



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

## About CEED

Marti Erickson, CEED's Director of the Harris Programs, is featured on the front of the CEHD Inside/Out newsletter, the internal newsletter for the College of Education and Human Development. Go to <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/cehd/insideout/> to see her quote in a Baltimore Sun article on 2-3 year old toddlers. Arthur Reynolds, a CEED Fellow, is also featured concerning his work in preschool intervention and the Chicago Public Schools preschool program.

Marti Erickson's weekly parenting column, Growing Concerns, has been distributed nationally by U of M News Service since about 1993 and has a new outlet of distribution online. Supernanny's website editor discovered it on the internet and has posted several columns. Check them out at <http://www.supernanny.us.com/Advice.aspx>.

CEED welcomes two new staff members this month. Allyson Candee and Mary Beth Settergren will be working with Amy Susman-Stillman and Tracy Morgan as QRS Observers on the QRS Implementation Project (DHS grant), part of the Assessment and Training Center.

## Projects

CEED received a grant from the McKnight Foundation for \$375,000 to run from 10/1/07-9/30/10, entitled "Expanding CEED's Contributions to the Emerging Early Care and Education System in our State and Region." The grant will be divided into three projects addressing CTA, Framework, and Engaged Scholarship. CEED Directors Scott McConnell and Amy Susman-Stillman are co-PIs for this grant.

Scott McConnell will also continue his work on the Northside as PI of "Five Hundred Under Five - Health Outcomes and Social Determinants Related to School Readiness Development: Implementation Grant." This grant from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Minnesota provides \$150,000 over 12/1/07-11/30/10.

## Publications

The Spring 2008 Early Report will focus on Culturally Competent Practices and is in the early stages of production. In the meantime, you can access previous Early Reports online at <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/publications/earlyreport/default.html>.

## Courses and Trainings

The fall session of a Supervisor's Reflective Practice Group (co-sponsored by CEED and Dakota County Public Health) had 9 participants coming from a wide area around the Twin Cities, and as far as Winona. Participants identified benefits of participation in the RPG, including: the firsthand experience of reflective consultation as a group, enhancing and energizing supervision with the principles of reflective practice, and attention to specific issues faced by supervisors. Keep your eyes peeled the month for the announcement of open registration for ongoing Reflective Practice Groups.

Enrollment in CEED's many online classes is ongoing—course sessions are held three times per year. The 2008 online course schedule is available at <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/coursesandtrainings/2008OnlineCoursesFlyer.pdf>. Read more about each course and how to enroll at <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/coursesandtrainings/default.html#courses>.

## Events

Registration is available for the 2008 Strong Foundations conference: "Turning Challenges into Possibilities: Supporting Families with Young Children." The conference takes place Thursday, 1/31/08 - Saturday, 2/2/08 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. View the complete agenda and register now at <http://www.regonline.com/strongfoundations>.

CEED is proud to be a co-sponsor of the Center of Excellence in Children's Mental Health "Lessons from the Field" series. The new year kicks off with Dr. Abigail Gewirtz speaking on "Impact of Trauma on the Developing Child." For more information and to register for any or all sessions, visit [http://www.cmh.umn.edu/attachment\\_series\\_2007-2008.html](http://www.cmh.umn.edu/attachment_series_2007-2008.html).

CEED and the United Way are co-hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Early Childhood Caucus Core Leaders Retreat. This bipartisan legislative discussion will take place at the Minnesota Children's Museum on January 17, 2008. For more information contact Karen Cadigan at [cadigan@umn.edu](mailto:cadigan@umn.edu).

"Quality in Early Care & Education: It's All About Relationships," a McEvoy Lecture on Early Childhood and Public Policy, is being aired on Saturday, February 7 at 10:00pm. This lecture, featuring Drs. Byron Egeland and Bob Pianta, was produced by CEED in conjunction with Twin Cities Public Television. For copies of the PowerPoint presentations and for more information about the McEvoy Lectures, go to <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/events/mmlectureseries/> Watch this program on TPT-Channel 17 on broadcast television, satellite and most cable stations; see Channel 13 on the Comcast Cable system in Minneapolis.

## 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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