

W.E. Early Childhood Initiative Delivery System

Community Input

- Community Profile Survey & Tabulation
- Personal Interviews
- Communities speak out
- Visioning to set goals

Community Advisory Board

- Community Members
- Programs/School
- Develop community projects
- Evaluate projects

Subcommittees, Project Leaders, Stakeholders

Individual Community Project work completed
Report back and provide
information to Advisory Board

Early Childhood Initiatives

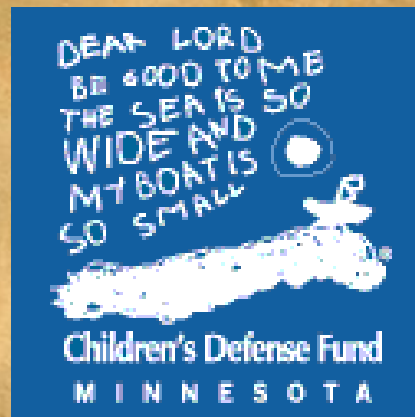
- White Earth Child Care Program applied and was selected to be one of 26 ECI Communities in Minnesota through West Central Initiative Foundation/McKnight Foundation.
- To improve the lives of children and their families Birth to Five for the community of White Earth (WEECI collaborates with multiple agencies (tribal & non-tribal) and schools to reach out to ALL families on the WER
- Collaborate with Indian Health Services, Home Health Agency, Mental Health & Tribal Courts to expand & promote services for young children on dental, mental health, well-baby checks and awareness for birth to five.
- Caring for Kids Store collaborate with multiple agencies to 'stock' a store where parents and caregivers can redeem their points earned for WIC, dental, well-baby appts, parent conferences, homevisiting, training, community events (parent & child), etc.
- Monthly meetings with partners

WER Early Childhood Initiatives Cont.

- Caring For Kids Store (ongoing)
- Celebrating Our Children (annually)
- Father's Festival (annually)
- Week of the Young Child (annually)
- School Success Committee (ongoing)
- Dental Initiative (ongoing)
- Kids Count Coffee Time (annually) *STAR OF THE STATE
- TIP Line (ongoing)
- WE Early Childhood Mental Health (ongoing)
- Readmobile/Library (ongoing)
- Various Community Events (Celebrating Parent Workshop, Cultural Play, Storytelling Workshop,

WER Early Childhood Initiative Cont.

- WE ECI recently chosen as a Star of the State by the Minnesota Children's Defense Fund. WE ECI is highlighted in the annual Minnesota Kids Count Data Book.



Tribal Early Childhood Readmobile

- Mobile library to remote areas and 'isolated' child care settings
- Bi-weekly HV to child care providers
- Early Childhood Library through Northern Lights Library Network
- Six Reading Skills (Narrative, Letter Knowledge, Print Awareness, Vocabulary, Print Motivation & Phonological Awareness)
- Scholastic Books
- Ojibwe Language/Inventory
- Caring for Kids Place

