

**ICC Topic Call**  
**July 30, 2003**

**On the call: Lisa Sharpe(IA), Maureen Casey(NY), Darla Gundler(MA), Cathy Ryba(IA), Kyla Alba(IA), Norma D. Jenkins(SC), Vennetta Lykken(MN), Nina Baker(NE), Cassie Johnston(WA), Wanda Gauntt(WA), Mary Jones(MA), Nancy Peeler(MI), Penny Vereen(MI), Judy Swett(MN), Diana Rovetti(NV), Margaret Sampson(NY), Deb(ND), Terri Hodges(SC), Bev Ballsten(ND), Barbara Popper(MA), Marilyn Gutierrez(MA)**

**The discussion started on how parents can connect with other ICC parents**  
**Darla & Maureen have been invited to run the call**

**How do we do it? -How do we connect with other parents?**

- ? Nina/ICC Chairperson-Help connect families connect with each other
- ? Terri-Parent member of her ICC, Part C staff
- ? Cathy-Regional coordinator
- ? Penny-Staffs the ICC
- ? Darla-Part C & was a parent on the ICC
- ? Margaret-EI support & council
- ? Cassie- PTI, Part C contract & facilities & is also a faculty member on the ICC Institute
  
- ? We have a listserv on our national project with information for parents on their ICC
- ? Strategies-on line chats
- ? Find out what other parents on ICC's are doing & bring it to our local ICC's
- ? Some ICC's are having a hard time getting parents & maybe there are other ideas that
- ? Work for ICC's
- ? Learn on line what other parents are doing, what works in other states
- ? State website, minutes-area for parents to add information
- ? Dept. of Ed.-lead agency, places to post
- ? Online chats, online courses
- ? Good strategies
  
- ? State website information-links in different states with their minutes of their meetings
- ? The parent information site-the educational part
- ? Brad Arndt updates the listserv
- ? The listserv has had a lot of activity
- ? The ICC budget cut in half & concern of parents not being able to attend the OSEP meeting. There is a concern on how to get together on an annual basis.
- ? Is there someway to collaborate with the Department of Education so that information can be exchanged

Attend meetings to get information-inconsistent in face to face-conference calls

Outcomes for new people is harder & don't have the face to face & therefore don't feel connected, not meeting frequent enough

**Massachusetts**-we really want one on one mentoring when new people come on in MA. The mentoring is individualized on what they want & need. Carpool from the same area so that parents can attend the meetings. Each parent receives a membership handbook. There was an orientation with members & then with parents. We do a conference call the night before the orientation on advise & assist. Our ICC meetings re from 10am-3pm every other month at a hotel, lunch is not provided. Parents receive a stipend the day of the meeting.

**Michigan**-New members get assigned mentors, receive a handbook & have an orientation depending on how much they want & needs.

**South Carolina**-we do an orientation for all new members & for new parents.

Resources on how to be aware of your site

Travel is limited for staff too. Planning for parents is harder. States looking at out of state travel

Mandate to report back

Need to plan budget in advance-didn't plan-responsibility not of just parents but others too to be sure budget is there

Money for parents to attend to national conferences-funding resources-scholarships-list-room together

### **National level of this call**

- ? National linkages on how to do it
- ? Posting info to the website
- ? Will post information after a survey of state programs on reimbursement etc.
- ? Networking-IDEA reauthorization

**Fall annual OSEP conference for early childhood** will take place on November 2, 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>.

- ? The theme is "How are ICC's Structuring their Committee"?
- ? ICC chairs members, staff wanting to share ideas
- ? Parents & professionals collaborate committee structures
- ? Lacking 10% or fewer of parents-dual roles
- ? No family representation to get messages back home
- ? Would OSEP help send parents?
- ? There needs to be a meeting for ICC parents, perhaps to form an organization. Judy Swett will help us get a room for an Early Bird meeting

### **Guidebook-Go ask Alice model**

Create a document that can be used by any state so that people can go & get them

What does meaningful participation by parent mean? They are not required to speak at SICC meetings

Orienting parents & retaining them

**WA**-Local ICC does not get reimbursed for anything

SICC parents are fully reimbursed

ICC might get funding cuts as part of state budget cuts

Need to plan budget in advance

Some meetings very awakening with other states. Parent wake-up

Why can't we do it. Roadblocks moved by parent. Can have impact

ICC bureaucracy goes through PTI

**NE**-\$75 for child care

Dept. of Ed. Gets 6 months of reimbursement

### **Future calls**

September-possible topics include

1. Cross-cultural, diverse viewpoints
2. Involvement & support of new members