

Early Childhood Excellence Center Program Report

Reporting Period
April 1, 2005- June 30, 2005 (3 months) Due July 15, 2005

Please indicate on this sheet if there are any corrections to the following:

Grantee Name: NEXT GENERATION NOW

II. Briefly list any classroom/center **physical quality improvements** you have implemented in the past 3 months (e.g. new learning materials, new equipment, and other physical improvements to your center).

We freshened up three classrooms with new coats of paint.

We opened and equipped one new classroom – The Happy Hippos – for toddlers.

We put down new mulch for the playground area.

III. Please identify any **outside consultants** (e.g. nurse, event speakers, musician, artist, curriculum consultant, etc.), paid or not, who came to your center in the past 3 months. Estimate their total number of hours at your center and the total number of children they reached.

Type of Outside Consultant	Was Consultant Paid ?	Estimated Number of Hours	Estimated Number of Children Reached
Wustum Art Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	12	75
Focus (Racine AODA Council)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2	10
4-H	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1	10
Optometrist Dr. John Warren conducted vision tests on infants and 3-year olds.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10	30
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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- IV. Please summarize all **staff training events** sponsored by your center during the past 3 months, by category and total number of staff in attendance. Please include any other training not listed.

Staff Training Event	Total Number of Events	Total Number of Staff in Attendance	Comments
<i>Classroom Curriculum / Child Development</i> (classroom training, Birth to 3, etc)			
<i>Health & Safety</i> (SIDS, CPR, fire safety, etc)	1	22	Child Abuse and Neglect 5/25/05
<i>Staff Career & Personal Development</i> (career options, staff training, yoga, etc)	3	25 for each	Diversity Training 4/13/05 NAEYC training 4.27.05 Staff Development Day 5/6/05
<i>Other</i> (please specify)	1	30	Family Decisions – Living Wills 6/13/05

- V. Please summarize the total number of **family educational /social /participatory events** sponsored by your center in the past 3 months, and estimate the total number of participants.

Type of Family Event	Number of Events	Number of Total Participants
<i>Family Education</i> Active Parenting Classes (6 sessions) Monthly Parent Meetings (2)	8	17
<i>Health & Safety Education</i> Summer Health & Safety Workshop	1	4
<i>Social Events</i> Family Rummage Sale at NGN (2) Grandparent Support Group (3)	5	63
<i>Teacher Conferences</i>		
<i>Advisory Board Meetings</i>	3	18
<i>Other major ways in which families are involved:</i> Home safety assessment parent focus group (2)	2	7

VI. What was the MOST SIGNIFICANT happening at your center in the past three months?

In April 2005, NGN staff participated in a Diversity Training conducted by Goodwill Industries. The training provided staff with an exercise that resulted in a moment of unexpected insight as to how we all view people. It was a training that changed many people's outlook. 95% of the staff rated the training as a 10 (highest score).

Losing Excellence Initiative funding was also a significant event.

VII. What was the MOST SIGNIFICANT happening at your center over the timeframe of the entire Early Childhood Excellence Initiative?

Receiving NAEYC accreditation. We worked so hard to get accredited and had to overcome so many challenges, including child care management changes. We could not have done this without Excellence Initiative funding which helped us with staff training, consultants, classroom supplies, and playground equipment.

Initiating the Child Care Professional Training Institute in 2004. Approximately 50 childcare providers received 10 hours of training each through a fun and effective system of workshops. It was a great experience.

Implementing the Racine School Readiness Summit in 2005 which brought early childhood stakeholders together to talk about school readiness. We expect to continue the dialogue.

Thank you for completing this Excellence Initiative program report. We look forward to finding out what is new with your center.