

Committee:

- < A contract for fiscal year 2001-2002 was signed in March with the Goochland-Powhatan ICC for the FS&A Budget.
- < We will hold our annual workplan meeting in July to look at how the OSEP Monitoring findings can be incorporated into our committee's work. The location for that meeting is yet to be determined.

Membership:

- < The FS&A Committee welcomes 28 members (new and old) this year!
- < A Calling Card agreement has been drafted and approved by the Babies Can't Wait! Office.

Conference Committee:

- < The 13th Annual Families are Special, Too! Conference was a success. Over 125 parents, children and providers attended. Work for next spring's FAST conference will begin in late summer. The conference is currently scheduled for either Fredericksburg or Charlottesville.
- < FS&A members have had preliminary planning meetings with Monica Uhl of VIDD's Respite Resource Project to plan the FS&A's regional respite forums scheduled this summer and fall.

Publications:

- < Work continues on publishing the monthly *Family Matters Newsletter* currently available on the Babies Can't Wait website. As always, submission of family stories and articles are encouraged.
- < The "Family Guide" and "Beginning with Families" publications are on tap to be translated into Spanish this year. The Babies Can't Wait office is preparing to print more copies of the Family Guide this summer.

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