



# Provider News

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## Back in the Saddle

Well, the school year is well underway, and I'm sure you are all back in the swing of things. Providers' Network is too! I would like to announce the formation of a new "planning committee" which consists of a few people who have been members for a very long time and who are continuously involved at meetings. The committee had a fantastic meeting on October 9th, and has created a year of events that you will love!

We also decided that a new format for some of the meetings would be useful. We will have "roundtable discussions" or "chat sessions" or whatever it is you want to call them. Instead of having speakers for all meetings, we will get together and talk about topics that we have concerns/problems in common, and try to create solutions.

Another new and wonderful happening is the creation of a group in the Chicago Metro-West area, expanding our current Chicago Metro-South to the west. This will give our members in the western suburb area an opportunity to get together closer to home. More information on this will be coming soon!

## MORE NEWS

### **Membership for 2008—\$120.00**

*Remember, membership includes a year of NACCP Membership as well as Providers' Network.*

Membership notices are enclosed.

Member referral—for existing members only—for every new member you bring to a meeting, and who joins, you will receive \$25 toward next year's membership. If you bring in 5 new members, you will have a free membership next year!

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**November 15**—The NEW System— Tiered Reimbursement, ERS and QRS—what do they mean to you?

**January**—Date TBA—Michael Garner-Jones from IDHS will tell us about updates to the State Child Care Assistance Program

**February**— \$\$\$ - Preschool for All Grant writing—how to succeed.

Also, the State Treasurer's Low Interest Loan Program for Child Care

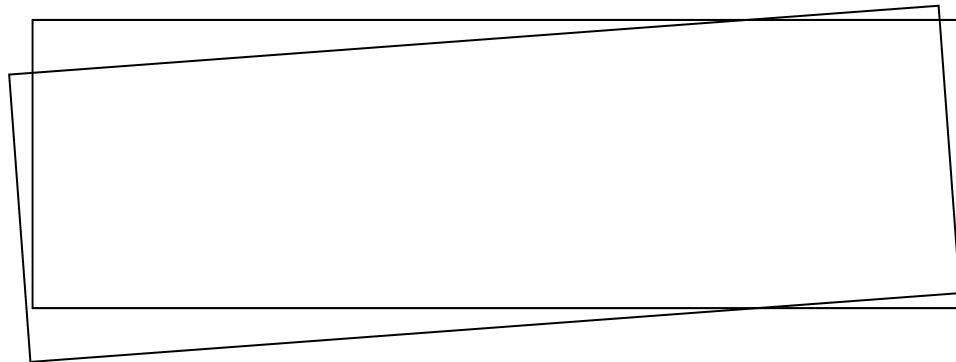
**March—Roundtable**—Parent Meeting Success Stories and Parent Education

**April—NACCP Conference**—New Orleans

**May—Roundtable**— Employee Benefits

**NACCP**—Providers' Network is an affiliate of the National Association of Child Care Professionals. Membership dues includes memberships to both Providers' Network *and* NACCP. We have many benefits with NACCP which include "Professional Connections", a newsletter that has news for providers, a copy-free parent news sheet and a copy-free staff news sheet; a nationally accepted accreditation (NAC) that is actually possible to acquire, affordable online training, and the most wonderful national conference you could ever attend! This year—April 16-19—the "How Successful Directors Manage" conference will be held in New Orleans. For more info check out their website—[www.NACCP.org](http://www.NACCP.org) and in the "Events" tab, click on "conference". We want to have the largest delegation at the conference this year, so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**Coming Soon—Our New WEBSITE!**



**JOIN US!** Providers' Network invites you to join together with other owners to discuss topics and concerns you have as center owners.

**When: Thursday, November 15th 12:30 PM**

**Where: Papa T's Pizza & Pub—7130 W. 79th St., Burbank**

*Lunch is FREE FOR ONE PERSON per center. Join that day and get a free buffet lunch.*

**Others and guests \$10**

**PLEASE RSVP IF ATTENDING—(773) 520-3899**

*A certificate for two hours of administrative level in-service will be awarded to each attendee.*

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Providers' Network

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