

**MINUTES**  
**Inclusive Child Care Committee**  
**July 12, 2007**

*Next meeting: Thursday September 13, 2007 9:00 to 12:00*  
*Meridian Park Hospital Education Center*  
*19300 SW 65th Avenue, Tualatin*

**Attending:**

Donna Leveling, Parent Voice/Co chair; Dolores McNee, Community Action Head Start; Kim Cardona Oregon Commission on Children and Families; Dawn Norris, Child Care Division; Dianna Pickett DHS-Office of Family Health; Christine Doyle, Multnomah County Child Care Resource and Referral; Melinda Frink, Lorine Day-Reynolds, Terry Butler Inclusive Child Care Program/Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities

**1. Work Group and Project Updates**

**Inclusive Child Care Inventory Project**

Lorine shared a summary of Inclusive Child Care Inventory Project activities. Inclusive Child Care Program (ICCP) staff are still in discussion with Disability Compass regarding the resource database. Disability Compass is developing an estimated cost.

ICCP staff plan to continue some information gathering as an ongoing activity. This will include approximately one interview per month, and maintaining the survey on Survey Monkey with periodic pulls on responses. Lorine also shared parent and provider survey results as of 6/28/07. On the parent survey parents reported that family and friends were the most helpful resource for finding a provider. Lorine said that a variety of other information could be pulled from the survey. Committee members can contact Lorine if they have an interest in data from the survey. Survey results will be included with today's minutes.

The Inventory Project report is being developed. It will be shared with the committee and partners, including a presentation to the Child Care and Education Coordinating Council in October.

**Partnerships for Inclusive Child Care (PICC) Project:**

The second cohort of PICC Project TRAC trainers held the one year follow up training session on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Western Oregon University WOU). TRAC trainers from other project also attended. PICC work group members joined the trainers for lunch.

Terry shared data from the project. Sixty providers were trained as of the last report. There were still some TRAC trainings planned for summer. Terry will gather information on these trainings during August. Lunch discussion included strategies for recruiting provider trainees, and opportunities for joint trainings with Head Start, Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education and other partners.

Committee members requested a list of people who have become TRAC trainers in Oregon. Terry will contact Pam at WOU to see if the list is available, and if trainers have given permission to share their names.

### **Opening Doors Initiative:**

The Opening Doors to Inclusive Out of School Time Programs group is planning two events for August. On August 20 the group will host refresher training for individuals trained to offer the Opening Doors curriculum. KIT staff from San Diego will provide the refresher. The following day, August 21, the group will host an all event to bring together potential new partners. A wide array of individuals and organizations will be invited. Both events are being supported by the Oregon Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools program, and coordinated through a contract with Western Oregon University. The events will be held at the University in Monmouth. *(Update: The trainer refresher was postponed. The group is considering September dates to allow more trainers to participate.)*

### **2. Committee Work Plan:**

The committee reviewed and revised the work plan. This is done twice a year. The revised work plan is attached with the minutes. Committee members are asked to note Section 2D, in the shaded area referring to Mental Health. The group recommended making this an agenda item for September. This led to discussion of the need to include child care within planning for the Oregon Children's Wraparound Initiative. Diana will check on options for presenting on the Initiative to the group.

### **3. Inclusive Child Care Program (ICCP) update:**

The 2007-2009 Department of Human Services (DHS) budget approved by the legislature includes higher income eligibility for the DHS Employment Related Program (ERDC). This becomes effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. Some families receiving the Inclusive Child Care Program's supplemental subsidy, funded through the Child Care Division (CCD), will become eligible for ERDC. This could free up limited CCD supplemental subsidy funds. Staff are developing a process to identify families eligible for ERDC and to assist with the transition.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the ICCP program reinstated the priority of using subsidy funds to assist children who will be in inclusive child care settings. The program will maintain this priority until 75% of the enrolled children are in inclusive settings. Currently, approximately 65% of enrolled children meet this criteria. This percentage goal applies only to children served through CCD supplemental subsidy funds.

The program is not currently maintaining a wait list. Families who plan to use individual care are still encouraged to apply. Program staff will periodically review these applications for possible enrollments.

#### **4. Announcements and Updates:**

The Oregon legislature approved Head Start expansion funds for the new biennium. Dolores reported that her program would add 162 new children to the Washington County program.

#### **5. Next Meeting's Agenda:**

- Coordination between mental health and child care
- Parent Resource document
- Project updates

***Next meeting: Thursday, September 13, 9am to noon. Legacy Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin.***