

**ECCLC Council Meeting**  
**October 8, 2007, 9:00-11:00am**  
**Thompson School District Admin Bldg**  
**800 S. Taft Rd, Loveland**

**Introductions and Announcements-**

- Creating Positive Youth Environments-for adolescents
- Light's On- for school age care awareness (October 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Father/Child Tae Kwon Do class started Saturday through a grant from Jane Everett and Thompson School District

**Approval of September minutes-** Lorna Greene moves to approve the minutes, Cathie McCallum seconds the motion, and all approve.

**Touchpoints Update-** How to talk about the tough issues; reflecting before you answer

**ECC Quarterly Report-**

- Most important achievement this quarter?
  - Recognition of champions in our community
  - Estes Park Task Force
  - Quality Assurance process complete
  - Executive Director transition
  - Lt. Governor forum planned
- Has your community been recognized as a leader and how?
  - E-CARE success and presentation at Zero to Three conference
  - Receiving the first QA award for the state
  - Other councils attending our meetings and soliciting help/guidance

**Lt. Governor Early Childhood Forum-** She and some ECC staff will have lunch with the Fort Collins City Council from 12:30-2:00pm. From 2:00-4:00, the Lt. Governor has various requests for her time (child care site visit, press conference) so we are unsure what her schedule is at this point. The Community Forum is from 4:00-6:00pm at the Ranch (McKee 4-H bldg) and is open to the public. It will be interactive with opportunities to share with the Lt. Governor and her staff what is and is not working for children in our community.

**United Way Early Childhood Initiative-** There is a movement with United Way to become more involved in Early Childhood issues in their communities. Linda will be meeting with Gordon Thibedeau, our UW President, to talk about how we can collaborate. This does not mean they will fund us, but is more of a conversation about what we want this relationship to look like and how we can help each other. Are there other partners in our work that should attend this meeting? Business members, Healthier Communities Coalition?

**Incredible Years Presentation-** Healthier Communities Coalition promotes this through Investing in Kids. It is a parenting program; there will be an informational event in November. Linda will send out more dates and times as she gets them. We can help share this information with parents through child care sites.

## Early Childhood State Advisory Groups-

- Early Childhood Advisory Council (with Lt. Governor)- this council needs local nominations
- P3 committee- is seated already, but meetings are open to the public
- Early Childhood Councils Advisory Team- created from passage of HB 1062, needs local representation on it and it's also good to have model community representation on there as leaders as well; appointed by the Governor?
  - Similar to ECCLA meetings, so it might be beneficial to not have our Executive Director on it since she will get similar information at ECCLA meetings

## Program Updates-

- 1) Budget/Funding- Bohemian Foundation grant has been submitted. Meeting set with Marilie Hart of Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation to discuss the Referral grant application.
- 2) Annual Report-
  - a. Who gets a copy? City council, United Way, school districts, colleges/universities
  - b. New goal to have it done for mid November publication (annually)
  - c. Council page will list agencies/organizations involved in our work, not names
- 3) Professional Development- Received Erion Foundation funds to support TSD employees for scholarships to attend ECE 101 in the Spring '08
  - a. 42 scholarships have been awarded for Fall
  - b. PD catalog is delayed to get presenters for trainings; hope to have it out by beginning of November
- 4) Training/Technical Assistance- working with sites around expectations for providers and the TTA team. Getting Ready for Ratings training is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-9:30. Reapplication for TGYS for Jan-June funding has been submitted. Cathie, Albertha and Ellen will be presenting at the Zero to Three Conference in FL on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 5) Child Care Referral- Linda is still managing the R&R program, but is unable to be back-up for referrals because of the work load right now; Nancy has taken on some extra referral hours to help out and Codi might be able to as well. Still looking to possibly hire another person to do special needs referrals.
  - a. Quality Assurance award- first in the state to complete the application process and receive this award. Much kudos to Linda and the referral staff for all their hard work!!!!
- 6) Resource Development- 100% of our funding is soft funding, and for long term sustainability, this needs to change.
- 7) EVICS- the Child Care Task Force has met 2 of the 3 times so far and has been forming recommendations to take to the town and present in a community forum on November 5<sup>th</sup>. They've asked the haves, don't haves, and needs for child care in Estes.
  - a. Janice received a great achievement award ~ the Children's Champion Award. Congratulations Janice!