



August 24, 2007, 9-10:30 AM  
**Proposed Meeting Agenda**  
North Branch Area Library

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Open Announcements/Updates/Resource Sharing
  - From Karin
    - Check out the website for the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network for events, activities, and resources:  
[www.mnfathers.org](http://www.mnfathers.org)
  - Summer Issue of the Initiative Foundation's Children Youth and Families News You Can Use newsletter.  
Link to the page: [http://www.ifound.org/children\\_c\\_news.php](http://www.ifound.org/children_c_news.php)  
Link directly to PDF: [http://www.ifound.org/docs/files/CYF\\_NYCU3.pdf](http://www.ifound.org/docs/files/CYF_NYCU3.pdf)
  - Cindy Anderson is no longer with Lakes & Pines CAC/Head Start. She has accepted a kindergarten teaching position at Linwood Elementary with the Forest Lake School district. Cindy wrote "It has been such a pleasure getting to know all the fantastic folks in the North Branch Early Childhood Coalition. Thank you for your dedication, tireless energy, and work for families...I extend to everyone a fond farewell, and keep up the advocacy for all early childhood issues and concerns."
  - Jodie Maher will be taking a leave from the group due to a house fire sometime in July.
  - From Kelly Rogstad, Trinity Christian School Preschool Director: "Early Childhood Seminar" scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2007, 9 AM- 4 PM. Presenters include: Melissa Felland, Janice Hofschulte, & Shannon Dufresne. Registration required, fee \$50 before Sept. 19, \$55 after Sept. 19. For more information call Kelly at (651) 674-7042.
- ❖ From Jeanne: "Please report that we had numerous compliments from concert goers on how much they appreciated the literacy component of our summertime concerts in the park. Families arrived early from the first week on to make sure they got a book." Jeanne has requested we discuss continued support of this component by our January meeting, so that books can be selected and listed in the summer brochure that goes to print in March.
- ❖ Statewide meeting in St. Cloud, Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at the Radisson Suite Hotel in St. Cloud. Each coalition may bring up to 3 members. Anyone able to attend?
- ❖ Child Care Resource & Referral made a donation to the coalition of \$500 worth of children's books. Ideas for the books could be: replacements for book bins, distributed at WIC/food pantry, Santa Anonymous, etc. Other ideas?
- ❖ Web site update: Lisa, Jodie, Kathy
- ❖ Ready, Set, Go project update
- ❖ Local business engagement update
- ❖ Year Three Projects: Let's form some task teams--
  - Connect with families via newsletter focusing on late infancy & toddler development (6, 12, 18 months.) Develop a publication highlighting toddler development tailored to local resources.
  - Website promotion
  - Ongoing fundraising/business engagement
  - Book bins
- ❖ Our next meeting:  
Schedule for the year?