

Name of Group: Resources and Funding

Date: December 11, 2006

Responsibility of Group:

- To identify the costs and financing structure of a high quality the early care, health and education system and secure potential revenue sources
- To provide the core stakeholders with an annual plan to seek funding to expand and better fund a unified system of early care, health and education
- To partner with other entities in seeking funding to expand and more adequately fund prioritized activities of the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholder Group

Current Activities:

- This component work group has taken a lead on conducting a policy and fiscal assessment for Iowa. The group is using information from the Youth Development Collaboration fiscal survey as a base. A sub-group has been formed to continue to work on this undertaking.
 - The Fiscal and Policy Group has had several meeting and continues to move forward with the assessment.
 - The group has separated funds for children 0-5 years and their families by the five result areas and by prevention and treatment. Data tables have been developed. Other tools will be developed to share with policy markers and advocates.
 - Kay Johnson, with Project Thrive, will be providing feedback and provide examples from other states to the component group on December 13th
 - They will use the feedback from Kay to determine next steps for the policy & fiscal assessment

Past Accomplishments:

- Down payment document shared at during the 2005 legislative session.

Future Plans:

- Move forward on the Fiscal and Policy Assessment; be prepared to share information to the public in September 2007.
- Continue to make steps to making a decision regarding the incorporation of Early Childhood Iowa.