

Provider News

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Another Year of Networking!

Here We Go—

Off to another year of great times with friends and colleagues.

Let's take care of your business, by starting the year out right with a meeting on **March 21st** with Mike Jones from IDHS. Mike will talk with us about our MAJOR problems with the state subsidy system. We will not come together to complain about all the little issues we face with the system or each client's problems with approval or re-determination, but we will give him the big picture of problems such as children being switched to reimbursement for half-day just because they turn 6 years old, or potential families being told that your facility is full and their child can not be enrolled. Such problems as these need to be fixed! So, write down your list of "issues" and bring them to the meeting on March 21st.

In the meantime, we will be preparing for the ISBE "Preschool for All Children" grant, as well as scheduling the training sessions for Creative Curriculum for Preschool, Creative Curriculum for Infants/Toddlers, and Special Needs Inclusion—which EVERYONE in Illinois needs.

Additionally, we will train you how to improve the quality in your center through the ECERS-R (Early Childhood Environmental

Rating Scale—Revised). This is the tool that will be used to assess your quality level when tiered reimbursement becomes a reality throughout Illinois.

Coming up in April—Attend the nation's PREMIER Conference for Early Care and Education. The National Association of Child Care Professionals is hosting their 23rd Annual "How Successful Director Manage" National Conference in Boston! What a great location! What a fantastic conference! NACCP brings NEW presenters to the workshop forum. This is not your "run of the mill" event! If you have attended in the past, you know what I mean. If you have never attended an NACCP conference, this is your opportunity to learn and grow among the best in the business!

DESTINATION BOSTON!

April 25—28, 2007

Register online at: naccp.org

**2007 Membership
IS DUE FOR 2007**

If you have received an invoice, please pay your dues and retain your membership benefits.

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prices you can afford!**

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

When: Wednesday, March 21, 2007

12:30— approx. 2:30

SPECIAL GUEST—MIKE JONES, IDHS

Location: Barraco's Restaurant,

3701 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park

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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