

# Provider News

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## Here Comes 2009!

### News from the Executive Director

Wow! Another year has gone by, and a new year is on the horizon. As you know, in education, the year starts with the beginning of each school year, and that is approaching fast!

Some of you have called or emailed me to ask, "Are we having any more meetings?" The answer is YES! I am sorry for the lapse in communication. May 1st, I moved out of my 26 year residence in Evergreen Park, and did not move into my new home until the middle of the May. It then took me a month or so to unpack, and that was just the most important stuff. After 26 years, I have lots and lots of stuff! But, I have been able to re-group, set up my office, and I'm back on track for you, our PN members.

We have a great agenda for meeting topics that are coming soon. Our theme for this year fits the buzz that is flowing throughout the state. "Quality Improvements" is our overall theme and will be reflected in all our meeting topics. We also have some wonderful news about our association. We are discussing some new benefits that will be available to members this year. An announcement of those benefits will be made in the near future.

Also, some very exciting news—we are expanding to better serve the western suburbs, and also to bring in 4 more counties in IL. We will be inviting providers from DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, and Kendall counties into our membership. We will usually have separate meetings, in order to provide convenient locations for all. Our members in Will and western Cook counties have been very patient, and our metro-south

members have worked well with the meeting locations that have been a little far for them, and we truly appreciate that! I am asking for your cooperation with that one more time, so we can all come together for our first meeting of this 2008-2009 school year. I look forward to working with each of you again this year!

*Lorie Conn Stultz, Executive Director*

### Meeting Agenda, 2008—Mark Your Calendars!

**September 24th**—we will meet at Papa T's on 79th St. to accommodate our favorite speaker, Mike Garner-Jones from IDHS. His topic will be "What's New with IDHS?" We will not be addressing CCAP (subsidy) specific issues at this meeting, but he has assured me that he will set up a specific meeting for you to speak with Action for Children representatives about your specific subsidy issues. I am working on a location and date/time at this minute, and will notify you of that meeting as soon as it is set.

**November 6th—location TBA**—we will have two topics at this meeting. One will be "Going Green" which is a huge quality improvement for your center. We will discuss ways to "go green" with products and procedures that are cost-effective. There will also be an online survey we can complete for each of our centers, to let us know how "green" we are. Our other quality improvement topic will be "Meeting Your Financial Needs". Staff retention has been a serious issue for many years, so we will discuss ways to help you attract and retain the quality of staff you need, as well as meet the expectations and requirements of Preschool for All.

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Please provide the following information with your membership payment:

- √ I have enclosed a check for \$125 to subscribe for the year of 2009
- √ Owner's Name
- √ Center Name, Address, phone, fax, cell phone numbers

*Thank You! You'll be happy you joined us!*

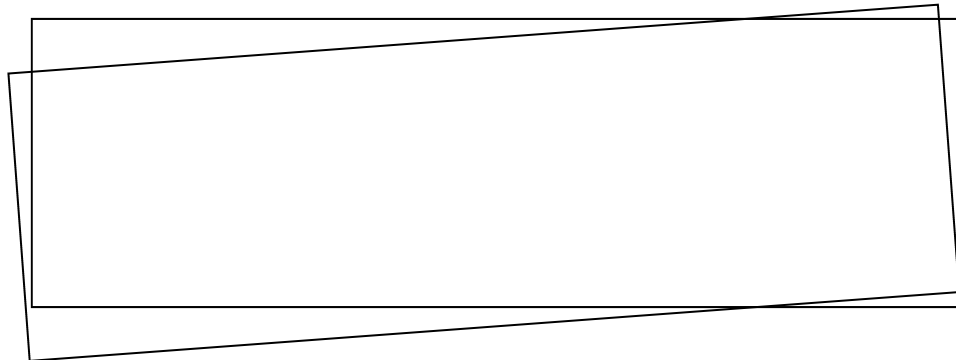
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## Time to Join/Renew

Attend our first meeting and join or renew your membership!  
\$125 for 2009 (\$25 award for referrals who join—bring your friends!)

*This year the 25th Annual NACCP Conference is in Orlando at the  
Hilton, Walt Disney World Resort—April 22-25, 2009*

*We want a huge group from IL at this year's luncheon table!*



**JOIN US!** Providers' Network invites you to join together with other owners to discuss topics and concerns you have as center owners.

**When: Wednesday, September 24th at 12:30 PM**

**Where: Papa T's Restaurant—7130 W. 79th St., Burbank**

**Topic: "What's New With IDHS?"—guest speaker, Michael Garner-Jones from IDHS**

**Lunch is \$5 for one person per center (members only) —second person or guest is \$10**

**PLEASE RSVP by 9/22 (773) 520-3899**

*A certificate for two hours of administrative level in-service will be awarded to each attendee.*

**Lorie Conn Stultz, Executive Director**

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