



Welcome to the first issue of the monthly *CEED Sampler*. This e-newsletter will offer brief updates on CEED people, projects, and events. We hope you enjoy it!

About CEED

Linda Bernin, CEED's Office Specialist, was awarded a contract with Minnesota Department of Human Services to draft an emergency response guidance for the state's family child care providers. The workbook, "SafeKids Minnesota: Your Home Child Care Emergency Plan," has been completed and will be available on the DHS website this fall, with plans for distribution of a printed guide later this year. It provides advice on what providers can do to help keep kids safe in emergency situations (such as fires and tornadoes), as well as local resources for planning ahead for such emergencies.

Dr. Yvonne Godber has joined CEED to coordinate the evaluation of the **Minnesota Early Learning Foundation (MELF) initiative**. Most recently Yvonne worked as an evaluator for St. Paul Public Schools. In the past she has conducted policy research at the National Center for Children in Poverty at Columbia University, helped launch the Center for Excellence in Children's Health at the University of Minnesota, and worked as a school psychologist in public schools. A strong believer in university-community partnerships, she is enthusiastic about joining CEED/MELF to learn and share "what works" for parents, providers, and early childhood systems to increase the likelihood that children from low income backgrounds experience success in school.

Projects

A new **Assessment and Training Center (ATC)** has been launched at CEED. ATC meets a unique need in the early childhood community, providing training on the appropriate use of assessment and observation tools that early childhood programs can use to assess their quality and make informed decisions for quality improvement. ATC will also work directly with early childhood programs to provide the content-based training needed to achieve their quality goals. **Tracy Bradfield Morgan** has been appointed as Project Coordinator of the Assessment and Training Center, and **Katie Holmen** serves as Training Coordinator.

The newly developed post-baccalaureate certificate program, **Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health**, begins its first cohort this fall. It was very encouraging to receive a large number of applications to the new program. The developers of the program are looking forward to working with a dynamic and diverse group of students. For more information about the program go to <http://www.education.umn.edu/ceed/iecmhpc>.

CEED received a grant totaling \$83,984 from **Child Trends, Inc.**, entitled "**Child Trends QRS Evaluation Observations.**" **Amy Susman-Stillman**, Director of Applied Research and Training, will be PI for the grant, which runs from July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008.

Publications

The Spring 2007 issue of *Early Report* on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health is available online at <http://education.umn.edu/ceed/publications/earlyreport/default.html>. The Fall 2007 issue will focus on young children in poverty.

Courses and Trainings

CEED submitted a successful proposal to **Academic Technology Services (ATS)** at the College to help CEED improve current online courses and develop new courses. To keep up-to-date on our courses, visit <http://education.umn.edu/ceed/coursesandtrainings/default.html>.

Events

We are currently preparing a stellar lineup of 2007-2008 events focusing on **young children in poverty**. Watch this space in coming months for details.

Partners and Links

The **Science Museum of Minnesota** is seeking a part-time preschool teacher. More information is available at <http://www.smm.org/jobs/part/#2052>.

The **2008 National DEC Conference** will be held in Minnesota October 26-29, 2008. <http://www.dec-sped.org>

Lisa Backer of the **Minnesota Department of Education** reports that Minnesota, along with Pennsylvania, Georgia and Oregon, was selected to participate in the early childhood National Professional Development Center on Inclusion, located at Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina. Designation as a participating state means that Minnesota will be connected with other states around professional development for early childhood staff and will be able to access resources in this area. More to come on this initiative...

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