



About CEED



An announcement from Dr. David R. Johnson, CEHD Associate Dean for Research and Policy: It is my pleasure to announce that Drs. Amy Susman-Stillman and Christopher Watson will be assuming the role of interim co-directors of the Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) for the 2008-09 academic year beginning August 1, 2008. Dr. Richard Weinberg, CEED's current director, will be stepping down in August. A national search for the CEED director position will be launched later this summer with the intent to fill this position by fall semester 2009. I wish to thank Dr. Weinberg for his service to CEED and the College in serving as CEED's director. I also wish to thank Drs. Susman-Stillman and Watson for taking on the leadership of CEED. The upcoming year promises to be filled with many new opportunities and developments for CEED and its staff.



CEED welcomes our new Administrative Director, Keith Vargo. Keith coordinates the administrative operations of both CEED and the [Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement \(CAREI\)](#). He manages the finance, human resources, communications, and facilities functions for the two centers. Before joining CEED and CAREI, he served for many years as a project associate at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs where he worked with centers and international programs such as the Center for Labor Policy, the Stassen Center for International Affairs, and the World Academy of Art and Science, of which he is an associate fellow. We look forward to Keith's leadership at CEED and the opportunity for greater collaboration with CAREI.

As was previously announced in the *CEED Sampler*, Dr. Scott McConnell was recently awarded the Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs. To learn more about it, you can read the press release [here](#).

Projects

Christopher Watson received a CEHD International Research Small Grant to begin development of an evaluation of the impact of CEED's new certificate program in Singapore: *Education of Young Children with Special Needs (Ages 3- 5)*. This new continuing education initiative is being undertaken as a collaborative effort with the [Center for American Education](#)

[\(CAE\)](#) in Singapore. The evaluation will focus on this continuing education initiative within the context of CEED's growing role in providing innovative educational experiences for early childhood educators from different cultures in countries throughout the world.

Publications

Please keep an eye on the CEED website for articles related to the session topics at this year's Early Intervention Summer Institute, to be posted soon.

Professional Development

There's still time before school starts to schedule a training for your organization or staff. Click on "Professional Development" above to learn more about the training topics that are available.

Events

In June, CEED facilitated two events in partnership with the Program for Infant-Toddler Care (PITC) training in Minnesota, with funds from the MN Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Child Care Resource & Referral Network. Minnesota has used PITC training since 1993 as a key curriculum for caregivers who work with children birth to age 3. PITC is an internationally known training curriculum developed at WestEd Labs in California. On June 13th, several dozen MN PITC trainers and other early childhood leaders gathered in St. Cloud for a day with Dr. Peter Mangione, who offered the latest research and PITC training resources. On June 20th, CEED led a group of 17 trainers from around Minnesota in a Train-the-Trainer design session. Using input from trainers and PITC faculty, CEED developed an 8-hour session on "Using PITC as curriculum in Parent Aware." This training will be offered to programs in Parent Aware sites who decide to use PITC as their infant-toddler curriculum.

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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