

# **COPPER COUNTRY GREAT START COLLABORATIVE**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT Thursday, October 1, 2009**

### **Technical Assistance Meetings**

**I attended a Technical Assistance meeting in St. Ignace on July 28th. The budget and strategic plans were discussed as well as opportunities for fund development. Heather and I will be hosting the Technical Assistance meeting here at the ISD on October 15th.**

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

**Louisa, Taryn, Heather, and I participated in three planning meetings in August and September for the Upper Peninsula Child Care Regional Resource Center. Gail Juntunen and Lisa Schmierer also assisted with the planning. I was informed yesterday that it appears ECIC will continue to be funded through the DHS budget which means the Regional Resource Centers will retain their funding.**

### **Budget Extension**

**ECIC has extended our contract through the end of October to allow time to plan for the new budget when it is decided.**

### **Strategic Plan**

**The Physical and Social Emotional Health Committee and Child Care, Early Education and Parent Support Committee have worked tirelessly during the past six weeks to refine the Action Agenda Goals and Objectives. The draft will be presented within the next week to the ECIC for comments. The final version will be completed by the end of the month.**

### **Communication Committee**

**The Communication Committee has met twice with an ambitious agenda focusing on name recognition, messaging, and increasing use of the website. We have developed cards which will be placed in a variety of places in the community where we hope to get the attention especially of parents. You will also notice two billboards that will each run through the month of October. We will also place a paid article in the Gazette. Thanks so much to Dave Olsson for his expertise.**

## **Presentations**

**On Monday evening, September 28th, I presented a program to the League of Women Voters. Although the turnout was small, the group was very enthusiastic. We may have the Portage Library as a new member and interest head of the nursing program at Finlandia was interested in some sort of collaboration. I will be following up on their interest.**

**I was to present at the U.P. Legislative Conference on Wednesday, unfortunately, I became ill. My portion of the presentation was very capably handled by Kathy Lammi and Lisa Temple.**

**We will continue to present the Great Start agenda to the community and interested groups.**