

## TRAINER NEWS FROM THE OCWTP

### **ODJFS Mandatory Meeting for Trainers of Standardized Curriculum**

ODJFS has cancelled the mandatory trainer meeting scheduled for December 4, 2006. In notifying the OCWTP, Lyn Bissonnette cited the increasing demands on trainers this year as the reason for the cancellation. Core trainers, in particular, have had to attend an increased number of TOCs because of extensive revisions to Core curricula. Lyn indicated that these TOCs will substitute this year for the mandatory training meeting.

The mandatory meeting is held by ODJFS in December each year to inform trainers of new state initiatives and other relevant information. This meeting is only mandatory for trainers who train standardized curricula.

### **Training of Trainers**

If you haven't yet taken *TOT: Culture and Diversity* or *TOT: Presentation Skills* please register to do so as these are required workshops for all trainers. *TOT: Culture and Diversity* is being offered on November 6-7 and November 20-21, 2006 and *TOT: Presentation Skills* is being offered on November 28-30, 2006. Both TOTs are being held in Columbus. In addition, the OCWTP offers a number of optional TOTs including, *Curriculum Development* (which is next offered on December 4-5, 2006), *Using the Classroom Performance System in Workshops* (next offered on December 8, 2006), and *Using Power Point in Workshops* (next offered on February 16, 2007). For more information, or to register for a TOT, please call Debra Sparrow at 614-251-6000 ext. 35.

### **Hold This Date: March 12, 2007**

You don't want to miss the 2007 OCWTP Trainer Event - so, get out your 2007 calendars right now and mark Monday, March 12 as "busy!" This annual event is the OCWTP's opportunity to recognize the contributions you have made to the program as well as offer you trainer-specific workshops and time to network with RTCs. This year's focus is "Diversity Among Us," and is the foundational theme for the workshops "Making MEPA Work," "Ethics and Cultural Awareness," "Training in a Diverse Environment," "When Values Collide," "Avoiding Cultural Faux Pas," and "Training with the Immigrant and Refugee in Mind." We are very excited to announce that our keynote speaker is Dr. Ruth McRoy, Research Professor and Ruby Lee Piester Centennial Professor Emeritus at the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work. Dr. McRoy is an expert on disproportionality and will use her keynote address to discuss Ohio-specific disproportionality issues and ways the OCWTP can be part of the solution to this dilemma. Dr. McRoy will also present an afternoon workshop entitled "Making MEPA Work." This year's event will offer even more networking time in a relaxed, fun atmosphere you are sure to enjoy!