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Planning Team

Our next Planning Team Meeting is scheduled for Friday - January 14, 2005 at the Northern Lights Events Center in Walker from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This Planning Team meeting will include 2 guests who will join us in the morning.

Carolyn Carr from the MN Department of Human Services will provide information about the DHS CCDF Two-Year Plan.

Nancy Johnson from the Child Care Financing Project will present information about the MN Quality Rating System.

As always, hotel rooms will be reserved for Planning Team members coming in the night of Thursday - January 13th. A complementary buffet dinner will be available on Thursday and on Friday, there will be a Continental Breakfast and Lunch for Planning Team members.

REMINDER: PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AND IF YOU NEED A ROOM RESERVED FOR THE 13TH.

Points of Interest:

☺ MnTRECC Members
Please send in your Program Summaries

☺ MnTRECC Members
Call to confirm attendance at the Planning Team Meeting

☺ Early Childhood Professionals
Call to confirm attendance at the Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting

Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting

The MN Department of Human Services sponsors quarterly Tribal Early Childhood Network Meetings (TECN) that are usually held in Mille Lacs. These meetings bring Tribal Early Childhood Professionals together from throughout the state to network and share information about their programs. This next meeting will be held on Thursday - January 13, 2005 in Walker at the Northern Lights Events Center and held in conjuction with the MnTRECC Advisory Committee meeting. The Tribal Early Childhood Network agenda is scheduled for the regular time of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., a presentation will be given to update the group about current MnTRECC services, future plans and also to obtain feedback of other service needs and ideas. A buffet meal will be served and mileage will be reimbursed for all participants at this meeting.

Please call Tamie at 1-800-551-0969 or (218) 335-8240 if you plan to attend.

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Grants Program

The MnTRECC Grants Advisory Committee met on December 3, 2004 to determine recipients for the grants program. Awards were given in the categories of Child Care Services, Infant/Toddler Care and School Age Care. Awards were made to five (5) Family Child Care Providers and one (1) Child Care Center. Training Plans are due to be submitted to the office by January 14, 2005. Training must be completed and expenditures made by April 30, 2005.

Start-Up Grants are still available on an on-going basis through April 30, 2005. To be eligible for family child care start-up grants through MnTRECC, the provider must be listed in NACCRRAware as Native American, must be licensed by a Tribal Government or must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe. To be eligible for center-based grants, the program must be funded by a Tribal Government, licensed by a Tribal Government or provide services predominantly for Native American children.

Family, Friends and Neighbors : Grant applications will be available for distribution on January 3, 2005. These grants are for Native American caregivers who are not licensed and caring for children in their home . Applicant must be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe. All applicants for the Family, Friends and Neighbors (FFN) grants will be applying for an Incentive Package that will include a First Aid Kit and a $100 Gift Certificate from Discount School Supply.

Grant applications for FFN are available from January 3, 2005 through February 25, 2005. All applicants must verify that they have received training in CPR, First Aid, SIDS or another health & safety related training. Once verification of is confirmed, Incentive Packages will be distributed.

"Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint on it you can"
(Danny Kaye)

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

3 Family, Friends & Neighbors Grant Applications Available

13 Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting / Walker

14 MnTRECC Planning Team Meeting/Walker

14 Training Plans Due for Grant Recipients

FEBRUARY

23-25 CCR&R In-Service

25 Family, Friends & Neighbors Grant Applications Due

MARCH

1-5 NACCRRA Policy Symposium / Washington, DC

24 CCR&R Service Delivery Meeting

31 CCR&R Service Delivery Meeting

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Tribal Child Care Training

The Tribal Child Care Programs on the following Reservations offer training to child care providers within the state of Minnesota:

Leech Lake

White Earth

Red Lake

Fond Du Lac

Beginning in January, MnTRECC will be advertising these training events on the MnTRECC website at www.mntrecc.net.

Tribal Child Care training will also be advertised on the Child Care Resource & Referral Training Registry website at mntrainingregistry.org.

Please check out these websites to get information on quality training opportunities. You may also call the following staff for more detailed information:

Leech Lake—Diane Smith
1-800-551-0969 or 218-335-8344
diane.smith@llojibwe.com

White Earth—Kim Lage
218-983-3285 ext 1215
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Red Lake—Angela Schoenborn
218-679-3350
angieccmanager@yahoo.com

Fond Du Lac—Deb Eagle
1-888-888-6007 or 218-878-2138
debeagle@fdlrez.com

Passing of a Friend…..

A friend of ours has passed away. Although many of us only knew Liz Borning for a short time, her cheerful and fun-loving personality touched us all.

Liz worked for the Upper Sioux Indian Community Social Services Department. She played an important part of managing the program's Child Care Development Fund grant.

She will be sadly missed and we all would like to wish her family strength in their time of sorrow.

"In memory of Liz Borning"

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DID YOU KNOW?

Sitting Bull was an artist and composer of songs?

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

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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