MnTRECC NEWS

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Planning Team Meeting

Minnesota 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 June 15, 2006. We would like to thank our special guest at this meeting:

*Mary Scott—Presenting on the OUNCE Scale Research Project

Our next meeting will be held in October from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Northern Lights Event Center in Walker. Specific details will be sent at a later date.

Tribal Early Childhood Network

The MN Department of Human Services sponsors regular 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 in October in conjunction with the MnTRECC Planning Team Meeting. Specific details will be sent by DHS at a later date.

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

FYI:

☺ Grants Program
Fall Grant Round available soon

☺ Child Care WORKS
Learn how to become a child care advocate

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Grants Program

Scholarships were awarded to 13 American Indian providers/programs for the Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference that will be held in Mahnomen on August 9 & 10, 2006. Awards were made to 1 family child care provider, 3 child care centers, 1 Early Childhood Program and 1 organization in the areas of the Mille Lacs Reservation (Region 7E), the Leech Lake Reservation (Leech Lake Region), the White Earth Reservation (Region 2 & 4), Sterns County (Region 7W) and Hennepin County (Region 11).

A new grant round will open in September to give American Indian child care providers and programs the opportunity to apply for grants in the categories of Child Care Services, Infant/Toddler and School Age Care. Our Grants Advisory Committee will be meeting on August 18, 2006 for orientation.

One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade
(Chinese Proverb)

Tribal Work Groups

Curriculum Work Group: We are nearing the end of the Planning Phase of this project. A very dynamic group of individuals have been meeting to develop a plan that will look at ways to deliver culturally relevant curriculum to the American Indian communities throughout Minnesota. This fall, we will be recruiting for members to be involved in an Implementation Phase that will help to put these plans in motion.

Metro Work Group: This group has created a mission statement and are beginning to look for potential activities that will help them reach their goals. We will be recruiting to develop a core team of members that will design a plan for future implementation of the planned activities.

MnTRECC Retreat

Our Annual Retreat was a huge success with approximately 50 people in attendance. We coordinated our training this year in partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Region V offices in Chicago. ACF offers training to Tribal Child Care Programs who receive Child Care Development Funding (CCDF) from the National Child Care Bureau. In partnering with ACF Region V, we were able to invite not only Tribal Early Childhood Program professionals, but also non-tribal early childhood professionals who work within the same service areas. We were very pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for programs to build or expand their relationships with each other.

Healing Vessels Forum

Another successful partnership we were involved in was with the Early Childhood Resource & Training Center (ECRTC). Plans were made to hold a forum that would bring the American Indian, African American and Immigrant/Refugee communities together to share stories of their traditions, values, struggles and accomplishments. This two-day forum took place at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute in Minneapolis with approximately 150 participants.

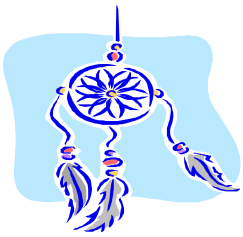
Positive Indian Parenting Training of Trainers

Be watching your mail for our upcoming Training of Trainers session this fall in the Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum.

Upcoming Events

July	
10	Ojibwe/Dakota Language & Literacy Workshop
17	Tribal Curriculum Work Group Meeting
August	
7 - 9	American Indian Child Care Conference
9 & 10	Communities Collaborative Conference
18	MnTRECC Grants Advisory Meeting
September	
1 - 29	MnTRECC Grants Available
15 & 16	Sharing the Wisdom Conference
October	
TBA	MnTRECC Planning Team Meeting
TBA	Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting
26 - 28	Super Conference (MnAEYC, AECP, MLFCCA & MnSACA)

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



Many a false step is made by standing still

Child Care WORKS

Child Care WORKS is offering training that is beneficial for child care center staff, family child care providers, parent groups, Resource & Referral staff and community members with an interest in child care issues.

- Learn how a bill becomes a law
- Learn how to build a relationship with your legislators
- Learn about CCWs' legislative agenda
- Learn about CCW's District Coordinator Network Project
- Learn how to have an impact on child care issues at the capital

Trainings can be 30 minutes to 2 hours and can stand alone or be attached to existing meetings. Call Jess at 612-455-1055 x 12 or email at jluce@childcareworks.org to set up at time.

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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That the Oneida Indian Nation was one of the original members of the Iroquois Confederacy?

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