Had an out of town family compliment the playgroup leaders on how nice their program was.

Franklin School District, Mary Hansen – Working on EC standards training. Working to have smooth transitions. Started new playgroup in EC classroom 1 day a week for 12 weeks. Will host ECIC meeting in April or May

Learning Props, Bev Schumacher – unable to attend

Oak Creek Public Library, Karen Dorn - Winter 2009 Story Time for 3 to 5 year olds Jan. 21 to Feb. 25. Spring 2009 Toddler Time March 18-April 15. For more info contact 764-4400.

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

FLC – Handed out Activity Booklets. Doing ASG. Moving form old location to house connected to church. Have toys to donate to a good home.

PC – Number of people being served continues to remain high. 485 children received holiday gifts through the pantry's program.

Presentation: Mr. Germ – Oak Creek Health Dept., Mary Lee Barrett & Kerry Wardius

Mr. Germ puppet presentation is done for all “K” classrooms. A cute, informative presentation that demonstrates how easily germs are spread and how to wash ones hands.

Parents Plus – Trudy Ranallo Toll free 877-384-176*9

Hand outs – Parents Plus, The Parental Information and Resource Center of Wisconsin

Parents Plus Presentations

Helping your preschool child

The Parents are Key Program

Tips on Talking to School staff

Parents Plus Inc –PowerPoint presentation

Pen & bag

Parents Plus is the Parental information and Resource Center (PIRC) in Wisconsin, providing technical assistance to school districts, family resource centers and home visiting programs.

The organization began in 1995 with US Dept of Ed grant

Programs are providing financial and technical assistance to:

Family/school/community partnerships

Funding family resource centers

Home visitation and lead Parents as Teachers org. which is promoting healthy marriage and early child education in urban and rural areas in 8 Wisc. Counties including Milw.

Parents as Key integrating PAT and HIPPY

Information on No Child Left Behind

Parent Leadership Training – Parents with Voices plus family/school workshops Math & Science Family Nights, Project Play and Amazing Brain.

Parents plus utilizes VISTA volunteers.

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?

September discussion

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