



## **Getting Our Acts Together: Cross-Sector Professional Development**

*Featuring the Return to the National Stage of the  
Definitely Not Ready for Prime Time Players*

### **Cast of Characters**

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### **I. Prologue –**

### **II. Setting the Stage**

- Overview of what's happening vis-à-vis cross-sector collaboration
  - Silos
  - Limited partnerships
  - Collaboration
- New terms: cross sector collaboration
- New motivations for cross-sector collaboration
  - Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008
  - 2007 Head Start legislation and ARRA \$\$ to support Governor appointed Early Childhood Advisory Councils (ECACs)
  - Race to the Top
  - Joan Lombardi's new job title: Deputy Assistant Secretary and inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development
- New structures for collaboration
  - Early Childhood Technical Assistance Consortium (ECTA)  
<http://www.ectaconsortium.org/> (comprised of national projects working with states to support early childhood cross-sector collaboration with PD component (e.g., National Professional Development Center on Inclusion (NPDCI), SpecialQuest Birth-Five, CELL, TACSEI, CSEFEL, etc.)
  - OSEP community college grant applications. Information available at <http://community.fpg.unc.edu/news/osep-rfp-resources>

### **III. Getting the Show on the Road – Issues in Building Cross-Sector Collaboration**

- Using common definitions of key terms: collaboration, inclusion, professional development
- Busting assumptions

- Facilitating honest conversations about what is and isn't happening
- Leveling the playing field
- Developing a shared vision
- Getting down to the who, what, and how of PD across major agencies

#### **IV. Lessons learned about professional development and systems change**

- Building cross-sector collaboration takes time and focus
- Forgotten sectors are often ready, willing, and eager to collaborate
- Someone in the state with strong agency/organizational support needs to be responsible for collaboration

#### **IV. The Show Must Go On**

- List of NPDCI resources
- CONNECT resources
- Other resources on collaborative professional development
  - LeMoine, S. (2008). *Workforce designs: A policy blueprint for state professional development systems*. Washington, DC: NAEYC.  
[http://www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/policy/ecwsi/Workforce\\_Designs.pdf](http://www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/policy/ecwsi/Workforce_Designs.pdf)
  - NCCIC Early Childhood Professional Development Toolkit  
[http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/pubs/pd\\_toolkit/index.html](http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/pubs/pd_toolkit/index.html)

#### **V. After Party**

- Pose a question, Read about a parent's perspective on inclusion, Join a discussion - Visit our online community at <http://community.fpg.unc.edu>
- Come to the Inclusion Institute – May 17-19, 2010 – Chapel Hill, NC

#### **VI. Evaluation**