

Provider News

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SPECIAL MEETING

On Thursday, March 9th (12:30—3:00) we will be holding a special meeting. You have issues with subsidy, so we have invited Mike Jones from IDHS to attend our meeting and hear our concerns regarding the state subsidy reimbursement system. Mike will give a presentation on the basics of the subsidy system and will answer questions as he can. He will also give you some general information / update of the new budget and how it impacts our subsidy reimbursements.

In addition to Mike Jones, we will have a special guest from a program called "Strengthening Families Illinois". She will present an introductory informational session about this new program and give you the opportunity to participate.

This should be a very interesting session. Remember, besides valuable information, you get 2 hours of administrative in-service PLUS lunch this time! Why *wouldn't* you come? 😊

For information on this meeting,

see the meeting notice on the reverse side of this page.

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DON'T MISS A MINUTE of 2006—Join Providers' Network and NACCP for one low cost. The benefits of NACCP are HUGE, including such things as "Professional Connections", a newsletter that includes a page for staff AND a page for parents. Management Tools of the Trade is another resource available to members FREE (a \$79 value!). In addition to this you also have access to regional management training seminars at a discount, the annual conference "How Successful Directors Manage" National Conference, which is, in my opinion, the best national organization conference for professionals I have ever attended. The 2006 How Successful Directors Manage Conference will be held in Atlanta, GA (relocated from the original location in New Orleans) April 27, 28, 29. For more information and to register online visit www.NACCP.org.

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UPDATE ON HEALTH INSURANCE

At the last couple of meetings we have been talking about the issue of health insurance. We wondered if we could pull together as a large group for discounted health insurance. Because of the payroll deductions that are necessary to pay the employee portion of the insurance premium we will not be able to be considered a "group" for insurance purposes. However, the health insurance program we have to offer is worth your consideration. More information will be discussed at our March meeting.

REMINDER—GRANTS FOR CHICAGO PRE-K ARE DUE MARCH 31ST. WE CAN HELP IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING PREPARATION OF YOUR GRANT PROPOSAL.

New 2006 Members of Providers' Network *and* NACCP —Thank You!

Acorn Child Care Center, Oak Forest
Children's Developmental Institute, Chicago
Kove Learning Academy, Chicago
Le Bunnies Learning Center, Lansing
Pink's Child Care Academy, Chicago
Prince and Princess Child Care, Harvey
Rainforest Learning Center, Chicago
Sunny Days of Berwyn, Berwyn
The Learning Tree Preschool, Chicago

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

When: Thursday, March 9th, 2006

12:30 PM— lunch will be served

Where: Barraco's Restaurant 3701 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park

PLEASE RSVP by March 6th, IF ATTENDING—(773) 520-3899

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

Lorie Conn Stultz, CEO/President

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