The Early Childhood Work Group is interested in using the Learning Collaborative model to accomplish three qoals:

- 1. Establish a research base to support changes to EC policies, environments, and practices in early childhood education, home, community, and clinical settings.
- 2. Build a vibrant, multidisciplinary network and support ongoing professional development within the EC community.
- 3. Maintain a Nationwide Learning Collaborative.



Creating Collaboration Guidelines

Principles to promote collaboration:

- Choose a leader/facilitator to help organize the collaboration- this person can be one in charge of organizing the meeting times
- Select a person that could take notes on the calls and send out a summary at end of call and something the group can look back on at the next call
- Set up a timeline with concrete deadlines and tasks for each member of the group
- Decide from the beginning who will work on what task
- Try to stick to your tasks
- Being open/honest
- Importance of communication
- Others???

Other ideas to promote or facilitate collaborations?



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