Mary Owen recently ended her three year contract as the School Readiness Specialist for the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Her experience as an early childhood teacher, parent educator and ECFE-School Readiness Coordinator in metro and rural districts provides the foundational skills for today’s training. Mary has provided extensive training for early childhood and parent educators throughout Minnesota. She holds a Master’s Degree in Supervision and Instructional Leadership from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

Cindy Saarela recently retired after 20 years working in ECFE and School Readiness programs in the Forest Lake Area Schools and South Washington County Schools. Most recently she served as Manager of ECFE and Threes Preschool Programs in South Washington County Schools. She is licensed as a Parent Educator and Early Childhood Teacher and holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education: Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Minnesota.

Together, Mary and Cindy, along with another partner, have formed a professional development business, Meeting of the Minds.

In addition, both trainers have independent pursuits related to professional development for school-based and Child Care Aware agencies.
Assessment, Observation and Documentation

for paraprofessionals, child care providers and support staff

Teachers and others who work with young children will also find the workshop helpful.

September 24, 2015 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Or

September 25, 2015 9:00 am to Noon

Whether you are a paraprofessional supporting a classroom teacher or a child care provider working in a center or home based setting, understanding observation and documentation is the key to authentic assessment. This workshop will give you easy and practical ideas to incorporate into your daily routine and easy to apply techniques on how to observe and document your observations. Participants will also look at ideas for organizing documentation notes along with providing hands-on opportunities to practice observation skills. This workshop is recommended for community based collaborative training.

Cost for September 24th: $40 per person

Cost for September 25th: $55 per person. This training will include added opportunities for hands on practice.

Registration: www.lcsc.org/workshops

Location: Lakes Country Service Cooperative, 1001 E. Mount Faith, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Clock hours provided!