

Minutes
Inclusive Child Care Committee
May 8, 2008

Attending:

Donna Lewelling, Parent Voice Project, Co-chair; Kathy Seubert, DHS Addictions & Mental Health Division; Yihyun Jang, Multnomah Co. Child Care Resource & Referral; Dolores McNee, Washington Co. Community Action Head Start; Lorine Day-Reynolds & Kate Reitan, Inclusive Child Care Program.

Yihyun is replacing Christine Doyle. Kate Reitan is the new ICCP Program Assistant.

Work Group and Project Updates

Partnerships for Inclusive Child Care and Education (PICCE) Project:

A PICCE Project update was distributed. This project is in its third cohort. Through support from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, the project now includes more follow up by trainers. TRAC training is underway in Washington County and being planned in several other counties. "moving along and is going well". Parents are seeing improvements in child care they are receiving.

The next TRAC Training of Trainers will be held the first week of June at Western Oregon University. There will be 6 participants, co-sponsored by PICCE and the Oregon Early Childhood Inclusion Collaborative.

In discussion of the PICCE update the question was raised on why people aren't using all the possible training slots. Possible reasons included:

- Problems with workloads and schedules in each respective office/region.
- Problems in identifying which employees should actually take the training.

It is hoped that the PICCE will be strengthened by the Oregon Early Childhood Inclusion Collaborative. Their Service Delivery Activities include providing technical assistance to Regions to implement action plans and to collaborate with the PICCE project for Training of trainers for the TRAC curriculum.

The draft description of the Early Childhood Inclusion Collaborative was shared.

Kathy Seubert discussed the Department of Human Services Addictions and Mental Health Division's involvement in TRAC training and the Inclusion Collaborative. She said that her agency needs to encourage mental health workers to take advantage of some of the developmental activities for the Collaborative. She suggested adding a mental health "buzzword" to training information in order to catch the eye of mental health workers.

Inclusive Child Care Inventory Project Resources Database

The database of Inclusive Child Care Resources database is up and operating on the Disability Compass website (www.disabilitycompass.org).

Key points:

- Database has been live for awhile, but not well-publicized. Inclusive Child Care Program (ICCP) staff are waiting until more resources are added.
- ICCP staff are continuing to receive new or updated information from agencies and organizations. Brochures, informational packets etc. will be kept in the ICCP office and made available upon request.
- The Inventory resource search is defining resources that support Inclusive Child care services. It is not a provider search.
- Lorine went over some of the categories and definitions of the resources within the Disability Compass website menu.
- Discussed some differences between Child Care and Respite care. The Disability Compass website lists respite care providers in another part, but child care providers are not part of Inclusive Child Care Resource database.
- Users may search one topic at a time, but the search can be submitted for one or multiple counties. Statewide search is an option also.
- There are FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) which will help guide users through their search of the ICCR database.

The group looked at the website on Dolores' laptop. It was suggested to introduce the database at conferences. All agreed it is a much needed resource.

Packet Project inclusive child care information for parents

Jolie Hensley was scheduled to present drafts of a handbook on inclusive child care for parents, but was not able to attend. [In follow up contacts she apologized for missing the meeting due to unforeseen personal matters.]

Work plan: Continue discussion of annual meeting on inclusive child care,

The draft of proposed outcomes for an annual meeting on inclusive child care developed by a work group was distributed. At this point there is no identified source of funding for the proposed one day meeting with representatives from throughout the state (2 per CCR&R SDA). The pieces of the Inventory Project on which this meeting was to be based are also not yet complete.

There was more discussion about what is it we wanted to accomplish with these meetings.

- We need feedback on the recommendations from the Inventory Project.
- We can always use more information on local strengths
- Clear identification of successful models

- More involvement by and input from service consumers, and
- Networking opportunities.

Timeline for the annual meeting is October 2008 or November 2008.

Ideas / scenarios envisioned for the annual meeting:

- More involvement from TRAC training.
- Have speakers from different situations present stories and experiences. This will be valuable in bringing people together by linking experiences.
- Have the speakers segment of the meeting be connected with information on the Inventory Project.
- Have time set aside each month during meetings so that parents & providers can call in and ask questions or share information. Timing for this may be difficult.
- Have region-specific conference calls or video conferences to share ideas and information.
- Have online forum for parents and providers.

Other format options were discussed including:

- Videoconferencing: This would allow information to be presented to folks throughout the state. For input it would be good to have a toll free option for a conference call or phone in feedback.
- Online forum: This again would allow for wide input. It is not time specific and could generate ongoing discussions.
- Set time for a conference call.
- Ask communities to organize some way for local input.
- Recontact parents and providers who participated in community meetings and those who took surveys (who identified themselves).
- Have region specific conference calls or video conferences to share ideas and information.
- Presentations at conferences: "All Born In", other disability specific conferences, child care provider conferences.

Inclusive Child Care Program report and update

New office

ICCP staff are all settling in to the new office in northwest Portland. There is an open invitation to visit when in Portland.

Quarterly report

Lorine presented the Quarterly Report for the first 2 quarters of this fiscal year. This report combines the former CCD activities, DHS High Needs activities and

program activities summary reports into one report. ICCP staff can now pull most of the report information from a newly redesigned database.

Some of the highlights include:

- Busy second quarter with 11 new CCD apps and 17 High Need referrals from DHS. With annual reassessment ICCP averaged more than 3 assessments a week that quarter.
- Six of the children (out of 104) served during this six month period either changed subsidy funding sources or received a combination of funding to provide the needed subsidy level.
- **ICCP has reached the targeted goal of 75% of the children receiving the CCD subsidy being in inclusive care.**
- ICCP is using an expanded list of presenting issues and diagnosis of children receiving subsidies. This will be a committee advisory topic in the future.

Announcements & updates

- Local Online Data System in which local providers will have access to an online “case file”. The provider will be able to extract data to predict outcomes.
- Kathy talked about wraparound status, system of care development, system of care grant. Kathy’s group has applied for this grant. Approval should be known by September 2008.
- Lorine handed out a print of email regarding the Starting Early, Starting Right Act just recently introduced in Congress from the National Women’s Law Center. This bill could impact federal child care funding and emphasis.

Issues for next meeting

- Review and update work plan.
- Oregon Child Care Resource and Referral Network representation on ICCC. There are work plan items that are about CCR&R services. [Follow up: Diane Kruse will represent the Network at future ICCC meetings.]
- Update on Opening Doors training & information from KIT Conference on Inclusion.