



May 18, 2007, 1:00-2:30 PM
Proposed Meeting Agenda
North Branch Area Library (tentative)

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Open Announcements/Updates/Resource Sharing
 - From Karin:
The Minnesota School Readiness Study Fall 2006 Brief has been released, check it out at: http://www.education.state.mn.us/MDE/Learning_Support/Early_Learning_Services/Publications/index.html. If you have questions please contact Lisa Barnidge at 651-582-8849 and Lisa.Barnidge@state.mn.us or Avisia Whiteman 651-582-8329 and Avisia.Whiteman@state.mn.us.
 - Check out www.ounceofprevention.org The Illinois General Assembly has approved a \$56 billion state budget that contains a string of victories for young children, spearheaded by a \$45 million expansion of the Early Childhood Block Grant to launch the nation's first "Preschool for All" initiative, making Illinois the first state in the nation to provide "Preschool for All." **Preschool for All** is a proposal to make high-quality preschool available to all Illinois three- and four-year-olds whose parents want them to participate. **Preschool for All** will also expand programs for families of at-risk infants and toddlers.
- ❖ Update on Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Child Care Provider Event, April 26
- ❖ Legislative update
- ❖ Web site update: Lisa, Jodie, Kathy
- ❖ Periodic articles in the newspaper?
- ❖ Initial plans for Ready, Set, Go project
- ❖ Fundraising update
 - Letters sent to:
 - NB Lions, Don Hartzell, 651-674-4965
 - American Legion Post #85, 651-674-4810- *denied*
 - North Branch VFW Post 6424, Pat Tallrico, 651-674-7854
 - Rush City Jaycees: Jodie
 - NB Area Hockey Association: Lisa, yes, \$500
 - Rotary: Linda, yes, \$1000
 - Lioness: Linda
 - Casino: Kerry
 - United Way: grant submitted for up to \$5000
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Our next meeting:
Summer schedule?