

To: Interested Stakeholders
From: Cathie Petsch and Lea Ann Johnson
Re: Lincoln Community Learning Centers Initiative

October 2003 Update



- Over 700 students and their families attended *Lincoln's Carnival of Lights: A Celebration of Life Afterschool*. Lincoln Mayor Coleen Seng presented a proclamation recognizing the important role afterschool programs play in the lives of families and their community. Nebraska Education Commissioner Doug Christensen acknowledged 21st Century CLC sites across the state with the help of a light board made by Saratoga CLC students.
- Hurry to your doorstep Monday morning, October 27 to get your copy of *Lincoln Community Learning Centers...Open Doors/Open Minds...* an eight-page color tabloid insert in the Lincoln Journal Star. Many, many thanks to the newspaper and Dave Polson's creative gang at Sterling Communications...including but not limited to Barb Pederson, Dan Kitzmiller and Michelle Ashley!
- Phil Schoo, Barbara Bartle, Lea Ann Johnson and Cathie Petsch will present a workshop on "Maintaining Program Quality" at The Children's Aid Society's Community Schools International Practicum to be held November 5-7 in New York City. Phil will also be a keynote speaker on "Community Schools in the Era of Accountability: A Superintendent's Perspective."

- Huntington CLC Principal Pam Sedlacek, Family Service Executive Director Larry Kallemeyn, Elliott CLC Site Supervisor Benjamin Zink and Nebraska Investment Financial Authority Executive Director Tim Kenny will join Barbara Bartle and Lea Ann Johnson in Washington, DC. Nov. 9-11. The Lincoln team will be presenting a case study on sustainability at the Public Education Network's 13th Annual Conference.
- Jenny Tricker has been hired by Cedars Youth Services as the Clinton/Hartley CLC site supervisor. Megan Panzer, UNL Senior in Elementary Education, is the new CLC intern at Elliott. Carrie Fray, UNL Senior in Elementary Education, will intern at Pershing/Mickle CLCs.
- Mark your calendars...SNAC Summit: Community Conversations II is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2004 at Huntington Elementary from 8 – 11 am.
- Leadership Council members Barb Bartle, Mary Bills-Strand, Wendy Birdsall, Doug Evans, Bill Johnston, Ravi Maniktala, Patte Newman, Phil Schoo, Deb Schorr, Lori Seibel, Coleen Seng and Joel Scherling and UNL's Jim O'Hanlon and Jim Walters made a site visit last week to Huntington CLC. The next Leadership Council meeting is scheduled for 8 am Friday, November 14 at Lancaster County Extension.
- Web site pick of the month: <http://www.ed.gov/free/> Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE). More than 30 Federal agencies formed a working group in 1997 to make hundreds of federally supported teaching and learning resources easier to find.