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January 25, 2008, 9-10:30 AM

Proposed Meeting Agenda

North Branch Area Library

Good news—our third grant has been awarded! Thank you Initiative Foundation!

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Open Announcements/Updates/Resource Sharing/Web Site updates (send electronically to lisaacson1@msn.com)
 - The Initiative Foundation is seeking nonprofits and agencies that wish to expand their anti-poverty work with the help of a full-time, yearlong VISTA volunteer. Initial inquiries are due by February 8th. For more information, visit www.ifound.org or contact Chris Fastner, VISTA Program Manager, 877-632-9255, cfastner@ifound.org.
 - View & share the Save This Date flyer: <http://education.umn.edu/ceed/events/calendar/013108savedate.pdf>
For more information, contact Rosemary Caspar at rcaspar@comcast.net 2008: Minnesota's Birth to Three Conference for Healthy Development; January 31 to February 2, 2008; Duluth Entertainment and Conference Center (DECC), Duluth, MN
“Turning Challenges into Possibilities: Supporting Families with Young Children” The purpose of this conference is to strengthen the knowledge, skills, strategies, and alliances of those who work with expectant families, infants, toddlers, parents, and communities to build a strong foundation for healthy development. Learn with others from public health, Early Head Start, family and center-based child care, disabilities services, mental health, ECFE, child protection, child abuse prevention, and many more of your colleagues; registration materials available in November. View & share the Save This Date flyer: <http://education.umn.edu/ceed/events/calendar/013108savedate.pdf> For more information, contact Rosemary Caspar at rcaspar@comcast.net.
 - Current issue of The Children Youth and Families News You Can Use newsletter can be found at: http://www.ifound.org/children_c_news.php.
 - Minnesota OOMPH! A conference for leaders not health nuts; March 6, 2008, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at the St. Cloud Civic Center. Let Sally know if you'd like more information.
- ❖ Follow-up from last meeting: Born Learning Tool Kits and the Parenting Series DVD's are offered free of charge—both to groups such as ours and parents. Born Learning Tool Kits can be requested by visiting: www.unitedwaytwincities.org under Success By Six
The Parenting DVD's can be requested by sending an email to: parsleys@unitedwaytwincities.org
Please ask for DVD's specifically—including the item wanted, quantity desired and shipping address. (No PO boxes please.) If the recipient is different than the person sending the email, please provide name and contact information of the recipient. Two additional episodes have been developed—Love and Limits and Food Feuds (these will not be available for ordering until later in February.)
Each Sunday evening in February at 8:30 PM an episode of the parenting series will be shown on Channel 2:
Sunday, February 3, 8:30 pm – Reading
Sunday, February 10, 8:30 pm – Bedtime
Sunday, February 17, 8:30 pm – Love and Limits
Sunday, February 24, 8:30 pm – Food Feuds
- ❖ Change to March Meeting time
- ❖ Adding to the coalition: faith community & health care, business, industry & employers:
Ministerial Association update
Health Care
- ❖ Community EXPO plan to promote coalition & website

- ❖ Parent Education: Progress on summarizing current efforts
- ❖ Year Three Projects:
 - Connect with families during late infancy & toddler development (6, 12, 18 months.) Kerry -Jodie: Areas for information/support for infants, toddlers, preschoolers
 - Website promotion: Lisa, Kathy, Jodie
 - Ongoing fundraising/business engagement: Donna, Kathy, Kerry, Barb, Sally
 - Literacy/Book bins/Santa Anonymous/Concerts in the Park selections: Donna, Sue, Linda, Lanay
- ❖ Our next meeting:
Friday, February 15, 2008, 1:30-3:00 PM; North Branch Library