

Meeting Notes: WECCP Southern Regional Planning Team: Dec 4, 2003

Attending:

Penny Chase, 4 C's (for Chris Bruenig)
Sue Albert, Madison Schools
Meredith Chase, Birth to Three
Monica Notaro, DPI/EvenStart
Paula Evenson, Ch Care Licensing
Susan Donahoe, Cesa 2

Discussion Summary:

- **Review:** History of group and participants' hopes for group membership
- Consensus on **informal vision** for group:
"To build collaborative relationships, in the southern region of WI, through information sharing and commonly beneficial projects, in order to enhance services for children, birth through 8 years of age."
- Discussion on how to support **two main ideas:** inclusive child care, especially providing more opportunities through commonly sponsored **1) play groups** and providing **2) strong resources for families:**
Possibilities for co-sponsored play groups and regional support and training (particularly for people in child care and education) to build resources to families were discussed.
- Also discussed:
 1. Replicating the **needs assessment** that the Northeast region was doing. Contact with Jane Baumgartner was to be done. *Note: Word is that this will be coordinated by state group later on this yr.-Susan*
 2. The importance of making **transitions smooth** for children and their parents from home and early education programming **to kindergarten.** In that discussion we noted that Kindergarten and early primary teachers had little contact, or opportunities to talk with childcare professionals, non-school based Head Start staff, or community based early childhood program staff.
- **Two meetings were scheduled to pursue this discussion: Thursday, January 8, and Tuesday, February 10.**
Both are to be held at **4 C's in Madison (5 Odana Ct., by West Towne Mall) from 10-12.** Conference call hook-ups are available.