



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

About CEED

The cover story of the Nov. 18, 2007 USA Today Weekend (the magazine reaches 47.5 million readers through 600 newspaper partners, distributed in 23.3 million copies) featured the Children and Nature Network. CEED Director of Harris Programs Marti Erickson has played a major role in this effort; she and well-known author, Richard Louv, appear in the interesting Q&A. You can read the article at http://www.cnaturenet.org/news/detail/mother_nature_raising_healthier_kids.

Marti also was the featured speaker at three conferences in the German cities of Frankfurt, Offenburg, and Mannheim. In addition, during her visit to Germany, Marti provided case consultation to mental health professionals working in STEEP programs in southern Germany.

Christopher Watson and representatives from two Minnesota foundations and the new Minnesota Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health attended the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Systems Summit in Milwaukee October 11-13. Delegates from 19 states shared information and created strategic plans for increasing systems capacity to provide services to families.

We're popular! From January 1, 2007 to December 1, 2007, the CEED website accumulated:

- Almost 3 million hits, average of 8,129 hits/day
- 249,611 sessions, average of 745 sessions/day
- 555,562 page views, average of 1,658 page views per day

We hope you continue to visit us online.

Projects

Pending completion of contract details, CEED is the new home for the Minnesota Early Childhood Higher Education Consortium. We're very excited about this development and will have more information for you in upcoming issues of the *Sampler*.

Publications

The Fall 2007 Early Report, focusing on young children in poverty, is now available online in pdf format at

<http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/publications/earlyreport/default.html>. You can also place a request for paper copies.

Courses and Trainings

In addition to CEED's many other trainings, we are pleased to be able to offer Reflective Practice Groups. These groups typically meet monthly, and when done by contract can be customized in content, length, and frequency to fit the needs of your organization. More information: <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/events/mrpg/mrpg.htm>.

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 nearly ready 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. We hope to send an email this week with registration info, so keep your eyes peeled.

The Early Childhood Research Collaborate (ECRC), a joint collaborative of the University of Minnesota Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, hosted a national invitational conference on December 7-8, 2007. Presentation slides and relevant papers are available at <http://www.earlychildhoodrc.org/>, and streaming video of the conference will be available in the coming weeks.'

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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