



This e-newsletter offers brief updates on CEED people, projects, and events.

About CEED

Happy holidays from all of us at CEED!

We congratulate Professor Arthur Reynolds (CEED Fellow, U of M Institute of Child Development), who has been appointed to Governor Pawlenty's State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care. The council consists of 18 members, 14 of whom are appointed by the governor. CEED Advisory Board member Julie Sjoldal (St. David's Child Development and Family Services) was also appointed to the council.

CEED staff continue to contribute to infant and early childhood mental health initiatives in Minnesota. See [the latest issue of The Networker](#), e-newsletter of the Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health, for some kudos.

Projects

Brighter Futures: Public Deliberation About the Science of Early Childhood Development is a new project sponsored by the National Science Foundation. This project is a collaboration of CEED, the Science Museum of Minnesota, and Public Agenda (a non-profit civic engagement organization). Through programs, an exhibition, and research, this project will engage museum visitors, policymakers, and caregivers in deliberations around the latest, and often misunderstood, early childhood development research. It will also build on an increased understanding of the importance of early childhood development to expand civic engagement around this urgent social issue. The project will create dynamic links between current research on early childhood development and the audiences of museum visitors, policymakers, and caregivers to help them become more informed supporters of our youngest citizens. The Assessment and Training Center at CEED has a new contract with the Minnesota Department of Education to provide professional development on CLASS measurement tools. This collaboration will include training a set group of education coordinators to reliability on the CLASS and providing professional development on CLASS methods and topics. Ongoing support will be offered through a web learning community. Key staff on this project are Vicki Hawley and Katie Gag.

Publications

We have a new subdivision of Publications: Multimedia. We're working to make the CEED website even more interactive and useful by posting online video presentations of past events. To kick off this new section, you can view the March 3, 2006 McEvoy Lecture on "Snapshot of Minnesota's Policies and Best Practices" [here](#).

Professional Development

CEED's online courses are offered throughout the year, and you can request an in-person CEED Topic Training for your organization whenever you like. For more information see [the Professional Development section of our website](#).

Events

Online registration continues for the 2009 Strong Foundations Conference! This year's event takes place January 15-17, 2009 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN and focuses on "Circles of Influence: Expanding Your Sphere to Ensure Positive Outcomes." [Register online now](#) for all or part of this statewide, interdisciplinary conference.

Partners and Links

Please visit the CEED website, <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed>, for ongoing listings of job opportunities with partnering organizations and individuals.

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