



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

### About CEED

A number of current and former CEEDlings presented at the Conference on Research and Innovation in Early Intervention (CRIEI) in San Diego, February 21-22, 2008. Topics included:

- “Analyzing Verbal Interactions During Dialogic Storybook Reading with Spanish-9. Speaking Preschoolers” (Poster Symposium, 2/21/08) – Lillian Duran and Scott McConnell.
- “Bringing Response to Intervention (RtI) into Preschool: Bridging Research and Practice” (Panel Discussion, 2/22/08) – Scott McConnell (panel member).
- “Distance Education for Early Childhood Professionals” (Poster Symposium, 2/21/08) - Christopher Watson, Shelley Neilsen-Gatti, Lillian Duran.
- “Promoting the Literacy Skills of Children in Family, Friend, and Neighbor settings: An Experimental Evaluation” (Poster Symposium, 2/21/08) – Tracy Morgan and Scott McConnell.
- “Specificity in Measuring Preschoolers’ Phonological Skills” (Poster Session, 2/22/08) – Karen Cadigan.

In mid-March, Marti Erickson traveled to Arusha, Tanzania to launch a child rights project she is co-leading with Gerison Lansdown, a child rights expert from England. The project will work with leaders from Tanzanian government agencies and NGOs to develop a system for training health, education and human service workers to use a child rights framework to understand and promote the health and development of young children (birth through age 8) throughout Tanzania. This was the first of four trips Marti will make to Tanzania over the next year-and-a-half as part of this project.

CEED welcomes Diane DelaBarre to our team as temporary front office support.

### Projects

CEED Assessment and Training Center Coordinators Vicki Hawley and Katie Gag presented a training on CLASS (Classroom Assessment and Scoring System) at the University of Minnesota on March 27-28, 2008. The ATC is successfully integrating CLASS into its roster of assessment tools.

### Publications

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

### Professional Development

CEED’s website has a new section: Professional Development (<http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/default.html>). This section encompasses our online courses, in-person trainings, and certificate programs. This organization better reflects how our offerings serve the public, and we hope it also makes it easier for you to find what you need.

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

This year’s Harris Forum takes place on May 22, 2008 from 1:00-3:30pm at the Theater at Coffman Union. Dr. Chandra Ghosh Ippen will speak on “Attachment, Culture, Trauma: Intervention with Ethnically Diverse Families.”

The event will be recorded for streaming video to be made available this summer on the CEED website. For more information and to register to attend, visit

<http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/events/HarrisForum/harrisforum.htm>.

CEED is pleased to present the 2008 Minnesota Early Intervention Summer Institute on “Evidence-Based Practices and Recommended Practices.” The Institute takes place at St. John’s University in Collegeville, MN on June 23-24, 2008 and includes a keynote session followed by five choices for intensive breakouts: Supporting Young English Language Learners, Positive Behavior Support, Integrating Speech and Language Goals into Teaching, Consultation, and Working with Medically Fragile Infants and Young Children. Registration will be available soon—keep an eye on

<http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/events/SummerInstitute/default.html> for updates.

### **Partners and Links**

“Close the Gap,” a Twin Cities Public Television documentary, brings to life the findings of the Brookings Institution study on the region's socioeconomic disparities. “Close the Gap: The Case for Change,” a one-hour summary version of the documentary, will air on tpt channel 2 on Sunday, April 6th at 6pm. The five-part series will follow on tpt channel 17 on the five subsequent Saturdays 8:00-8:30pm.

More info is available at

<http://www.mnchannel.org/partners/closethegap/promos.php>.

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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