



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

PDAC Steering Committee Agenda

October 15, 2014

10:00AM – 3:00PM

INCCRRA

Mission: To promote, support, and recognize professional preparation and training for all current and future early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners.

Vision: Illinois early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners are well-qualified professionals who educate, nurture, and meet the needs of children and youth in partnership with their families.

Values: We believe an effective professional development system is inclusive of practitioners in all settings serving children, youth, and families; service providers and program staff; and educators and trainers.

10:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions** – Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chair

10:05 AM **Review and Approval of Minutes** – Deb Widenhofer

- July 30, 2014

10:10 AM **Setting the Stage: What Research Tells Us**

How are we leveraging trainings to gain the maximum potential for increased professional development/teacher preparation to positively impact quality in all settings?

- Do trainings link to/support credential attainment?
- Are we providing trainings that “move the needle” toward quality or greater effectiveness?
- Are we impacting teaching practices by connecting trainings to coaches/mentors and/or reflective practices?
- Do we have an evaluation component? Do we use feedback to increase effectiveness?
- How are we maximizing (or leveraging) the trainings being offered for the practitioner? And as the significant investment they represent in terms of time and financial investments?

Breakout Sessions – Deb Widenhofer

- **Training Effectiveness**
 - Now
 - Where do we want to be in the future?
- **Training Integration**
 - Now
 - Where do we want to be in the future?

12:00 PM **Lunch**

12:40 PM **Groups report on most significant concepts/ideas** – Deb Widenhofer

1:00 PM **Next Steps**

- 1:40 PM Recommendation of the Qualifications and Credentials Committee:
Recommendation of the Illinois Director Credential Review Group**
- The Illinois Director Credential Review Group recommends approval to increase the amount of Credential Approved Training points in the Education and Training component of the Gateways Illinois Director Credential Framework.
- 2:00 PM PDAC Strategic Plan Phase VI**
- Review Document: Status Updates needed
 - Preliminary Planning for January 2015 Kickoff for PDAC Strategic Plan Phase VII
- 2:20 PM Race to the Top - Gateways Credential Pilot Status**
- School Age Credential Pilot– Christy Allen and Tammy Notter, co-chairs
 - Youth Development Credential Pilot - Christy Allen and Tammy Notter, co-chairs
 - Family Child Care Credential Pilot – Sandra Cole, co-chair
 - Family Specialist Credential Pilot – Jamilah Jor’dan and Diane Scruggs, co-chairs
 - Technical Assistance Credential Pilot – Sharyl Robin and Lisa Downey, co-chairs
- 2:40 PM Committee Reports**
- Workforce, Development, and Pathways - Shared draft – Johnna Darragh-Ernst and Cerathel Burnett, co-chairs
 - Illinois Director Credential Review Group – Teri Talan, chair
- 2:50 PM Planning for November PDAC meeting**
- 3:00 PM Adjourn**

Future Meeting Dates

PDAC Steering Meeting :

December 17, 2014 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Telenet

January 8 & 9, 2015 Retreat

March 18, 2015 (Webinar) 10:00 AM – Noon

May 20 & 21, 2015 Retreat

PDAC Meeting:

November 14, 2014 10:00AM – 3:00PM, INCCRRA, Bloomington

February 20, 2015 (Webinar) 10:00 AM – Noon

April 17, 2015 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, INCCRRA, Bloomington

June 19, 2015 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, INCCRRA, Bloomington

