

# Early Childhood NEEDS YOU!

Independent School District #196

*Educating Our Students to Reach Their Full Potential*

The ECFS Advisory Council and the ECFS Foundation are currently accepting applications for new members. Please consider applying for one or more of these organizations by submitting the attached application by April 18, 2008.

## **What is the ECFS Advisory Council?**

The purpose of the council is to give input into the Early Childhood Family Education and School Readiness/Bridge to School programs, act as a liaison between the programs and the community, and advocate to the community on behalf of the programs. The Advisory Council also conducts fundraising activities and parenting conferences. The Advisory Council works with the Foundation to raise money for the programs and advocate on behalf of the programs to potential supporters/funders.

The Advisory Council is made up of 24 parents and community members. Members are chosen from applications submitted each spring. Members serve a three year term and can renew their membership, as desired.

Advisory Council members are asked to attend monthly meetings and be a part of at least two committees. The council meets on the third Tuesday of the month from August through June (with July being an optional meeting.) The meetings are from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. at the Early Childhood Learning Center in Apple Valley. **Childcare is provided for all meetings.**

All ECFS Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. We invite interested individuals to attend the **March 18 and April 15** meetings that will be held at the Early Childhood Learning Center, 5800 W. 149th St. in Apple Valley at 6:15 p.m. Please call us at 952-431-8340 and let us now which meeting you would like to attend.

For more information you may call one of the co-chairs Jill Murphy (651)322-7719 or Jill Smook (952)432-8644, or the Early Childhood Family Services Manager, Karen Kellar (952)431-8340.

## **What is the ECFS Foundation?**

The ECFS Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit that was formed to support the early childhood programs of District 196. The mission of the Foundation is to build awareness and foster financial support of Early Childhood Family Services programs through community advocacy campaigns, key partnerships with private and public organizations, and an ongoing commitment to develop, maintain, and promote model early childhood and family programs for the state of Minnesota.

You can find out more about the foundation by going to their website at [www.ecfsfoundation.org](http://www.ecfsfoundation.org).

Early Childhood Family Services  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL and FOUNDATION**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Which organization would you like to be considered for membership?

- Advisory Council
- Foundation
- Either

Have you applied for the Advisory Council or Foundation before?  Yes  No

Are you presently participating in ECFE classes?  Yes  No

If not participating, have you participated in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, how long have you participated? \_\_\_\_\_

Work/educational/community experiences: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Names and ages of children:  
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***CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED FOR ALL MEETINGS.***

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE:**

1. Why do you wish to serve on the ECFS Advisory Council or Foundation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is your previous experience in serving on committees or advisory councils?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What special skills, interests or leadership experiences would you bring to this group?

