

**Resource Tables at the July 2009
ECI Professional Development Component Group Meeting**

Professional Levels and Competencies Task Force

Contact for Resource Table: Sue Hegland

The Task Force on Professional Development Levels and Competencies will identify proficiency levels and associated competencies for teaching staff of children from birth through kindergarten.

Iowa's Program Wide - Positive Behavior Supports (PW-PBS)

Contact for Resource Table: Mary Schertz

This initiative promotes the social-emotional competence for young children birth to five years of age. It is built on the Pyramid Model: effective workforce, nurturing and responsive relationships, high quality supportive environments, targeted social emotional supports, and intensive interventions.

Family Support Leadership Group

Contact for Resource Table: Janet Gartin

Come and learn more about the Family Support Leadership Group guidance on best practice recommendations for professional development for direct service family support staff that has been recently developed. You will see how the guidance parallels and overlaps across all four ovals. In addition, you will hear about the exciting Family Support Supervisor Certification program now being offered by the University of Iowa, National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice.

Iowa Community College Early Childhood Education Alliance

Contact for Resource Table: Tammy Bormann

Develop a statewide common early childhood education core of classes shared by all Iowa community colleges leading to an AA with an early childhood specialization and/or an AS degree in early childhood.

TEACH Advisory Committee

Contact for Resource Table: Barb Merrill

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce with access to educational opportunities. By promoting higher education, the program is helping to establish a well-qualified, fairly-compensated and stable workforce for Iowa's children. T.E.A.C.H. recipients, funding partners, advisory members, and staff work with our state-wide partners to advocate for long lasting policy changes.

The Iowans Fit for Life Early Childhood Workgroup

Contact for Resource Table: Kala Shipley

The Iowans Fit for Life Early Childhood Workgroup has been conducting regional family support nutrition and physical activity trainings. This session will provide a brief overview of the training and other early childhood nutrition and physical activity initiatives.

Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education Advisory Council

Contact for Resource Table: Rosemary Geiken

The Regents' Center is currently involved in three projects focused on improving quality early childhood care and education. The first project includes four training modules in physical science for children ages 3 to 8 years old. The second project, Empowering Preschool Quality, provides video vignettes of Iowa preschool classrooms. Each vignette illustrates the Iowa Early Learning Standards, Iowa Quality Preschool Program standards, and NAEYC standards in practice. The EPQ project includes a DVD of the videos, a facilitator guide and a website. The third project is in the development stage. This project is the nationally funded Center for Early Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (CEESTEM) and will disseminate information on best practices for early education

PD Project - CDA Advisory Council

Contact for Resource Table: Dawn Collins and Stacie Steveson

The CDA advisory committee is comprised of many partners who work to promote CDAs across the state. There are representatives from Iowa CCR&R, Iowa Dept. of Education, Iowa Empowerment, Iowa Dept. of Human Services, Iowa AEYC, and the Early Childhood Community College Alliance. Additionally, there are representatives from a child care center and a child development home. The Iowa Professional Development Consultation Project works with this committee to ensure that state wide efforts are being made to move CDAs along in Iowa.

Iowa Head Start Association/ICF Iowa State Based Training and Technical Assistance Center/Iowa Department of Education, Head Start State Collaboration Office

Contact for Resource Table: Gregg Cummings

Training and networking sessions are planned through a collaborated effort the three above offices. Each of these entities bring with them to this planning process their assessments, observation of trends and changes, and input from Head Start Directors throughout Iowa. Training and networking opportunities are targeted in various component areas and/or disciplines are developed.

Early Childhood Network

Contact for Resource Table: Judy Knox

The Early Childhood Specialists and the Early Childhood Special Education individuals at the area education agencies comprise this group. They help provide training and technical assistance to the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs, the Early Childhood Special Education Classrooms and other early care and learning programs.