

# MNTRECC Planning Team Meeting

October 17-18, 2024

*Grand Portage Lodge and Casino  
70 Casino Drive  
Grand Portage, MN*



**Mission Statement:** MNTRECC provides statewide leadership by creating partnerships, resources and supports that serve to connect and strengthen early care and education for American Indian children and their families within the State of Minnesota.

**Vision Statement:** Healthy, Thriving American Indian Children and Families.

## Thursday October 17, 2024

- 8:30 – 9:00 Meet and Greet/Networking  
Breakfast: *Muffin, Rolls, Fruit Tray, Coffee, Juice, Water*
- 9:00 – 9:30 John Morrin, Morning Blessing  
Introductions and Review Agenda
- 9:30 – 10:45 Guest Updates
- DCYF Updates, Eric and Tami
  - Sam Moose, Office of Tribal Relations
  - Ciara Meyer, DCYF CCAP
  - Kurt Gee, Office of Child Care
  - Nou Thao, Child Care Aware-Coordinating Office
  - Wendy Walburg, NE Child Care Aware
  - Doreen Lanoue, All Nations Rise
  - Jannan Cotto and Robin Harjo, First Children's Finance
- MNTRECC Updates
- Program Manager (Cora)
  - Outreach, Child Care Startup and Retention Navigator (Michele)
  - Professional Development Advisor (Melissa)
  - Culture & Language Specialist (Diane)
  - Workforce Advisor (Janel)
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 Planning Team Members Share Updates
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch: *Lasagna Meal with Salad and Garlic Toast*
- 1:00 – 1:30 Planning Team Members Share Updates (Continued)
- 1:30 – 2:15 Parent Aware One Star Rating: Legislative Proposal Update, DCYF
- 2:15 – 3:00 Legislative Feedback Session: TEACH Scholarships and Parent Aware Redesign, DCYF
- 3:00 – 3:30 DCYF Update, Anita Fineday
- 3:30 – 4:00 Break and Travel to the Bison Ranch
- 4:00 **Activity:** Tour of the Bison Ranch

This meeting is partially grant funded by the Department of Children Youth and Families

**Friday October 18, 2024**

- 9:00 – 9:30 Meet and Greet/Networking  
*Breakfast: Muffin, Rolls, Fruit Tray, Coffee, Juice, Water*
- 9:30 – 10:00 Planning Team Members Discussion: What are our roles as licensing agencies?
- 10:00 – 10:30 Planning Team Members Discussion: Language Kit Curriculum
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 Planning Team Members Discussion: Professional Development
- 11:45 – 12:00 Set Next Planning Team Meeting Dates and Decide Hosting Reservations

**Wrap up and Depart**

*To-go box Lunches*

**Thank you, Grand Portage Planning Team Member, Lynn Sheils, for all the work you have done to make our meeting comfortable and for all the accommodations you have provided!**

Thank you for joining us and safe travels home!