

## **COPPER COUNTRY GREAT START COLLABORATIVE**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Thursday, July 23, 2009**

#### **Star Power**

**The first local Star Power event held on May 21st was a huge success. There were over a hundred fifty parents, children, family members and friends in attendance. What an excellent way to show the Copper Country that young children are important. Thanks to all who helped.**

#### **Technical Assistance Meetings**

**Heather, Cathy and I attended the Great Start Conference at Boyne Mountain from June 15th through 17th. The conference focused on team building. Heather and I attended Technical Assistance Meetings on the 15th, and the three of us attended sessions geared to Chairpersons, Parent Liaisons and Directors. We all heard a terrific keynote on "Collaboration: What Does It Really Mean?" presented by Karen Ray. We will be purchasing a copy of her book – The Nimble Collaboration: Fine Tuning Your Collaboration for Lasting Success.**

**We were also updated on the state budget process. We may not receive our new Work Plan application until September. We must, however, continue to work on this remainder of this year's plan and be positioned to continue the important work that we have begun this past year. I have sent a number of informational emails regarding the budget. Please don't hesitate to call me or email me if you have any questions.**

#### **Regional Child Care and Early Education Resource Center Grant**

**On June 21st I traveled to Iron Mountain to assist with the evaluation of the grant application for the Regional Resource Center Grant. Five representatives from U.P. Great Start Collaboratives were present for the meeting. The grant was awarded to 4C's of the U.P. Members from the Western and Central U.P. Collaboratives will meet three times before the end of September to assist in writing the work plan for the project. I sent an email on the 20th to invite people to be part of this planning. Our team will include Taryn, Heather and me.**

#### **Progress Report and Budget**

**The 2nd trimester Progress Report and budget was submitted at the end of June.**