



Looking back at the year, I must express how happy our growth makes me! Average attendance at our monthly meetings has doubled, and then some. Thank you to all of our “Family of Friends” who regularly attend monthly meetings! The meetings are more interesting because you are there!

We would like to send a special thanks to IDHS for providing the services of Michael Garner-Jones, who has presented several informational and entertaining sessions for us over the years. He did not let us down in 2008. He spoke to us several times, giving owners much needed guidance through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), or subsidy, as we call it. He also brought specialists from Action for Children to speak to us about payment issues. Thank you Mike!

We have a great program planned for 2009, and look forward to seeing each of you at every meeting. I encourage you to use the website for information at your fingertips. It is updated quarterly. www.providersnetworkinc.com

Calendar of Events—2009

January 22 & 23:

Introduction to Environment Rating Scales and Quality Improvements from the Top Down, for Administrators. These two sessions will be presented at the Chicago Metro AEYC Conference at McCormick Place. I am very excited to announce that those of you who have not had the opportunity to prepare for the QRS Rate Add-On by attending the 3 required trainings will have the opportunity to do so at this conference. The Intro to the ERS will be held on Thursday from 2:30—5:30. You will receive the INCCRRA Certificate. Check the schedule for the other two required sessions.

February 18: The Creative Curriculum: What Does “Doing it Right” Look Like?

March 25: Leadership or Management, Which Are You?

April 22—25: NACCP Conference in Orlando at the Hilton, Walt Disney World Resort

May 20: INCCRRA's Gateways to Opportunities Presentation by Mark Obuchowski; info on scholarship, credentials, and more.

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The National Association of Child Care Professionals offers many, many Membership Benefits...

- Empowered Training Centre—An ONLINE Professional Education Center—as much training as you can complete in a year—at one low price (Administrators & Staff)
- Listing on the NACCP Website
- Director's Hotline 800# to assist you with crisis management issues
- Management Tools of the Trade
- CollectAChek Service to minimize loss from bad checks
- Discounts from major early childhood supply companies
- More...

EXTRA SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS...

EXECS—A National Credential for executives and administrators of children's programs available to the early child care, education and service community that establishes professional standards in management and leadership, and is nationally recognized.

NAC CENTER ACCREDITATION—A national accreditation that values the rich and diverse tapestry of early care and education programs and the uniqueness of each. Processes and accreditation standards advocate optimal child development practices that result in high quality experiences for young children. Also available is free assistance through the Accreditation Listserv, where you can ask questions and have them answered, plus read what others in the process are doing to achieve their accreditation. Truly a superior choice for your center's national accreditation. For more info, see www.naccp.org—Accreditation.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE—How Successful Directors Manage is the best National Conference for Administrators! This year's conference is at Disney World. Providers' Network's goal is to have a HUGE group from Illinois at the conference. We want to be noticed, and we want you to be noticed as part of the fastest growing ECE organization in the State of IL.