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Planning Team Meeting

Tribal Child Care program staff meet on a routine basis to discuss child care topics relating to the American Indian communities we are working with. Our last meeting was held on October 7, 2005.

We would like to thank Denise Mayotte for her presentation and for giving us an insight into the goals of the Sheltering Arms Foundation.

Other topics of discussion were:

- Minnesota Early Learning Foundation (MELF)
- Outreach for Access (DHS approved protocol for inclusion of Tribal child care partners in planning around statewide initiatives)
- Grants Program Update
- Positive Indian Parenting Update
- Support for American Indian Trainers
- Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers (PITC/ITTI)

FYI:

☺ Grants Program
Applications ready October 3rd

☺ Infant/Toddler Work Group
Looking for members

☺ Positive Indian Parenting
More trainers available

Tribal Early Childhood Network

The MN Department of Human Services sponsors quarterly Tribal Early Childhood Network (TECN) Meetings . These meetings bring Tribal Early Childhood Professionals together from throughout the state to network and share information about their programs.

The next Tribal Early Childhood Network meeting will be held on Friday - November 4, 2005 at Eddy's Resort in Mille Lacs from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mileage reimbursement is available through DHS. Lunch may be ordered from the menu at your own expense.

Please call Carolyn Carr at (651) 297-3876

if you plan to attend.

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Grants Program

MnTRECC Grants Advisory Committee members met on September 16, 2005 to assist in developing an Administrative Plan for the next two year period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

Grant applications will be available this year from October 3 through November 30, 2005 to American Indian child care providers and child care programs. Categories include Start-Up, Child Care Services, Infant/Toddler and School Age awards. The committee will meet again on February 10, 2006 to review applications and determine awards.

Grant recipients will be required to complete 12-16 hours of training depending upon the amount of their award. Training taken within 3 months previous to the grant award letter will be eligible to list in the Training Plan. This includes training that has been taken to comply with licensing requirements.

"No one ever lost their eyesight by looking on the bright side."

Positive Indian Parenting

Leech Lake Child Care Services has established a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to sponsor a Training of Trainers session for the Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum. For the past few months, MnTRECC has been working with the MDE Indian Education Program to develop a plan to reach this goal. This plan would educate new trainers to deliver the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum training within their communities.

Applications were accepted throughout Minnesota with 17 trainers certified at the session held on September 21st & 22nd at the Blackbear Casino in Cloquet. Newly certified trainers are from various parts of the state that include Fond Du Lac, White Earth, Leech Lake and Metro Minnesota. Each trainer is encouraged to deliver at least 4 hours of training in the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum.

Minnesota currently has approximately 30 American Indian trainers available to deliver training in the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum.

MnTRECC will be a resource in referring names of trainers to agencies and organizations that are interested in the delivery of this training in their communities.

Infant/Toddler Training Work Group

MnTRECC is looking for members to participate in a statewide Infant/Toddler work group. This group would meet at least 6 times within the next year to develop plans for delivery of the ITTI curriculum to Minnesota's American Indian communities. Planning might include adaptations of the current curriculum, trainer support plans, training delivery suggestions or any other recommendations that would come up for discussion.

All meeting expense, mileage reimbursement and consultation services will be paid by MnTRECC through a grant to the Department of Human Services from the Bush Foundation.

Native American Self-Determination

On July 8, 2005, President Bush issued a Presidential Message to commemorate the 35th anniversary of President Nixon's historic self-determination speech to the United States Congress. President Bush has supported policies that foster the Indian right to self-determination, including signing an Executive Memorandum on September 23, 2004 that reinforces the unique government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. In his message, President Bush paid "tribute to the courage and determination of Native Americans," and pledged that his "Administration remains committed to honoring the proud legacy of Native Americans by continuing to recognize the defining principles of Tribal Sovereignty and the right to self-determination." The Presidential Message was delivered to all federally-recognized tribal leaders, along with a congratulatory note from Ruben Barrales, Deputy Assistant to the President.

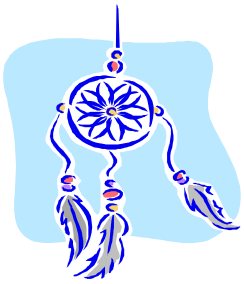
Upcoming Events

November	
4	Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting
18	MnTRECC Metro Meeting
30	MnTRECC Grant Applications Due
December	
31	MnTRECC Tribal Survey Due
January	
12	CCR&R Statewide Planning Meeting
February	
2	MnTRECC Planning Team Meeting
3	Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting
10	MnTRECC Grants Advisory Committee
21-24	NACCRRA Symposium

Center for Inclusive Child Care

The Center for Inclusive Child Care (CICC) offers free Consultation Services to child care providers and all other early childhood and school age professionals in Minnesota. The goal of the CICC's Consultation Services is to provide support to child care and school age care providers, enabling them to successfully include and retain children with special needs and those with challenging behaviors in their programs. The CICC's Consultation Services offers consultation to child care and school age providers, referral supporting finding care or determining best placement options and resources for staff development and education. If you would like to speak to a CICC Consultant, contact Dea Anderson by emailing dea@fraser.org or call 612) 998-0409.

Register for Eager-to-Learn on line classes at http://etl.mnchildcare.org or contact Cory Woosley at coryw@mnchildcare.org for more information



Author & lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry".

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Mission Statement

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

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