

DVR Meeting

October 2, 2014

Child Care

Members Present: Mary Rinchiuso (Triton), Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Susan Brenner (Riverside Brookfield), and Kristina Essenberg (Oak Park River Forest)

1. Update of Gateways Certification

- a. Jen Maldonado shared her and Eileen Falls attended the "Train the Trainer" classes to incorporate the certification into their curriculum.
- b. The materials are very useful, however, Gateways will not allow the high school students to access their online materials, because Gateway will only permit college students access to the online site.

2. AAFCS Pre-PAC Certifications

- a. Val Berger shared information regarding the Pre-PAC Certifications.
 - i. Certifications are in all areas of FCS
 - ii. The cost is \$40 for 2 tests. Most students take the first test as a pre-test, and then the second test is to earn their certification.
 - iii. To become a testing site, the school must complete some paperwork, but there is no cost.
 - iv. The tests are online, so students need internet access.
- b. The website is http://www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/education_fundamentals.asp

3. Upcoming changes in ECE Licensing

- a. The Type 04 license currently is from birth to 3rd grade. It will probably change to a birth to 2nd grade license.
- b. Ed TPA is required for 4years old – elementary, and this may change to include early childhood
- c. ECE directors will be required to have a BS/BA.
- d. Excelerate IL is an Illinois plan to improve the quality of IL Early Childhood Care and Education. All licensed home and center based programs are required to be evaluated for quality and are given a rating which is a quality circle ranging from green (minimal) to gold (maximum).

4. ISBE Grant

- a. Triton and National Louis partnered together and received 1 of 11 approximately \$50,000 ISBE grants.
- b. The grant is to provide ACT prep and to facilitate a smooth transition from Triton College's early childhood program to National Louis University, a four year early childhood program.
- c. Education students have the option to take the ACT test in lieu of the TAP.
 - i. Students must earn a 22 + writing on the ACT which would be equivalent to a 27 if compared to the TAP.
- d. Grant included prep classes as well as fieldtrips to National Louis to ease the transition from Triton to National Louis.
- e. Students must earn a 22 (ACT) + writing or pass the (TAP) before being accepted into an education program at a four year institution.

5. Summer DVR Career Camps

- a. Meeting participants would like to see an ECE summer DVR career camp.
- b. Camp would be 3-4 days

6. Fieldtrip Opportunities

- a. Mary invited the schools to visit Triton as a fieldtrip.
- b. Members would like the fieldtrip to include a "make and take" for the high school students.
- c. Financing of the "make and take" would need to be determined.

7. Bring Your Child to Work Ideas

- a. Susan shared that the faculty are invited to bring their children to work every other month.
- b. The ECE students run a "daycare" facility all day for the faculty.
- c. The parents/teachers have lunch with their children.
- d. There are multiple grants available for these activities. Search "community grants" or "(name of company) community grants. Ex: Walmart community grants
- e. Limeades for Learning has a wide variety of grants for ECE.

8. Story Teller Guest Speaker

- a. MaryJane Haley is highly recommended for a story telling guest speaker.
- b. She is local, so charges are very manageable.
- c. Mothergooseandherfriends.com