

**Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners Northeast Region
April 24, 2006 1:00-2:30 Conference Call Minutes**

- 1. Introductions/networking information:** Members introduced themselves and the organization they represent. Members shared any information that they felt the members of our group would be interested in hearing about. (Updated list of names and contact information for the NE Regional group included in agenda email.)

Erin Mancosko-Anderson-Bureau of Regulation and Licensing: Child Safety Restraints, Booster Seats & Safety Belt Requirements memo located at http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/rl_dcfs/
Shaken Baby Syndrome legislation passed. View information at: http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=1836
Eleanor Dockry-Encompass Child Care: Encompass is working on the Strengthening Families Initiative
Nancy Pfankuch-CESA 7 ECSE Program Support
Rebecca Wampler-Family Connections Child Care Resource and Referral
Kate Hildebrandt-Family Connections Child Care Resource and Referral
Carol Jackomino-Family and Child Learning Centers of N.E.W., INC.
Linda Gratz-CESA 7 Head Start/Early Head Start
Linda Hurst-DPI Homeless Consultant and Regional Community Collaboration Coach for the SE Region, Linda shared that information on the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (WCCF) Early Education Matters planning grants is located at: http://wccf.org/projects/eem_opportunities.htm
Rene Forsythe-Birth to 3 RESource: There is a new IFSP form. You can view the form at <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/birthto3/EVENTS.HTML>
Ruth Chvojicek-Community Collaboration Coach NE Region
Cathy Sendelbach-Division of Public Health
Bridget Cullen-Child Care Resource and Referral

- 2. Review Minutes and Action Plan from Feb. 20, 2006 meeting:**

Correction made to minutes from Feb. 20 meeting. Nancy Pfankuch had talked with Wanda Sperry (not Shelia Knuth) from the Children with Special Health Care Needs organization about our regional group. We will have a presentation on CSHCN organization at our June 5 meeting.
- 3. Homeless Information:**

Linda Hurst, Preschool Homeless Liaison at DPI, shared information related to working with children and families that are homeless. She described her role and job duties as Preschool Homeless consultant for DPI. Go to the DPI website page: www.dpi.state.wi.us/homeless/index.html for additional information regarding best practices for serving children from homeless situations.
You can also find information about McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act and the 2006 District Homeless Liaison Directory at this website.

Linda recommended trying to make connections with the Homeless Liaisons in your community. Linda also talked about the trainings concerning homeless families. She mentioned Strengthening Families, WMELS, and Ruby Payne's Workshops.

-Eleanor shared that Encompass Child Care offers vacant slots to homeless children residing in nearby shelters and they also have a scholarship program available.

-Ruth spoke to Mary Jo Tittl and she is a trainer for the Ruby Payne workshop.

4. WECCP Northeast Region Community Coach Update:

-Ruth has been in contact with at least 7 different school districts in our region regarding 4k programs.

-WMELS NE Region Trainers meeting was held in March. The regional WMELS trainers felt that presenting to a target audience allowed presenters to better meet the needs of the particular professionals who attended the WMELS training. A plan for future WMELS trainings in our region was developed.

-On Dec. 6, 2006 Ruth will collaborate with CESA 6 to host a one day workshop titled: Considerations in Starting a Collaborative 4K Program.

-Ruth will be assisting with the CAP Summer Institute for 4K Collaborative Groups to be held in Waupaca on Aug. 1-3, 2006.

-Ruth recommended the following resource from the International Reading Association: Preschool Literacy Collection (5 books for \$76). You can find more information about the books at the following website:

http://marketplace.reading.org/products/tnt_products.cfm?Subsystem=ORD&primary_id=9205A&product_class=IRABOOK&action=Long

-Ruth and Cathy Sendelbach shared information about our WECCP NE Region Group with the Dept. of Public Health Nurses Group.

-Ruth will be developing a train the trainers modified family service credential training. The training will be held in Jan. or Feb. of 2007.

-Ruth has been working on setting up our regional listserv. She will share the details of the listserv at our June 5 meeting.

4. Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards Training Plan: Bridget Cullen from Child Care Resource and Referral gave an update on the regional plan.

-Dept. of Workforce and Development has contracted with the CCR&R to provide 2 full WMELS trainings in our region during the next two years.

-Additional upcoming WMELS trainings in the area include one in Sheboygan, Appleton, Green Bay, Shawno, and possibly at Fox Valley Technical College.

5. Assessment Conference: Nancy Pfankuch shared information about the conference. We have stipends available from the WECCP minigrant to support individuals to attend this conference. Please contact Nancy if you are interested in utilizing this resource.

-Eleanor is interested in attending the conference and would like to utilize some of the minigrant funds to support her participation.

-Nancy, Jayne, Ruth, and Gloria will also be attending the conference.

6. Transitions and Options Ready, Set, Go Training and Wisconsin's Departments of Health and Family Services and Public Instruction Office of Special Education Child Outcomes Training Update

-The Ready, Set, Go Training planned for CESA 6 was canceled due to limited registrations.

-CESA 7 will host a Ready, Set, Go training on April 25. About 25-30 people have registered for the training.

-CESA 8 also hosted a Ready, Set, Go training this spring.

-A videoconference was held on April 4, 2006 at CESA 6 for those school districts and counties participating in the OSEP Child Outcomes pilot. Rene, Nancy, Jayne, Ruth and Gloria will be available to participants that need additional support collecting the OSEP Outcomes data.

7. May 11, 2006 Videoconference Agenda: We reviewed the agenda. Our region will host the event at CESA 7. Anyone interested in helping facilitate the videoconference should contact Nancy. Group chose taco buffet chosen for lunch meal.

8. June 5 WECCP Northeast Region Yearly Meeting:

The meeting will be held at the Appleton CCR&R from 9:00-2:00.

Group reviewed agenda items:

-Review goals for the 2005-2006 year

-Determine goals for 2006-2007 year

-Brainstorm migrant activity ideas for next year's application

-Meeting dates for next year

-Select representatives to attend the August WECCP State meeting

-Set up listserv as a communication tool to use within the region

-Develop plan to promote the listserv

-Presentation from the Children with Special Health Care Needs Group