MnTRECC NEWS

MN TRECC
Minnesota Tribal Resources for Early Childhood Care

Volume 3
Issue 2

November 2006 through February 2007

Planning Team Meeting

Our meeting held on October 6th included discussions and brain-storming activities relating to data collection for MN Tribal Child Care Programs. There is a great amount of information that each program is collecting from the families, caregivers and trainers they work with. MnTRECC is very interested in developing a plan to systematically collect this data in a way that will accurately capture the quality and accessibility of services these programs are offering within their communities.

We were also involved in a very informative session with the Center For Inclusive Child Care that was presented by Chris Bentley, Technical Assistance Director. Planning Team members developed topics for partnership options that MnTRECC will follow up on in the near future.

You may be only one person in the world,
but you may also be the world to one person

Tribal Early Childhood Network

MnTRECC will be coordinating and sponsoring the next Tribal Early Childhood Network (TECN) Meeting in February 2007 . These meetings bring Tribal Early Childhood Professionals together from throughout the state to network and share information about their programs. The Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Child Care Resource & Referral Network are also invited to network with these partners and inform tribal programs of state initiatives and activities.

The next Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting will tentatively be held on February 8, 2007.

Please call Tamie Finn at (218) 335-8240 if you have any questions

FYI:

☺ Tribal Data Survey
Submit by December 15th

☺ Operation Child Care
Donate free child care to military families

☺ MNStreams.org
Find training and grant information

Inside this issue:

Planning Team Meeting	1
Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting	1
Grants Program	2
Positive Indian Parenting	2
Tribal Data Survey	2
Operation Child Care	2
Upcoming Events	3
Stress Management	3
MNStreams.org	3

Grants Program

Our application deadline for the MnTRECC Grants program was September 29th. Grant applications have been sent to members of the Grants Advisory Committee for individual review. The team will meet on November 3rd to make determinations for grant awards. A new grant round will open in April 2007 to give American Indian child care providers and programs the opportunity to apply for scholarships to the White Earth Brain Development Conference that will be held in Mahnomen on August 8 & 9, 2007.

Character is doing what's right when nobody's looking.

Positive Indian Parenting Training of Trainers

In September, 20 new trainers were certified in the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum. Please call Diane Smith at 1-800-551-0969 if you are looking for a Positive Indian Trainer.

Tribal Data Survey

The MnTRECC Tribal Data Survey was distributed in August to all American Indian providers who are listed in the NACCRRAware database. A drawing was held for those providers who submitted their survey by the end of September. **Congratulations to Danielle Charlson** from Moorhead whose name was drawn to receive a print from American Indian artist Bob "Punk" Wakanabo. Our goal is to have at least 80% of the surveys completed by December 15th. If you are an American Indian provider and have not submitted your survey, please do so as soon as possible. You may also call Ann Cloud, MnTRECC Data Management Coordinator at 1-800-551-0969 to complete your survey over the phone when the time is most convenient for you.

Why Moms are Made
(answered by children)

- ☺ She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is
- ☺ Mostly to clean the house
- ☺ To help us out of there when we were getting born
- ☺ We're related
- ☺ She likes me more than other people's moms like me

What Moms Are Made Of

- ☺ Out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world with one dab of mean
- ☺ They got their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

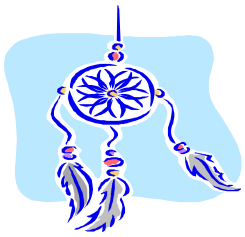
Operation Child Care

We would like to invite all child care providers to participate in Operation Child Care by donating 4 hours or more of child care to Service Members of the National Guard or Reserve who are on R&R and have children between the ages of 0-13 years of age. Operation Child Care allows Reserve Members who are on 2 weeks Respite & Reunion (R&R) from deployment access to a few hours of donated child care from licensed providers. Whether it's one-on-one time with their spouse, personal business or an afternoon of recreational activities, child care providers can help provide service members peace of mind regardless of how hectic their schedules are. Register with your local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency to help local military families.

Upcoming Events

November	
3	Grants Advisory Committee Meeting
9	Notification of Grant Awards
17	Metro Work Group Meeting
December	
1-3	Zero to Three Institute
January	
25 & 26	MN Birth to Three Conference—Alexandria
TBA	Metro Work Group Meeting
TBA	Tribal Curriculum Work Group Meeting
February	
8	Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting
9	MnTRECC Planning Team Meeting
TBA	Tribal Curriculum Work Group Meeting

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



Please visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at www.cpsc.gov to receive important information on recalled products such as cribs, car seats, etc.

Stress Management

How heavy is a glass of water? - 20grams, 500 grams?
The absolute weight doesn't matter.
It depends on how long you try to hold it.
If you hold it for one minute, it's not a problem.
If you hold it for an hour, you'll have an ache in your arm.
If you hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance.
In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer you hold it, the heavier it becomes.
It's the same with stress! If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later,
as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on.
As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for awhile and rest before holding it again.
When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden.
The message…. Before you return home from work, put the burden of work down.
Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow after you've rested!!

Minnesota STREAMS to Quality

Please visit the newly renovated, enhanced and streamlined tools at MNStreams.org. This site is intended to keep child care providers connected to trainings, grants and other opportunities. It's a real community hub! Visit MNStreams.org to browse the most current educational opportunities; register for trainings, conferences and workshops; apply for R.E.E.T.A.I.N. and other grant dollars; and view training transcripts. The Minnesota State Registry for Education and Meaningful Supports (MNStreams) is a project of the Minnesota Child Care Resource & Referral Network and the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

MnTRECC
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

MnTRECC Staff:

- Tamie Finn, Program Manager
- Sandy Williams, Special Projects Coordinator
- Ann Cloud, Data Management Coordinator
- Diane Smith, Professional Development Coordinator

Office Phone: 218-335-8345
Toll Free : 1-800-551-0969

MnTRECC is a component of the Child Care Services Program within the Leech Lake Early Childhood Development Department

Minnesota

T. R. E. C. C.

DID YOU KNOW?

That a river, two lakes and four mountain peaks are named after Sacagawea?

Leech Lake Child Care Services/MnTRECC
115 Sixth Street NW—Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Look for us on the web at www.mntrecc.net