



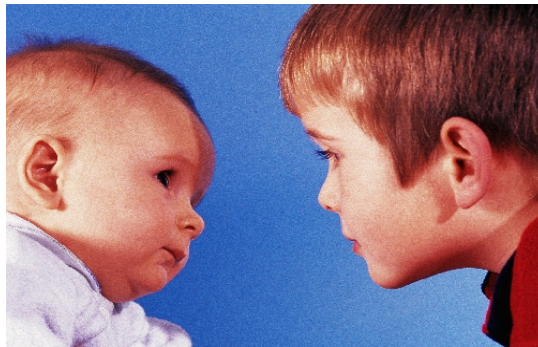
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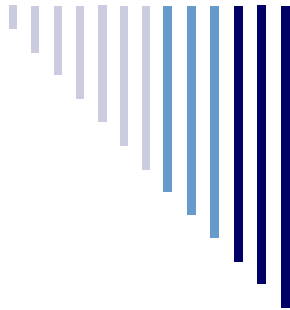


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Early Childhood Forum June 20-21, 2005

Sixteen early childhood administrators and parent representatives, from 5 states, attended NCRRC's First Early Childhood Forum in Bloomington MN on June 20-21, 2005. The meeting started off with a "getting to know you" activity that identified when each participant became involved in the field of early childhood education. There were some who have just recently joined in the last 2 years and then there was the "older than dirt" group.

Mike Sharpe, Director of NCRRC (www.northcentral-rrc.org), presented information on the center and the center's activities. Pat Trohanis, Director of NECTAC (www.nectac.org), presented information on NECTAC and its services, and Judy Swett, Parent Advocate from PACER (www.pacer.org), presented information on Parent Training and Information Centers.

The rest of our time was spent discussing critical topics such as Family and Child Outcomes, the Birth-to-Five Option, Systems Change, and Discussion of the SPP/APR. Participants spent time working within their own state groups and networking with attendees from other states.

Information and resources can be found throughout this newsletter on some of the major themes that arose from discussions groups.

Our center is committed to supporting early childhood education and intervention. We look forward to working with all of you.

How do we assist families, for whom English is a second language, with transitions into and out of special education? One idea is to have videos and/or CD-ROMs made to use with families, on topics such as transition, Birth-to-Three programming in your state, and Parent's Rights. Michigan has a CD-ROM in both Spanish and Arabic for parents of children with special needs. Wisconsin has videos in Spanish and Hmong. Please contact Ann Bailey at baile045@umn.edu for more information.

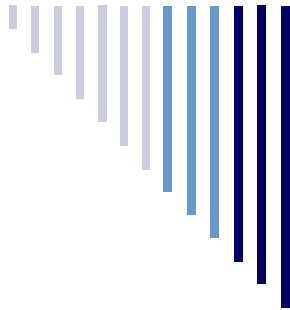
Look for information regarding transition for children that are in the juvenile justice system and information for people in the juvenile justice system who are parents of children with disabilities as a possible topic at OSEP's December Meeting in Washington DC.

Please check the National Early Childhood Transition Center's (NECTC) website for more information regarding transition. <http://www.ihdi.uky.edu/nectc/>

Please join our Early Childhood Conference Call, the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our first call is Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

Please call 1-866-393-8073. Use the access code *2830894*--be sure to include the asterisks before and after the access number.

Transition



Systems Change

Systems change is a complex, involved process. What makes change efforts so complex is that individuals have different needs during each phase of the change process. It takes 3-5 years for complex changes to move from initiation to institutionalization.

The Concerns Based Adoption Model is one model for systems change. The model focuses on two dimensions. (1) Stages of Concern—the concerns of the individuals involved in the change, and (2) Levels of Use—which describes the behaviors of the individuals using the innovation. For more information on this model of systems change, please check out the following websites:

<http://resources.sai-iowa.org/change/cbam.html>

<http://www.nsd.org/library/publications/jsd/horsley194.cfm>

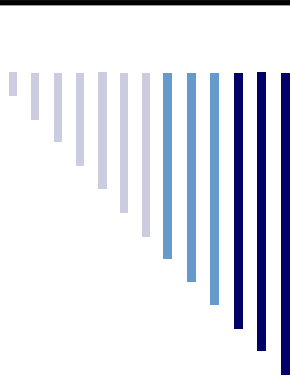
Another model to use is the Storming, Forming, Norming and Performing process. A more complex model, but one that can be very effective, contains steps such as: Step 1: Look at what you have to work with; Step 2: Review non-negotiable, the negotiable, what you want to keep, what you want to let go of; Step 3: Explore different models, ideas and processes; Step 4: Decide on model(s); Step 5: Begin implementation; Step 6: Revise, fine tune, and; Step 7: Operationalize.

