

Meeting Notes: WECCP Southern Regional Network: May 7, 2004

A short meeting was held during the lunch period at the WECCP videoconference at the Pyle Center on May 7.

Attending:

Penny Chase, 4 C's, Monica Notaro, DPI/Even Start, Paula Evenson, Ch Care Licensing, Susan Donahoe, Cesa 2, Karen Wollenburg, Community Collaboration Coach/Forces for Fours grant, Linda Tuchman and Meredith Green, Early Intervention Program/Waisman Center, Jane Robinson/Registry/Harmony House Preschool, Yvonne Eide/Public Health, Lynn Havemann, Wisconsin Personnel Development Project/Waisman Center

Discussion Summary:

1. **Web statement/information** (for collaboratingpartners.com): As a starting point, Susan submitted the following pieces of information to the collaborating partners website to represent our region:
 1. **Mission statement:** "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."
 2. **Goals:**
 1. Sharing information-agencies, activities, events, best practices, etc.
 2. Meet approximately 4X/yr, with at least one meeting not held in Madison
 3. Recruit at least one representative from each county to participate
 3. **A summary of the playgroup collaboration as an example of partnerships** that have been facilitated by this group.
 4. **Meeting notes from this year's meetings**
2. **Grant money:** If and when \$1000 is available in grant money to support this region's activities, the consensus of the group was to use the money to support broad representation at WECCP meetings. Two specific ways in which this would be done are 1) Allocate money for mileage and registration costs for members to attend meetings/conferences as needed and 2) Set aside money for refreshments at some outreach activities.
3. **Meetings, Scheduling and Format:** The following meetings were scheduled for the upcoming school year, all to occur at 4 C's from 10-12, unless otherwise noted:
 - September 22 (changed from September 15)
 - WECEC Conference (formerly WECA) in LaCrosse, October 14 evening, 5-6:30
 - November 19
 - **Meeting Format:** A standard meeting format was endorsed that would include a short (1/2 hr.) informational component, with time after that for networking and business.
4. **ECEC (formerly WECA) Conference:** Paula is scheduling a room for a Thursday evening meeting for this group and anyone interested in finding out more about this group. "Turning to One Another, in the Southern Regional Network. It all starts with one conversation..." will be the theme of this event that will include 1/2 hr. sharing about the Playgroup project and 1/2-1 hour discussing how our region can support various state EC efforts such as the Children's Agenda, Infant Mental Health and the Early Learning Standards. Paula will write up a summary for the conference brochure and Karen and Susan will create a brochure of info. about WECCP and our regional network to have available. Karen, Meredith and Lynn will provide an LCD projector and computer to demonstrate the collaborating partners website and a VCR for a video of playgroups in action. Susan will bring Collaborating Partners bookmarks to be handed out.

Note: If anyone knows someone that should be a part of our planning team, please **pass along** these notes and an **invitation** to come to our **Next Meeting** scheduled for: **September 22 (changed from September 15), 10-12 at 4 C's (5 Odana Ct. by West Towne Mall)**

Topics: Complete meeting schedule for 2004-05 school year, finalize ECEC Conference meeting plans