



February 16, 2007, 1:00-2:30 PM
Early Childhood Center, Main Street School
Proposed Meeting Agenda

❖ Introductions

❖ Open Announcements/Updates/Resource Sharing

- Additional Tax Preparation Assistance sites being held by the Senior Federation

Chisago County Community Center in North Branch: Starts Feb. 23 Fridays 9:00am-3:00pm Call for appointment 651-674-8658

Cambridge Public Library: Starts Feb. 17 Saturdays 9:30am-3:30pm Call for appointment 763-689-6555

Seven County Senior Federation Starts Feb 20 Tuesdays 9:00am-3:00pm

Call for appointment 320-679-4700 or 1-866-679-4700

Lakes and Pines agency and Starts Feb 3rd Saturdays 10:00am – 1:00pm (walk ins welcome)

Princeton Library Starts Feb 22 Thurs 1:00pm-6:00pm call for appointment 763-389-4183

Milaca Parke Apartments Starts Feb 22 Thurs 9:00am-12:00pm call for appointment 320-983-6631

Pine City Nutrition Center Starts Feb 18 Saturdays 10:00am-1:00pm Call for appointment only 320-629-3024

- The current status of the bills that are part of Ready 4 K's *Get Minnesota Ready for Kindergarten!* Initiative are available at www.ready4k.org under Public Policy

- From Karin: Updates from Minnesota Father

LEGISLATION FOR FATHERHOOD FUNDING: Gov. Tim Pawlenty has included a new project titled the Minn. Fatherhood Leadership Initiative in his budget proposal, released in late January. The monies, \$500,000 per year in 2008 and 2009, would go to support innovative local fatherhood programming across Minnesota. Please help educate policymakers about the value of this funding! The funding would be included within the self-sufficiency area of the Department of Education's early childhood funding. Contact your legislator and let them know that this small amount of money would be a valuable commitment toward increasing the role of fathers in promoting healthy early childhood development. A brief description of the project is online here: www.mnfathers.org/policy.html. For more details, please contact Paul Masiarchin at (651) 222-7432 or info@mnfathers.org.

As members of the finance committees which determine early education funding, the following Senators and Representatives will be particularly important to educate. Especially if you live or work in their districts, please contact them by phone, email, or in person. You may access their contact information online at www.leg.state.mn.us.

Senate Finance Committee - E-12 Education Budget Division: LeRoy A. Stumpf (Chair), Terri E. Bonoff (Vice Chair), Gen Olson (Ranking Minority Member), Ellen R. Anderson, Tarryl L. Clark, Chris Gerlach, David W. Hann, Amy T. Koch, Claire A. Robling, Sandy Rummel, Kathy L. Saltzman, Tom Saxhaug, Linda Scheid, Dan Skogen, Patricia Torres Ray, Betsy L. Wergin, Charles W. Wiger

House Finance Committee - Early Childhood Learning Finance Division: Nora Slawik (Chair), David Bly (Vice Chair), Rob Eastlund (Lead-GOP), Patti Fritz, Pat Garofalo, Steve Gottwalt, Scott Kranz, Carolyn Laine, Erin Murphy, Bud Nornes, Sandra Peterson, John Ward, Lynn Wardlow, Ryan Winkler, Mary Murphy (ex-officio)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION: Join Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota as Gov. Pawlenty proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month – and help show that men and fathers are concerned about abuse prevention. Monday, April 2, 2007, 10:00 – 10:45 am, State Capitol Steps and Rotunda, St. Paul. Learn more at www.pcamn.org.

❖ Web site update

❖ Legislative update: Voices for Children Advocacy Day March 29, 2007 begins with a rally in the Capitol Rotunda at 10:00 AM.

- ❖ Fundraising update
- ❖ Continue to brainstorming new projects for year three grant

- ❖ Our next meeting:
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