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# MnTRECC NEWS



## Planning Team Meeting

We held a meeting on February 8, 2007 in Walker. Lee Turney opened the meeting by welcoming the planning team members and guest speakers and introduced Sandy Williams as the new MnTRECC Program Manager and Becky Littlewolf as the new Child Care Service Manager. There were six planning team members in attendance at the meeting. Sandy provided the group with an update on current MnTRECC activities and each planning team member gave an update on their program. The group heard presentations from Andy Hyser (Ready4K), Meg Thomas (Professional Development Council, and Ofelia Lopez (DHS) provided information on the Professional Development Registry. Other miscellaneous business that was discussed was MnTRECC FFN support funding. It was also determined that the Planning Team meetings would occur every four (4) months. The group discussed holding a special meeting for the CCDF Tribal Pre-Print Plan (CCDF Two Year Plan). An informal CCDF Plan Pre-print training has been scheduled 9:00a.m-3:00p.m on April 19, 2007 at the Northern Lights Event Center in Walker, MN. The training will be facilitated by Barb Fabre, White Earth Child Care Program Director. This training is designed to assist Tribal CCDF Administrators with the preparation and submission of the Tribal Pre Print Plan.

## Tribal Early Childhood Network

We held a meeting on February 9, 2007 in Walker. MnTRECC coordinated and hosted the meeting and Lee Turney (Leech Lake) facilitated the meeting. The meeting was well attended bringing Tribal Early Childhood Professionals together from throughout the state to network and share information about their programs. The Department of Human Services, Department of Education and Child Care Resource and Referral staff are also invited to attend the meetings to provide information to tribal programs on state-wide initiatives and activities. At the meeting the group discussed the development of a Tribal Early Childhood Advocacy Group and an advocacy committee was established at the meeting. This group would be a unified voice for tribal early childhood issues. It was determined that Network meetings will follow the Planning Team meetings and that they will be held at the Northern Lights Event Center in Walker. MnTRECC will coordinate and host the meetings and Lee Turney will facilitate the meetings.

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### FYI:

- © Grants Program  
Communities Collaborative  
Scholarships available soon.



*A mind stretched by a  
new experience can  
never go back to its  
old dimensions.*

*- Oliver Wendell  
Holmes Sr.*

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## Grants Program

Here is an update on the grant round that was held last September. We awarded grants for infant / toddler, pre-school and school-age grants, we also awarded three start up grants, one for the Upper Sioux Community and two family child care grants, one in Brainerd and one in Naytahwaush, MN. *Good luck to you all.* For these grants the providers will have to complete 12-16 hours of training depending on the amount of money they was awarded. All the paperwork for these grant must be turned in to Ann Cloud, no later than Friday, May 25, 2007.

We will have another round of grants from April 1-30, 2007 to apply for scholarships to the White Earth Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference. These grants will be available to licensed and unlicensed child care providers. Information about this grant round will be mailed out at a later date.

The conference will be held at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomon on August 8-9, 2007. For more info about the conference, log onto the White Earth Child Care Program website at [www.whiteearthchildcare.com](http://www.whiteearthchildcare.com).

**FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS!** Mark your calendars for the next round of REETAIN Grants. Grant applications will be available on June 1, 2007. For more info, go to [www.mnchildcare.org/providers/](http://www.mnchildcare.org/providers/)



The whole worth of a  
kind deed is the love that  
inspires it.  
- The Talmud



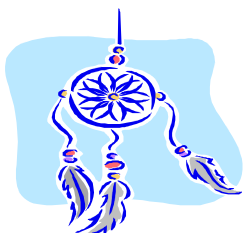
## MnTRECC Work Groups

### Tribal Early Childhood Curriculum Work Group:

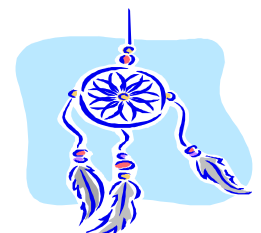
The work group met on a monthly basis over a six month period bringing the eleven Tribal Child Care and early childhood programs in Minnesota together to identify strategies and plans to embed information from the ITTI curriculum and other curriculums into the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum. Through the process the PIP curriculum would retain its identity and be enhanced through the embedding of culturally relevant information from the ITTI and other curriculums. The planning group was a huge success and completed its work to deadline. The planning group was funding by the DHS and the Bush Foundation. The second phase of the work group which is the implementation phase is comprised of three components. Those components include: curriculum development, certification and delivery of the curriculum. Currently the group is not working on this phase due to funding limitations.

