

S.E. Regional Network Meeting Notes for Dec. 8, 2004

E.L.S. Training:

We received permission from Jill H. to have two teams for our region: Milwaukee and SE. It was decided that 4C would coordinate the future E.L.S. trainings in Milwaukee so that trainings did not conflict with each other in the city. Jeri R. made some suggestions as far as trainers, and both Jeri and Carol M. were in agreement about having a diverse team of trainers. Those people who were suggested and other potential trainers either have been, or will be, sent the application form.

Anyone interested in becoming a trainer should look over the application, previously sent out or available on the Collaborating Partners' site, and determine if they are interested and qualified to be a trainer. **Please note that all trainer of trainer expenses are absorbed by the person being trained, and you must agree to do one complete 13 hours of the E.L.S. training (in whole or in parts) in our local area. Also, your employing agency must agree to allow you to complete the training sessions and provide support (personal and/or financial) including staff time, printing, room use, meals, substitute costs, etc.**

April Meeting:

Our April meeting has been **tentatively rescheduled for June 16**, however there may be a Headstart training conflict, so it may be changed again. It was determined that for the size of the meeting, we would not have time to pull it off by April.

We also determined that our purpose for this meeting is to bring as many early childhood stakeholders in our area together to hear about state and local activities, and begin to build relationships for future collaborations, or more involved collaborations. We discussed having tables with all stakeholders represented, instead of, for example, a table with all Birth to 3 providers and a table with all Childcare providers, and so on. Later in the day, we felt it would be useful to have people move so that they are with their job peers so discuss potential solutions and current needs that they are facing related to the topics we discussed in the morning.

I believe we settled on the "State of the Children" as our theme, and discussed beginning with a quick background on Collaborating Partners, then an hour or so on state EC activities (possibly a video conference format), and then have various presenters on local and state activities and what we are doing locally and what we need to target these issues. We also discussed having Naomi Haynes Griffith present, but cost is an issue (she's about \$4,000.00 an hour). We discussed several potential funding sources: Scholastic, City of Milwaukee Health Department, Children's Hospital, Infant Deaf Center, and March of Dimes mini-grant. The following individuals were also suggested for our local presenters: Gay Eastman on "20 Building Blocks"; Susan Harvey (ECCS); Karen Ordiens; Therese A. on Infant (EC) Mental Health; and Mary Peters on special education issues. There was also a suggestion to have a presenter or discussion on Family Support issues.

If you have any ideas or input, please contact Jeri Rose (rose_ja10@hotmail.com), Linda Hurst (llhurst51@yahoo.com) or Marianne Smith (msmith@cesa1.k12.wi.us).