



ARKANSAS 21C NETWORK MEETING

WINROCK INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER

October 26 & 27, 2004

AGENDA

October 26, Tuesday

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- ***Food programs***

There are several different programs to help subsidize food for early childhood and after-school programs. Staff from the State (DHS and Department of Education) will clarify eligibility guidelines and highlight usage of available materials.

- ***Kindergarten transition***

Several 21C programs have initiated some creative ways to develop relationships between preschool and kindergarten staff, to continue parent involvement into 'regular' school, and streamline paperwork from one group to the next.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- ***How to market your 21C program***

Now that we have the 21C video and brochure, we will learn ways to market 21C in our community, within our district, and with future funders.

October 27, Wednesday

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- ***Arkansas 21C Topics***

Last year, we talked about having a 21C Awareness Week in the fall: we need to pick a date and share a few ideas. Also we want to share information about National Blue Ribbon Program. With the fall semester's session about half way through, we will review the book discussion process and make any necessary modifications.

- ***News from the Early Childhood Division***

Staff from the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education will discuss their National Infant and Toddler Initiative project, the Comprehensive Early Childhood Systems Planning work and the ABC state wide assessment using Work Sampling Systems. Also some info on the Framework training, Math and Science, and Social Emotional professional development modules will be provided.

- ***A Framework for Understanding Poverty***

Using the Ruby Payne method, we will learn about key points in understanding the impact of poverty.

- ***Blending 21C Components under One Umbrella*** Having all the 21C components are in a district doesn't necessarily make a 21C school. Several 21C programs share ways that they blend all their components, keep communication open, and address obstacles.

- ***Mental Health Collaborative***

A new program that addresses mental health issues in early childhood centers is a joint project with AR Head Start Collaboration, the Division of Early Childhood, and Community Mental Health Centers.

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