

DVR Meeting

March 7, 2013

Child Care

Members Present: Mary Rinchuso (Triton), Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Eileen Falls (Leyden via Skype), Patty Heidel (Proviso East), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Kathleen Peterson (Riverside Brookfield)

1. Gateways to Opportunity Update

- a. Our students may earn the Level I certification through Gateways to Opportunity.
- b. Valarie Berger went over all the information for the local schools to become a provider.
- c. Teachers must attend a 2 day seminar in Bloomington, Illinois.
- d. The cost is \$395/teacher and includes seminar, lunches, teacher's manual, student manual, and trainer kit.
- e. Student manuals are \$16.75 plus shipping and handling.
- f. Students must complete 16 three hour modules in addition to 20 hours of early childhood observation/contact hours.
- g. June 12, 2013 from 830a-430p and June 13, 2013 from 830a-3p
- h. Rooms are reserved at "The Chateau" at a rate of \$69/night. Group rate is under the name "INCCRRA Block". Breakfast is included.
- i. Contact Mary Jane Simpkins at MJSimpkins@inccrra.org for more information.
- j. DVR is looking into funding the registration fee for the attending teachers.
- k. Val will look into the possibility of funding through Perkins for student manuals.

2. AAFCS Certification

- a. Teachers researched the AAFCS Certification. Information may be found at www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/PrePac.asp
- b. "Pre-Pac is a premier national assessment and certification program providing an integrated system that recognizes individual competency achievement and builds value of programs through accountability, articulation possibilities, and business/industry recognition."
- c. Certification is available in the following areas:
 - i. Broad Field Family and Consumer Science
 - ii. Culinary Arts
 - iii. Early Childhood Education
 - iv. Education Fundamentals
 - v. Family and Community Services
 - vi. Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel
 - vii. Food Science Fundamentals
 - viii. Housing and Furnishings
 - ix. Interior Design Fundamentals
 - x. Nutrition, Food, and Wellness
 - xi. Personal and Family Finance
- d. Students take a rigorous competency exam. Once they have passed the test, they earn the certification for the respective area.
- e. Schools must apply to become a testing site. There is no cost to be a testing site. Instructions to become an approved site are on page 2 at [http://www.aafcs.org/res/Credentialing/prepac/AdminGuides/12-13 Administrative Guide to Test Site Approval.pdf](http://www.aafcs.org/res/Credentialing/prepac/AdminGuides/12-13%20Administrative%20Guide%20to%20Test%20Site%20Approval.pdf)
- f. Tests cost \$25/test or \$40/2 tests. Many students pay \$40/2 tests, and use the first test as a pre-test. Second test must be completed prior to the end of the school year.
- g. Study guides are available on the aafcs.org website.
- h. For further information, contact Lori Myers at 703.706.4600 or Lmyers@aafcs.org
- i. Val will look into the possibility of funding of exams through Perkins.