



ARKANSAS 21C NETWORK MEETING

EMBASSY SUITES, LITTLE ROCK, AR

October 4 & 5, 2006

October 4, Wednesday

AR21C NETWORK MEETING, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

October 5, Thursday

AR21C NETWORK MEETING, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

TOPICS

- ***Arkansas Mini-grants***
Learn about small grants that are available in the state and an overview of how to find these funding sources
- ***Stretching Your 21C Components***
Using a self-assessment, where does your 21C program stand on all six components? Which is your greatest challenge? Rotating through facilitated groups for each component, where can you grow during this year? Write a plan to address your most critical need.
- ***Embedding 21C in Your School Culture***
How do you know if your 21C program is embedding in your school culture? A quick check list to assess this will be given.
- ***2007 Conference***
We will discuss conference plans, structure of committees, and provide updates on discussions thus far. We will unveil the AR21C traveling display board and learn how to sign up to borrow it and other materials.
- ***Parent-Teacher Conference Tips***
Through a power point presentation (which will be posted on the AR21C website after this meeting), gain tips on how everyone can get the most from parent-teacher conferences or informal meetings.
- ***Teamwork and Leadership Skills***
An overview of characteristics of teams and how to develop leadership skills
- ***Principals as Champions for UPK***
We will learn about a pilot program, Principals as Champions for Universal Preschool, from one of the participating principals.

- ***News from the Department of Education***
Staff from the Department of Education will provide an update, including information about Community Partnership that ADE is going to launch the end of September with the State Chamber of Commerce around the state.
- ***News from the Early Childhood Division/Strengthening Families***
Staff from the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education will provide an update. Learn about a new initiative, Strengthening Families, which uses the five protective factors to prevent child abuse and how these complement 21C programs.
- ***Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families***
We will hear an update about the Arkansas Out-of-School Network and Invest Early programs.
- ***Arkansas 21C Topics***
We will discuss issues related to the Arkansas 21C Network including the spring network meeting and AR21C Network membership criteria.