



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

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Open Announcements/Updates/Resource Sharing
 - From Karin: Check out this web site if you are interested in some excellent Early Childhood fact sheets. www.macmh.org (Click on the fact sheet icon on the left). They also have a soft cover book available "A Guide to Early Childhood Mental Health" that is worth a look at if Early Childhood Mental Health is one of your or your coalitions interests. Their toll free number is 1-800-528-4511.
 - Also from Karin: Check out this website at the MN Fathers & Families Network for upcoming events/trainings for work with fathers: www.info@mnfathers.org
- ❖ Ready 4K Updates
 - Todd Otis from Ready 4 K also said that legislators will be on Spring Break from April 3rd to the 10th. This would be an excellent time to reach our legislators with conversations about the importance of continued support for early care and learning, local work with young families, impact of increased funding, etc.
 - From Andy.
- ❖ Web site update
- ❖ Fundraising update
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Ready, Set, Go event grant opportunity:
 - To foster collaboration between early care (*and education*) and elementary school professionals in order to build professional relationships and communicate kindergarten expectations as they relate to early care settings, transition activities and the success of early learners, so children enter kindergarten better prepared to learn and thrive.
 - Grant available up to \$3000 (\$500 coordinator salary)
 - 3 events/Brainerd model
 - Application deadline: April 15, 2007
- ❖ Finalize brainstorming new projects for year three grant
- ❖ Our next meeting:
 - Friday, April 20, 2007, 1:00-2:30 PM
 - Early Childhood Center, Main Street School