
MnTRECC NEWS



Planning Team

The MnTRECC Planning Team is off to an amazing start!! We recently met in June which was our 2nd quarterly meeting. Great attendance and great discussions. 👍

The MnTRECC Planning Team consists of all 11 Minnesota Tribal Child Care Program Directors. These are programs that have received Child Care Development Funds awarded through the

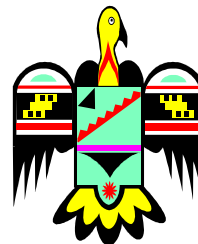
Federal Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families.

Meetings are held on a quarterly basis to discuss and plan for services of the Tribal Child Care programs and obligations of the MnTRECC grant requirements.

Thank you to the MnTRECC Planning Team members for your ideas, suggestions and your

commitment to improving Tribal Child Care Services in Minnesota.

The next Planning Team Meeting will be a Training Retreat held in Walker on September 9 & 10, 2004.



See you in September

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Points of Interest:

- ☺ Don't forget to make your list of child care provider contacts for Ann when she calls you
- ☺ Training Retreat on September 9 & 10, 2004 at the Northern Lights Events Center in Walker
- ☺ Recruitment for Grants Advisory Committee
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Child Care Resource & Referral News

Beginning July 1, 2004, the Minnesota Child Care Resource & Referral system will switch gears to move into our new model of service delivery.

Capacity Building and Outreach will be provided by the Regional Child Care Resource & Referral agency at the local level. Training Advisory and Grant Advisory Committees will be scheduled also through the local level.

Training Coordination, Grants Administration and Referral services will be provided by the District Child Care Resource & Referral agency within a broader geographic range.

MnTRECC will be providing statewide services for Native American child care providers and Tribal Child Care Programs. (See inside article for more detail of MnTRECC objectives)

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MNTRECC Mission & Objectives

MISSION: To serve as a foundation and a link where child care and other early childhood programs can gain access to resources and information that will enhance and strengthen the child care delivery system for Native American children and families throughout the state of Minnesota

Objective 1: To provide technical assistance and support to Tribal Child Care Programs that manage Child Care Development Fund activities.

Objective 2: To act as a catalyst for Tribal Child Care Programs to share their experiences & knowledge with each other in order to create a unified voice in matters of Native American child care issues.

Objective 3: To encourage partnerships between Tribal Child Care, other early childhood programs and the CCR&R Network system.

Objective 4: To develop methods to educate the state child care and CCR&R system members in gaining an understanding of Native American child care issues.



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Website Development

Preliminary work is being done for the development of the MntRECC Website. The Planning Team began creating a template to showcase each Tribal Child Care programs child care services that are offered.

Webb Designs, stationed in Onigum, is designing the look for our website and will be maintaining updates to be posted. Once our name has been registered and postings have begun, we will inform the public of it's release.

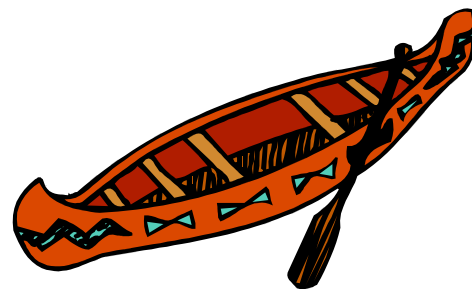
Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- 11 & 12 Brain Development Conference
Mahnomon - White Earth Reservation
- 25, 26 & 27 MN Child Welfare Conference
Granite Falls - Prairies Edge Casino and Resort
- 25 MntRECC Grants Advisory Meeting
Cass Lake - Early Childhood Complex

SEPTEMBER

- 9 & 10 MntRECC Planning Team Training
Retreat - Northern Lights Events Center - Walker



Data Collection

Within the next three months, MnTRECC staff will be collecting data from Native American child care providers around the state. This is being done so that we can assess any support systems needed and also to paint an accurate picture of the important work Native American child care providers are doing.

It is of a great benefit for a child care provider to be listed in the Child Care Resource & Referral database. Providers who are listed here get first hand information about training opportunities, grant opportunities and their name marketed out to families who are looking for child care.

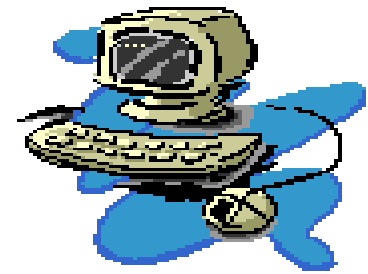
MnTRECC will be collecting data from Native American child care providers who are listed in the CCR&R database

beginning in September. This data will be collected during the same time the CCR&R Districts are collecting level update information.

One goal of MnTRECC is to increase the number of Native American child care providers who are listed in the CCR&R databases.

Because each District CCR&R has their own District database, Native American child care providers who are not listed will be referred to the District Coordinator where they reside.

This will give CCR&R District Coordinators an opportunity to talk with each provider and personally inform them of the services they offer in their area.



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MnTRECC will also be providing services to Native American child care providers in addition to the services they are eligible for within their CCR&R Region and District.

Provider Grants

"Applications are expected to available for Native American child care providers during the period of September 7th through October 29th."

Recruitment efforts will begin in July to select members for the MnTRECC Child Care Grants Program Proposal Review Committee.

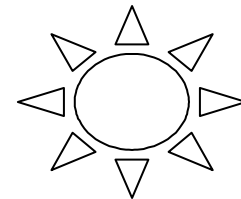
The Proposal Review Committee will be responsible for setting priorities for child care development grants that will be offered to the Native American child care providers listed in

the CCR&R system database.

Proposal Review Committee members will also review applications and make recommendations for funding.

We are expecting to hold our first MnTRECC Child Care Grants Proposal Review Committee meeting in August for orientation to the program and to set priorities for funding. Members will meet again in December to review applications.

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September 7th through October 29th.

Once grants are awarded, child care providers will be required to attend 6 to 10 hours of training before they receive their funding. This is a new "training linked to grants" initiative that will help to increase the quality of child care.

Native American child care providers who apply for MnTRECC grants are also eligible to receive child care grants through their District CCR&R system.

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DID YOU KNOW?

That Ojibwe mothers
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MnTRECC Mission Statement

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