

**Early Childhood Council Meeting
February 11, 2008; 9:00-11:30am
Harmony Presbyterian Church
400 E. Boardwalk, Fort Collins**

Introductions and Announcements-

- Every Child Ready to Read class at the end of February
- Trisha (TSD) loaned her book “He Came with the Couch” at the meeting that we held at Thompson School District building and she hasn’t seen it since. If you have it, please return it to her.
- Larimer Group of CAEYC event on Saturday with Ernie Batson

Approval of Minutes- Lorna Greene moves to approve the minutes, Ellen Coker seconds the motion, and all approve.

Touchpoints Activity-

Reflect on what you have learned from a parent- use opportunities and interactions to learn from parents or to learn from the interaction and how you handled it.

Model Community Expectations-

- Highly developed strategic plan
- Has a purpose of creating an Early Childhood System- how does Larimer County define a system?
- Integrating the 4 domains- we have made strides and improvement, but there is lots more work to do
- Authentic collaborations are mutually beneficial for those involved
- Clearly defined leadership- you know who to call with questions; leaders identified in their field through council meetings
- Linda will send out an email to gather feedback on the rest of the statements and expectations

Strategic Plan Review- small group work and reflection; changes made to strategic plan, dates updated for current work. ECC will gather and make the final changes for review from the Council.

Future Presentations at Council Meetings-

- Linda has been approached by a woman interested in giving a presentation on fluoride toxicity. The Council agrees this is not a topic they are interested in hearing at this time. Lorna Greene makes a motion, Cathie McCallum seconds it, and all approve.
- Other suggestions
 - Health Dept services offered
 - CCHAP
 - Mental Health (Martha Ratliff)
 - Bright Beginnings
 - CSU Research- professional development through child care and universities
 - United Way Early Childhood Focus (Sheila Watson)
 - Early Literacy (Vicky Hays)
 - Drug Endangered Children (Meth)
 - Department of Human Services- services available, etc.

Program Updates-

- 1) Early Childhood Council Advisory Team- meeting this week or next
- 2) Budget/Funding-
- 3) Annual Report- working on final formatting and printing pricing
- 4) Professional Development- some classes at FRCC were canceled freeing up some more money for summer scholarships
- 5) Training/Technical Assistance-
 - Lisa Sadar and Judy Seybold joined the Touchpoints Team
 - School Age conference last Saturday was a big success
 - Cathie McCallum and Albertha Moorlag will be doing a presentation on E-CARE for Head Start
- 6) Child Care Referral- THB grant award will hopefully allow us to hire a new part-time referral staff to help out with the workload
- 7) Resource Development- The Board is trying to resurrect this committee

Other Business- The new office space is working out well, come by and see us. There will be an open house in March hopefully.