

Email from Debra Torrence to Linda Piper  
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From: Debra Torrence (debra@debratorrenceconsulting.com)  
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2010  
Subject: From NC Institute for ECPD: Thank you for Supporting NCECPD Planning Project

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Dear Institute Partners,

I am writing on the behalf of the NC Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development board to express our sincere appreciation for your support of the NC Early Childhood Professional Development (ecpd) Planning Project (overview attached). We realize that your plates are already full or overflowing and sincerely thank you for providing resources, sharing data and resources, coordinating regional conversations and working with the Institute to develop a state early childhood professional development plan.

Thanks to support of the NC Division of Child Development, we have an opportunity to work together to develop regional ecpd action plans in 18 regions and a strong ecpd state plan. Please be sure your networks are aware of this opportunity being coordinated by the CCR&R lead agencies.

Some states have already embarked on what we are trying to do over the next 6 months in North Carolina. A review of existing plans reveals many promising strategies being undertaken across our nation to leverage resources, utilize evidence-based strategies and work across sectors to improve and strengthen the quality and capacity of the workforce to support the needs of all young children. This link leads you to state plans collected by the National Child Care Information Center:  
[http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/poptopics/state\\_pd\\_plans.html](http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/poptopics/state_pd_plans.html) -- from detailed plans (Alaska) to short and sweet frameworks (New Mexico) .

While the next few months will be intense as we dig deeper, learn more, wrestle with persistent challenges like compensation and cross sector resource use, we have the opportunity to envision what's next. The Institute will work hard to support partner needs, share information and keep you informed of tasks we're undertaking associated with the development of the state ecpd plan (which means a few more emails from me than normal). By using an e-tool the Institute will also be gathering input from stakeholders and partners in the coming weeks. If you or your networks are not connected to a group that is being asked to respond to the survey, please feel free to email your comments about the state ecpd plan (another email with more details will follow soon).

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Economic experts say that when the economy is not strong that we must invest in our people. We sincerely hope this project will be an investment of your time that will benefit children birth to twelve in our state, each of you, your organizations and our workforce and result in a stronger ecpd system for Early Educators.

Again many thanks for your time,

Debra Torrence, Director

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