

Southern Regional Network - Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners Action Team Work Plan - 2007- 2008 (Revised 10/1/07)

Vision: To build collaborative relationships in the southern region of Wisconsin, in order to enhance services for children birth through age 8 years and their families, through information sharing, program knowledge and integrated resource delivery.

Statement of Purpose: The Southern Region Networking Partners are a consistent group of Professionals who communicate and collaborate for the best interest of children and families in the counties of Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Rock and Sauk. This is accomplished by:

1. Sharing information, agencies' activities, events & best practices for the benefit of children and families.
2. Learning about current research, initiatives and trends that affect children and families.
3. Collaborating on projects, initiatives and best practices to benefit children and families.

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Facilitators plan meetings, provide leadership and guide the work plan in conjunction with the WECCP state plan.

Action Team Responsibilities (list of action team members attached)

1. Action team members help set agendas for regular meetings, participate in action team meetings and retreats, contribute to the work plan for at least one year and invite others in their field to attend general meetings or work on projects.
2. Action team members will plan and implement mini-grant priorities and activities for the southern region.

Regional Communication

Regional web pages: <http://www.wcwcw.com/earlychildhood/weccp.html> & <http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/regional/index.html>

The facilitators maintain an email list of action team members and interested parties.

Meeting Dates (partial list)

November 15, 2007	Videoconference & general regional meeting	Pyle Center, Madison
February 7, 2008	Videoconference & general regional meeting	Pyle Center, Madison
May 8, 2008	Videoconference & general regional meeting	Pyle Center, Madison
June 19, 2008	Proposed Action Team Retreat	TBD

History: Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners (WECCP) began in 1993. It is a collaboration of state and local, public and private, groups and individuals who have a vision of a blended system of high quality comprehensive early childhood programs and services, for every child and family who wants to access them. For more information on WI Early Childhood Collaborating Partners, please visit the following web sites, <http://www.wcwcw.com/earlychildhood/weccp.html>

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Goal 1: Share information, plan trainings & provide support to direct service providers & parents on children's mental health, special needs and social/emotional issues.

Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline	Mini-grant use	Action and Progress Notes
<p>A. Awareness of issues for above goal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In all trainings, projects and conversations raise the awareness of social/emotional/mental health/special needs issues and resources. 	<p>All Action Team members and their agencies or programs</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Purchase materials or books to help raise awareness of SE issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout shared: Short list of SE resources. Available at http://www.preschooloptions.org/resources/Social-Emotional.pdf
<p>B. Social/Emotional Issues, Challenging Behaviors, Special Needs, (Preschool Options, Transitions) and other topics as they relate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Train the Trainer sessions based upon CSEFEL - Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning so that more people are available to train direct providers. http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/ • Provide more training on autism for early care and education providers. • Review existing trainings for content related to providing care for children with special needs in community based settings - the joys and challenges. • Support and training for the increasing problem of children being asked to leave child care programs due to behavior issues. • Training and support on issues of working with children and families when languages and cultures are varied. • Ways to include foster parents in trainings. • Invite more child care participation in existing trainings. • Use Conscious Discipline as a resource? • Use Special Quest training materials (Elizabeth) 	<p>All Those who have expressed explicit interest: Ann Ramminger, Janna Hack, Martha Kniffin, Susan Donahoe, Meredith Green, Martha Hested, Annette Kornell, Elizabeth Olsen,</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Provide lunch for these trainings</p> <p>Help defray Copying costs</p> <p>Materials to give to cc providers?</p> <p>Stipends for presenters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey the action team to find out who has had training in this model. (Ann) • Possibly collaborate with Family Resource Centers or CCR&R. • Possible pilot training for licensed center that requires training by licensing order. • Inquire about pilot program sponsored by WIECMHA. • Collaborate with other CESA & B-3 Resource trainers. • Invite Janna Hack and Elizabeth Olson to present to s. region at 11-15-07 videoconference. • Include PDI core competencies in training planning and content

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Goal 1 continued Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline	Mini-grant use	Action and Progress Notes
C. Health & Assessment Systems: Screening, Referrals & Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Ages and Stages training. • Trainings to help child care providers and others learn about screening and referral for mental health and other issues. • Training for child care providers on how to talk to parents when they suspect there is a need for referral or intervention. • Share key websites, resources and contacts for health information. • Create awareness of health goals in the IEP/IFSP process & Medical Home concepts. 	Waisman Center, Kristin Gowan & Meredith Green, others? Themis Flores Ramos	Ongoing	Provide lunch Supplement registration fees for child care providers or provide mileage?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain more information about what the statewide screening and referral group is planning. • Email sent to action team about upcoming ASQ trainings on 7-10-07. • Workshop being held on 11-2-07 at CESA 3 as a result of this sub-goal and collaborative conversations.
D. WI Model Early Learning Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the WMELS training in the southern region for SE/mental health content and emphasis. • Increase the skills, knowledge and attitudes of attendees at these trainings. 	WMELS trainers: Ann Ramminger, Penny Chase, Elaine Strom, Jude Teicher, Susan Donahoe	Ongoing	Add SE resources, training materials or door prizes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take notes on 15 hour training this summer to note gaps and opportunities.
E. Brochure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sub work group is looking at a brochure from Barron County to revise and distribute in the southern region. It will be translated into Spanish and Hmong. • Local communities will be encouraged to insert relevant community resources. 	Tamar Jacobsohn, Jude Teicher, Elaine Strom, Ann Ramminger	Distribute for feedback at action team meeting in 9/07.	Print color copies for distribution at conferences, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held on 6/5/07. Brochure being refined by Tamar. • Brochure to be reviewed by sub work group before going to action team.
F. Information and Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action team members will share expertise and knowledge at regional meetings on SE resources and issues. 	Facilitators, Action Team members	Ongoing	Mileage for action team members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers will be arranged for future meetings.

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Goal 2: Nurture common language, vision, knowledge & collaboration in the southern region. Develop strategies to get information to direct service providers.

Action Items	Responsibility	Timeline	Mini-grant use	Action and Progress Notes
<p>A. Share information about programs and initiatives with the network to nurture common language, understanding and to identify potential collaboration opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet at a variety of locations and learn about the action team member agencies and programs. 	All	Ongoing	Lunch provided at every videoconference	
<p>B. Recommend and schedule speakers from identified initiatives & programs to share information at regional meetings. (WMELS, Preschool Options, Strengthening Families, Child Care Licensing, Public Health Department, Infant & Child Mental Health Initiative, funding, advocacy groups, etc.)</p>	Facilitators, Action team members	Ongoing	Pay stipend to speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene a work group to assemble a list of speakers with contact information.
<p>D. Explore ways to assist network members to keep current on early childhood trends, programs and services & distribute information to others in region:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a 1-page written summary of program/initiative to be viewed on the regional web site or provide a link to program or service. 2. Tour programs/agencies throughout the region. 3. Provide links from the regional web site page to local programs, services & initiatives. 4. Set up a southern regional Listserv? 5. Compile a list of initiatives, programs and services in the southern region to distribute to network members, direct care providers and parents. 6. Share brochures, websites and agency information. 	Members As interested and assigned	Ongoing	Regional web site maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather ideas for tours of unique programs & services.

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