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IALCCC Member,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying a great spring! For those of you who are new to Indiana Association of Licensed Child Care Centers (IALCCC), welcome! We are thrilled to have you aboard. I am honored to be the new president and invite each and every member to get involved in the work we are doing. We have come a long way in a short time, but have much to do.

Thanks to those of you who attended the IALCCC Annual Conference in April. We had over 60 owners, directors, and child care leaders present. Those attending enjoyed several speakers and benefited from earning four hours of the director training required by state regulations in the areas of management (employment law), sanitation, and nutrition. Michelle Thomas and Melanie Brizzi from FSSA introduced the new structure in the Bureau of Child Care. Senator Connie Lawson joined us for lunch and received the "I Care about Children Award" from the association. Congratulations to the following officers who were elected during the annual meeting to the IALCCC 2006-2007 Board of Directors:

President	Heidi Dowell - Beech Tree House Center for Child Development
President Elect	Mary Jane Scamahorn - New Pathways Preschool
Past President	Tom Rayl - Abacus Learning Center
Secretary/Treasurer	Mike Garatoni - Growing Kids
Government Relations	Maxine Van Guilder - Seedlings Learning Center
Communications	Vici Russu-Steele - Knowledge Learning Corporation
Membership	Kelly Christie - Play-n-Stuff
District 1	Deborah Chubb - Imagination Station
District 1	Cindy McCray - Growing Kids
District 2	Cyndi Armstrong - Knowledge Learning Corporation
District 2	Linda Shaffer - Abacus
District 3	Kay Hugus - Abacus
District 3	Amy Van Bruggen - Little Lamb
District 4	Sara Browning - Royal Childcare
District 4	Noel Hanson - Kid Angels
District 5	Sherri Stinson - Sonshine School
District 5	Nelle Castanias - Knowledge Learning Corporation

I have read all of the comments on the conference evaluations and look forward to sharing your thoughts and ideas with our Board of Directors. Many of you applauded the presenters and the information they provided, suggested great ideas for future professional development opportunities, and gave us some direction on next year's election process. Thank you so much for sharing your perspective with us!

I am very pleased to pass along good news from Michelle Thomas at the Bureau of Child Care. Michelle is initiating a Licensed Child Care Center Advisory Board. Because of the efforts of IALCCC this past year, the board will include some of our members. We embrace the opportunity to share our experiences, expertise, and perspective with decision making bodies that are genuinely interested in considering our contributions!





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For those of you who have not yet paid your membership dues, please do so. You can complete the registration process on-line at [IALCCC.org](http://IALCCC.org). IALCCC is making a difference in the state of Indiana and your voice should be counted!

If you did not receive this letter by email, but have access to an account, PLEASE consider sharing your e-mail address with us. The time and cost savings will benefit everyone! Additionally, I often receive informational materials (like the one included in this mailing) and requests for participation by e-mail from FSSA and other key shareholders in child care. I am happy to forward such information to members who have provided me an e-mail address.

I am looking forward to meeting and sharing with our growing membership this year, being involved in the Licensed Child Care Center Advisory Board, working with and learning from the great people at the National Child Care Association (NCCA) of which we are all members, and most importantly continuing to make every effort to care for the children and families of Indiana in the most nurturing, stimulating, safe, and healthy environment possible.

Warmly,

Heidi Dowell, President  
Indiana Association of Licensed Child Care Centers

