

Yolo County Inclusion Team

Minutes: March 25, 2010

1:00 – 2:30

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Lynn Arner (Early Years), Viola DeVita (YCOE), Stella Flores (RISE), Rebecca Foster (LPC), Rossana Vigil (CCS), Melinda Waring (UC Davis)

2. CSEFEL

A. L. Arner shared a background of the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL). Yolo County recently had a team attend a training where those individuals learned to become trainers for CSEFEL. The focus of CSEFEL is on how to address and support development focusing on the social-emotional needs of children. Use of a 4-level pyramid to visually understand the principles of CSEFEL begin with the foundation of *building positive relationships*, then *supportive environments*, *teaching strategies*, and finally *individualized interventions*. CSEFEL offers flexible model with strategies for providers to handle challenging behaviors and to build supportive and consistent routines for children. (<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/>) L. Arner plans to provide a training series for the Yolo County community beginning this spring.

3. Agency Spotlight: RISE

A. S. Flores shared information about her agency: RISE Inc. (Rural Innovations in Social Economics Incorporated). A second office recently opened in Winters. RISE has always found a way to meet the needs of individuals seeking assistance for a variety of their services. Child care, though, is full and with the lack of summer school in Woodland and Esparto, S. Flores anticipates even more need for child care this summer.

4. Ongoing Activities

A. R. Vigil shared that the LPC provided 80 registration scholarships to the 2010 Yolo County Child Development Conference. The LPC also provided a special needs training strand comprised of three different workshops at the conference.

B. L. Arner reminded that providing trainings is one of the goals of the Yolo County Inclusion Team and with the involvement at the Conference and the upcoming CSEFEL trainings, we will continue to meet this goal.

5. Goals/Plan of Action

A. The group discussed the need for trainings open to the public that focus on special needs and how they need to be better publicized. R. Foster reminded that events will be posted on the LPC events page and the WarmLine calendar however no events are planned at this time. R. Vigil

suggested the Yolo County Director's Association be invited to attend these meetings in order to determine needs for specific sites in the county.

- B. L. Arner informed that she has begun planning a site tour for two schools to observe inclusion in practice in Winters for Friday, April 23rd from 10:30 – noon. She will confirm the visit and inform the group.
- C. At the May Inclusion Team meeting, the group would like to have an open comment session where the community can discuss their challenges, needs and interests around inclusion. Also planned for the meeting is the agency spotlight (Yolo FRC), review of ongoing activities, have each organization share information about their program and contact information, and plan for Inclusion Team meetings for 2010-11.
- D. L. Arner also plans to update the flyer for the Inclusion Team and will work on this with the LPC subcommittee.

6. Next Meeting: May 20, 2010; 1:00 – 2:30
 Yolo County Office of Education, Conference Center