



Director's Network Membership Responsibilities and Benefits

Director's Network Committees

When you join the Director's Network, you will be asked to choose the committee on which you wish to participate. Renewal of the Director's Credential requires that you actively participate on a committee of a professional organization, so as a member, you will become involved in specific activities designed to further the mission of the Forum as well as your development as a leader in the field.

At this time, we have established the following committees from which you can choose:

- **Meeting Planning** – In future months, we will host training for Director's Network members. As a member of this committee, you will take an active role in helping to plan the agenda for the meetings. We want this to be **YOUR** network. You know best what information is important to you.
- **Advocacy** – Many times, during Florida's legislative session and throughout the year, there are important issues about young children's programs and services that need to be brought to the attention of our state legislators. As a member of this committee, you will become the local "message bearers" who will carry the information to the policymakers in your community through letter-writing, newspaper editorials, and public awareness events at your program site.
- **Professional Development** – There are many training opportunities available throughout the state on an ongoing basis, but it's sometimes difficult for individuals to find out about them in a timely way. As a member of this committee, you will join other directors in regularly submitting announcements for training events in your communities so that we can maintain a calendar of events for you on our website. In addition, members can ask each other to send out "blast announcements" in neighboring counties to help boost registration for your meetings and training events.
- **Research and Data Collection** – As an organization promoting issues and ideas to improve the field of early care and education, the Forum often has the need to access quick facts, data and opinions from the field. As a member of this committee, you will be asked from time to time to respond to surveys and questionnaires to help us collect needed information. And as a result of your participation, you may want to get involved in some of our efforts!

Additional committees may be added in the future as needs and opportunities arise.

Director's Network Web Page

When you join the Director's Network, you will receive a password to allow you to visit a web page of information and resources developed especially for program directors, including:

- Downloadable documents
- Resources for use in your programs
- Director Credential renewal information
- Other relevant news and information

Director's Network Discussion Board

Membership in the Director's Network will provide access to the Director's Discussion Board where you can enter questions and receive answers and comments from other program directors around the state who may be facing the same issues. Through use of a user name, members will have the ability to read and respond to the conversations of interest to them. You may find that you have much in common with directors in other parts of the state.