



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

To: Comprehensive Family Literacy and Even Start Coordinators

From: Randy Whitfield, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President, Academic & Student Services
Basic Skills Department

Subject: Family Literacy Initiative Grant

The North Carolina Community College System Office has again awarded a training and technical assistance grant to Motherhead, Inc. for the program year 2007-2008. The grant provides opportunities for site visits, technical assistance visits, trainings, and regional round table sessions.

Regional round table sessions will continue as part of our grant. These sessions provide comprehensive family literacy program staff a chance to inform and support each other as professionals in the field. Last year 71 people representing 12 different program sites participated in the round tables. The advisory group for these round tables met in August to consider the program format for this year's sessions. The theme for this year is "Impacting Families: The Power of PACT." This interactive session will explore key elements of PACT best practice and provide specific ideas to enhance parent-child interactions. This year we will have a session for the western and piedmont regions in Lenoir, NC, on October 12, 2007 and a session for the central, southern, and coastal regions on November 2, 2007 in Goldsboro, NC. Each session will be from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Mark your calendar for the session closest to your program site. For more information or to request an application, call (919) 781-2088 or email (cjmotherhead@bellsouth.net).

Site visits include observations and conversations with staff in each of the four components of the family literacy program. Specific information will be documented about recruitment and retention strategies, appropriate assessment, component integration, program intensity, as well as classroom literacy interactions, strategies, and

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best practice. Following the visit, a summary report will be written and submitted to Karen Brown at the System Office For Even Start programs a report will also be given to Don Carter in the office of School Readiness.

Motheread, Inc. provides professional development opportunities by offering trainings that include specific curricula designed to meet a variety of audience needs. For more information about trainings please look at the Motheread, Inc website, www.motheread.org.

Technical assistance visits will vary in an effort to meet individual program needs. A few examples of issues addressed are: using Motheread® curricula with ESL and lower-level students, enhancing PACT, and weaving adult and early childhood education themes and skills to support component integration.

Please take advantage of some of the numerous professional development opportunities offered through this initiative. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to strengthen family literacy programs in North Carolina.

c: Presidents
Senior Continuing Education Administrators

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