### Metro Work Group:

Meetings are held at the Grand Hinckley Inn in Hinckley every other month. MnTRECC coordinates and hosts these meeting providing an avenue for tribal child care & other early childhood programs in the twin cities to come together and network. The focus of the group is to develop plans and strategies to implement a system of delivery which will provide direct and indirect supportive services to American Indian families in the Metro area.



**Register for Eager-to-Learn**  
On-line classes at  
<http://etl.mnchildcare.org> or contact Cory Woosley at  
[coryw@mnchildcare.org](mailto:coryw@mnchildcare.org) for more information



## Farewell Tamie

There have been few changes within the Leech Lake Child Care Services Program. Tamie Finn who has been the Program Manager has transferred to a new position within the Leech Lake Human Services Program. We would like to thank Tamie for her 19 years of service to Early Childhood Programs, which have included Leech Lake Head Start, DIK-IN-AA-GAN Child Care Center and the Leech Lake Child Care Services Program as well as MnTRECC. Her enthusiasm and forward outlook has been a key element in the development of our Early Childhood Programs. We wish her well on her new journey. Sandra Williams, Special Projects Coordinator has now assumed the Program Manager responsibilities for MnTRECC, her contact info is listed on the back.

## Welcome Bobbie

Please join us in welcoming Bobbie Reed, who was hired in February, as a Program Assistant for the MnTRECC program. Prior to joining the MnTRECC team, Bobbie was the Outreach Coordinator for the Leech Lake Child Care Services Program. Bobbie brings to the program a background in the early childhood field and a multitude of skills and experiences. Bobbie is married and resides in Cass Lake with her husband Eric and their three sons Adam, Chavez, Harley and their dog Gravey. Welcome aboard Bobbie!

## Upcoming Events

### March

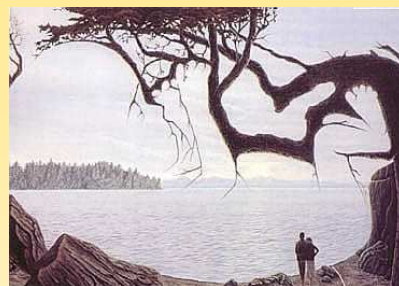
- 24 Leech Lake Early Childhood Annual Conference @ Northern Lights
- 29 Voices for Children Advocacy Day @ St. Paul

### April

- 1-30 MnTRECC scholarship applications available  
Communities Collaborative Conference
- 22-28 Week of the Young Child
- 26-28 Sharing the Wisdom Conference @ Minnetonka

### May

- 5 The Art of Magic - North West District CCR&R conference



**Subject: Baby in a tree**

**If you can't see the baby in the picture, don't give up. It's really cool when it actually appears.**

**You have to have an open mind. Don't look for a baby, and you will see it!**

**Once you see it you won't see anything else!!!**

## MN CCR&R Websites

North West District: [www.lakesandprairies.net](http://www.lakesandprairies.net)

North East District: [www.ccr.pinetech.edu](http://www.ccr.pinetech.edu)

Mid West District: [www.midwestchildcare.com](http://www.midwestchildcare.com)

Metro District: [www.resourcesforchildcare.org](http://www.resourcesforchildcare.org)

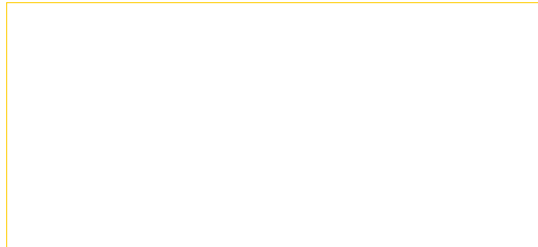
Southern District: [www.c2r2.org](http://www.c2r2.org)

MN Child Care Resource & Referral Network:

[www.mnchildcare.org](http://www.mnchildcare.org)

Eager to Learn: <http://etl.mnchildcare.org/>

Check out the other districts websites and training catalogs. You might find helpful information for your business or a training you might want to attend.



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## 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

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