

**Professional Development Committee**  
**(of the Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council)**  
**Meeting Summary for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
Willamette Education Service District

**Attendance:** Pam Deardorff, Helen Visarraga, Dee Wetzel, Pam Dunn, Linda Nelson, Beverly Briggs, Autumn David, Emily Haworth, Donald Davidson, Crystal Persi, Dianna Pickett, Jennifer Merrill, Melinda Benson, Tom Udell, Ingrid Anderson, Dawn Woods, Jeanne Lemieux, Merrily Haas, Colette Brown, Roni Pham

**On the phone:** Leslie Mansfield, Penelope Jones-Vaughn

**TQRIS**

Dawn Woods

At the September 12<sup>th</sup>, Professional Development Committee (PDC) meeting, the attendees looked at supports and incentives for a TQRIS. These ideas were used in the grant that Oregon submitted to the Federal Grant for the Race to the Top. Nine states were awarded grants. Oregon ranked 13 out of 38 states that submitted the grant.

Dawn provided an overview of the TQRIS grant application. The sections of the application included:

Section A: Successful State System

Section B: High-Quality, Accountable Programs

Section C: Promoting Early Learning and Development Outcomes for Children

Section D: A great Early Childhood Education Workforce

Section E: Measuring Outcomes and Progress

The presentation included a look at what we have now in our state and what is emerging overtime. There are many details to work through and many questions to answer. Although Oregon did not receive the race to the top grant dollars, the work toward developing a tiered quality rating and improvement system is continuing.

**Update on ORO**

Dawn Woods & Pam Deardorff

ORO is a statewide database that holds training for individuals in their individual accounts. The database can create info that goes into reports such as the Staff Qualifications and Training Logs from CCD and the individual Training and Education Summary. The concepts for ORO began in 2003. Dedicated funding for this project was given in June 2008. The CCR&R began inputting training in the ORO training calendar.

Pam and Dawn gave demonstrations of how ORO worked, stored data, and enabled reports that are used in licensing. Pam also demonstrated the ORO training calendar which can be found at: <http://oro.research.pdx.edu/calendar/>

**Oregon Preschool Credential**

Pam and Merrily began a dialogue about the possibility of creating an Oregon Preschool Credential. This is currently part of the QCP's work plan. The committee expressed an ongoing interest in the credential, but asked OCCD to continue to work with partners to continue information gathering before going forward.

## **Update on Training Gaps for Languages**

Dee Wetzel

A workgroup gathered to begin to look at training issues for early childhood individuals who do not speak English. The intent was to look at this topic from a statewide point of view. The group identified phases for this work group.

**1<sup>st</sup> phase** is to identify:

- What are the some of the training resources that currently exist
- What languages are these trainings in
- How are they currently be used
- Who's using them
- What are some of the gaps in materials out there

**2<sup>nd</sup> phase** is to develop a plan that may include:

- How to develop needed and additional resources
- Adapting trainings in other languages.
- Some ideas include, look at taping trainings, with voice overs in the languages needed
- Who are the national experts who are doing trainings.
- How can we get extra support to develop a plan for additional training opportunities

**3<sup>rd</sup> phase** is to share the resources and knowledge with other groups that would need this info. This group would also look at how to apply some of the pieces from the glossary such as mentoring, face to face trainings, coaching, etc.

Dawn Woods shared that Oregon was granted a Technical Assistance Support grant to help us assure that we are culturally and linguistically responsive on the TQRIS standards. We would want our other language speakers to acquire the same opportunities.

## **Subcommittee Updates**

### **Access and Outreach**

**Lisa DeMoe, Dee Wetzel- Co Leads**

Lisa DeMoe and Dee Wetzel are the new leads for the Access and Outreach committee. The meetings will still be held at the OCDC office in Wilsonville. They are excited to get the committee back together and look at the workplan and discuss their next steps as a committee.

### **Qualifications, Credentials, and Pathways**

**Merrily Haas, Pam Deardorff- Co Leads**

The committee has begun to meet every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, in order to give the committee workgroups more time to do meetings in between. There are also a number of presentations to give the committee background information to understand better various components of the professional development system. Workgroups are working on various topics such as accreditation, and articulation.

### **Quality Assurance**

**Beverly Briggs, Linda Nelson, Carol Petersen, Co Leads**

Linda Nelson will be retiring around June. Carol Petersen will be the co Leads.

A workgroup started an evaluation of the Early Words curriculum. Emily Hayworth is the workgroup committee chair person. A survey will be sent out to all the trainers of the Early Words training. Content specialists, Dawn Terrill and Katie Anderson, will do an in-depth review of the curriculum.

The Quality Assurance committee also spent some time reviewing the Training and Technical Assistance Glossary that the PDC adopted and approved for our Professional Development system. At the next PDC meeting the committee would like to bring some of the thinking from the committee as they began to look closer at the implications of bringing the glossary to life in Oregon.

### **Partner Updates:**

#### **Oregon Kids Healthy and Safe:**

This updates and revamps the training curriculum previously known as Childcare Health and Safety. This will be a three hour training session. This training has already been approved by a review team. There is a workbook with quick reference material The Oregon Kids Healthy and Safety handbook has been updated to replace the previous handbook.

There will be a train the trainer session. The trainings dates are April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>. Trainer applications will go on OCCD's website in mid January.

#### **The Wonder of Learning Exhibit**

**Merrily Haas**

The Wonder of Learning Exhibit is an international touring exhibit coming from Reggio Emilia Italy, that will be arriving in Portland from February 2, 2012 till June 2012 at the Children's Museum.

There are scholarship programs from the Oregon Community Foundation that are easily accessible to attend trainings around the exhibit. The Portland Children's Museum website shows the workshop schedules and how to access the scholarships. The workshops have been approved for a Set Two.

#### **The Oregon AEYC Spring Professional Development Institute.**

April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. in Springfield and Eugene.

Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> is the articulation submit. There will be two focuses; incorporating the early learning standards into the community college and university classes, and addressing issues around the transition from community college to university.

There will also be an Infant/Toddler institute on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. These will be Set Two trainings.

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is the Spring Conference continuing the Institute. Keep an eye out on the [oregonaeyc.org](http://oregonaeyc.org) website for updated information as time progresses.

#### **Oregon Association For Child Care Directors Spring Conference**

**Colette Brown**

March 7 – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 will be held in Seaside. The website will have more complete information. The topic is on Nature.

#### **The Oregon Early Childhood Inclusion Collaborative**

**Tom Udell**

There is an executive summary with the details from the fall forum where the discussion was on professional development. The report and other information is available on

<http://www.centeroninclusion.org/OECIC.htm>.

#### **AFSME Conference**

**Autum David**

April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be focusing around observation and assessment.

## **The Training Academy**

The National Association for Child Care Resource and Referral has a training academy to consist of almost 300 courses Online courses for child care workers. The courses show Oregon's core knowledge categories and the age groups that the topic pertains to.

### **Future Meeting Dates for PDC:**

Willamette Education Service District (WESD) 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Marion Room

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Willamette Room

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Marion Room

### **Future Meeting Dates for the Access and Outreach committee:**

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 10:00 – 12:00 Meridan Park Health Education Center, Tualatin

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 10:00 – 12:00 OCDC offices in Wilsonville

### **Future Meeting Dates for the Qualifications, Credentials, and Pathways committee:**

5427 Glen Echo Ave, Gladstone, 97027

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

### **Future Meeting Dates for the Quality Assurance committee:**

Willamette Education Service District (WESD) - Madrona Room 9:00am – 11:00am

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

May 21<sup>th</sup>, 2012