For more information, contact either Christopher Watson (watso012@umn.edu) or Ann Bailey (baile045@umn.edu) on these models and other system change issues

Child And Family Outcomes

The Early Childhood Outcomes Center (ECO) has recently published their recommendations to OSEP on the topic of child and family outcomes. At our June meeting in Minnesota, Ann Bailey presented a brief power point on these suggestions and questions that will likely arise as states go about planning to measure outcomes. Many programs in Region 4 have opted to wait and see how OSEP responds to the suggestions by ECO. Please check <http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~eco/index.cfm> for more detailed information on ECO's suggestions for outcomes measurement.

Also at the June meeting, Lisa Backer, 619 Coordinator for Minnesota, gave a PowerPoint presentation on what Minnesota has been doing to collect outcomes data. Feel free to look at this and Ann Bailey's PowerPoint presentation on North Central RRC's website. <http://www.northcentral-rrc.org>



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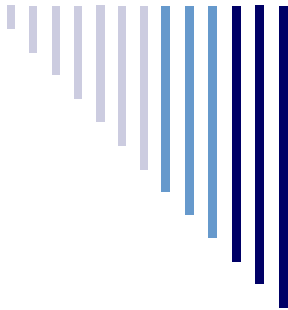
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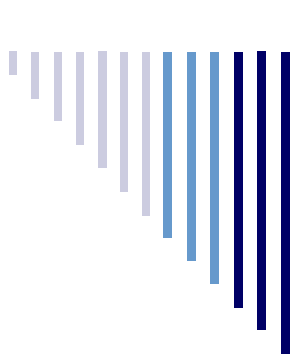
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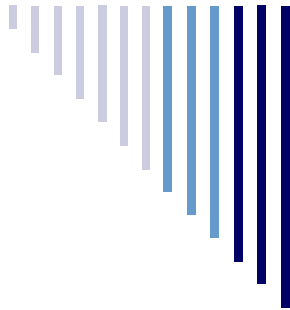
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Early Childhood Upcoming Events Calendar

July, 2005

- Part B and Part C Data Meeting: July 17-20
Capitol Hilton
Washington DC
More Information: <http://www.ideadata.org/About.asp>
- Alliance Region 4 Conference: July 20-23
Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza
Philadelphia PA
More Information: Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities
www.ocecd.org
- OSEP Project Directors Conference: July 25-28
Marriott Wardman Park
Washington DC
More Information: <http://www.osep-meeting.org/>

August, 2005

- Fifth Annual Early Childhood Inclusion Institute: August 3-5
William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
Chapel Hill NC
Register at: <http://www.nectac.org/~meetings/InclusionMtg2005>
- 2005 OSEP Summer Institute: August 11-12
Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill
Washington, DC
Register at: <http://www.dssc.org/frc/confer.htm#si>

September, 2005

- Alliance for Full Participation Summit (Many Voices, One Vision): September 21-24
Hilton Washington and Towers
Washington DC
More Information: www.allianceforfullparticipation.org/main/



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October, 2005

- Annual Division for Early Childhood (DEC) International Conference on Children with Special Needs and Their Families: October 13-16
Portland Hilton and Executive Tower
Portland OR
More Information: www.dec-sped.org
- First National Symposium on IEP Facilitation: October 28-29
Eugene OR
More Information: <http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/IEPSymp.cfm>

November, 2005

- Zero to Three: National Training Institute Annual Conference: November 4-6
Hilton Washington and Towers
Washington DC
More Information: <http://www.zerotothree.org/nti/>

December, 2005

- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Annual Conference & Expo: December 7-10
Washington Convention Center
Washington DC
More Information: <http://annualconference.naeyc.org/>
- OSEP National Early Childhood Conference: December 10-14
Washington DC

January, 2006

- OSEP Leadership Conference: January 23-26
Washington DC
- 9th Annual Alliance National Conference: January 25-28
Hyatt Regency
Washington DC
More Information: <http://www.taalliance.org>

April, 2006

- Council for Exceptional Children Convention & Expo, April 5-8
Salt Lake City UT
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 - NCRRC Part C/619 Coordinators Forum. Time and Place TBA
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