

DVR Meeting

November 8, 2012

Child Care

Members Present: Mary Rinchiuso (Triton), Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Eileen Falls (Leyden), Patty Heidel (Proviso East), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Amanda LaLuna-Chorak (Triton), Kathleen Peterson (Riverside Brookfield)

1. Pathways Update

- a. Mary Rinchiuso attended a Pathways to Results conference which focused on setting up pathways from the high school to the community college to the 4 year college.
- b. Mary found the conference to be very informative.

2. Program of Study

- a. Although high school students could earn certificates while in high school, the high school teachers do not meet the requirements to teach the dual credit courses. All dual credit courses would need to be taken at Triton College.
- b. An idea was presented to co-teach the summer camp. It could be up to 2 weeks and meeting Monday-Thursday. The camp will involve tours, discussion, hands-on activities, and working with young children.

3. Gateways to Opportunity

- a. Gateways to Opportunity offers credentials in the following areas:
 - i. Illinois Director
 - ii. Level 1 ECE Credential
 - iii. ECE Credential
 - iv. Infant Toddler Credential
- b. The Level 1 ECE Credential is for those considering a career working with children or who new to the early care and education field.
- c. High schools need to contact Libby Mitchell at Lmitchell@inccrra.org regarding becoming a Level I provider for their students.

4. Programs of Study

- a. Time was spent reviewing the Programs of Study that are in place for the Early Childhood and Education programs.
- b. The following changes need to be made:
 - i. Education/Secondary AA Degree
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 - 2. The courses listed are the business classes and not the child care sequence.
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5. Degrees/Certificate Programs

- a. Mary shared that the Early Childhood Education Certificate is very popular. There are no general education requirements, and it only requires 31 hours in Early Childhood Education.
- b. Mary also shared that National Lewis will accept the AAS from Triton. Triton has an articulated agreement with National Lewis for degree completion.