



2009 NeAEYC Planning Retreat

Mahoney State Park, June 5, 2009

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Opening Session



Opening overview info provided by:

- NeAEYC: Linda Zinke, NeAEYC
- Environment Ratings Scales: Linda Meyers, Nebraska Department of Education
- Together for Kids & Families: Lynn Brehm, Health & Human Services System
- Nature Explore: Nancy Rosenow, Dimensions
- Advocacy: Becky Veak, Nebraska Children & Families Foundation

Retreat Participants



42 people attended, representing 25 organizations



T.E.A.C.H. Team



Team facilitator: Brandee Lengel

NeAEYC T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA Coordinator



T.E.A.C.H. Team Members



- Linda Eberle, Child & Family Dev Corp
- Jane Franklin, Metro Community College
- Sue Jensen, Health & Human Services
- Jodi Kupper, Peru State
- Diane Lewis, HHSS
- Dawn Mollenkopf, UNK
- Deb Nared, Nared's Pee Wee Palace
- Connie Shonka, Creighton CC
- Paula Thompson, Central NE Comm Service
- Kelly Vaness, ESU 7
- Roxanne Vipond, Grand Island PS
- Jeanne Webb, Central Community College

T.E.A.C.H. Plan Summary



- Continue to recruit new students and market T.E.A.C.H. to under-served populations
- Move forward with mini-model scholarship
- Investigate ways to be more cost effective with T.E.A.C.H.



Advocacy Team



Team facilitators:

- Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Logan View Public Schools
- Sarah Ann Lewis, Building Bright Futures



Advocacy Team Members



- Mary Afrank, Head Start Training Team
- Carolyn Edwards, UNL
- Carol Fichter, ECTC/NDE
- Melody Hobson, NDE
- Eleanor Shirley Kirkland, Head Start State Collaboration Office
- Linda Sullivan, Family Service
- Becky Veak, NE Children & Families Foundation
- Sue Ellen Wall, Wall Law Office
- Jose Zapata, Central Nebraska Comm Services

Advocacy Plan Summary



- Study LB 609/LR 174
- Review licensing regulations – very poor
- ARRA Funding – involvement in plans
- Support for provider registry
- Support constitutional language as message
- Develop an advocacy network

Quality Initiatives Team



Team Facilitators

- Tracy Gordon & Cindy Jennett
NeAEYC Special Projects Coordinators





Quality Initiatives Team Members

- Lynne Brehm, HHS
- Kathleen Feller, NE Children & Families Foundation
- Heather Fox, Head Start Training Team
- Candis Jones, ESU 13
- Marjorie Kostelnik, UNL
- Linda Meyers, NDE
- Terry Rohren, ECTC/NDE
- Michelle Rupiper, UNL
- Cara Small, ESU 6

"If the American way of life fails the child, it fails us all"
Pearl S. Buck

Quality Initiatives Plan Summary



- Gather ideas for NeAEYC to fill in gaps in service in EC world
- Generate researchable questions for grad students
- Renewed focus on accreditation
- Identify role with Environment Ratings Scales
- Support the development of the Professional Development Registry

Chapter Development Team



Team Facilitator: Gina DeFreece, NeAEYC
Special Projects Coordinator



Chapter Development Team Members



- Carol Benson, T.E.A.C.H. Recipient
- Jen Benson, NDE
- Karen Decker, Child Care Director
- Pat Enevoldsen, Southeast Comm Coll
- Jen Haggart, ESU 3
- Loree Johnson, Child Care Director
- Crystal Kozak, Southeast Comm College
- Amber McCants, Family Child Care Provider
- Kay Steinmeyer, Family Child Care Provider
- Kathy Zadina, Child Care Director

Chapter Development Team Summary



- Expand membership and public outreach
- Foster & grow new student leaders
 - Technology
 - Student internships at NeAEYC
 - Student section: website/newsletter
- Support Week of the Young Child activities

Distinguished Service to Children Recipients



Deb Nared,
Owner/Operator,
Nared's Pee Wee
Palace

Presented by Terry Rohren



Carolyn Edwards,
Professor, University of
Nebraska, Lincoln

Presented by Carol Fichter



Retreat Feedback



Scores of 4 or 5 (5 is highest) of those responding:

- Welcome/Introductions: 96%
- Overview of Initiatives: 90%
- Working Teams: 100%
- Facilities: 100%
- Overall: 100%

Quotes from participants:

“The working team time and report-outs were very productive and informative”

“Got a lot accomplished”

“The networking and info sharing is always amazing”

“Being together with so many leaders in Nebraska; very thought-provoking!!”

“Small group work was very informative”



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