



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

## About CEED

With apologies to the happy families for my delay in announcing these arrivals, please join me in welcoming the two newest CEEDlings to the world! Kathleen Elianna Cadigan and Jude Aaron Kovan were both born on the morning of August 11, 2008. Both babies are now successfully holding up their heads, drooling, and attending CEED staff meetings.

CEED staff made a strong showing at the DEC International Conference in Minneapolis. Scott McConnell, Director of Community Engagement, gave a rousing keynote speech featuring a North Minneapolis drumline. He also received the Mary McEvoy Service to the Field Award, while Karen Cadigan, Director and Outreach and Policy, received the J. David Sexton Doctoral Student Award. A number of CEED staff offered presentations throughout the conference.

Two presentations featuring CEED GRA Amber Hays were accepted for the upcoming 2009 National Association of School Psychologists convention in Boston, MA:

Hays, A. S. (2009, February). Comparing the emergent literacy development of rural and non-rural preschoolers. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists, Boston, MA.

Hays, A. S., & McConnell, S. R. (2009, February). Defining and measuring school readiness: Theoretical considerations and practical applications. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists, Boston, MA.

## Projects

As you may remember from previous Sampler issues, The Center for Response to Intervention in Early Childhood (CRTIEC) recently opened its doors at the University of Minnesota. CRTIEC is moving forward with response to intervention at the preschool level by compiling extensive literature reviews regarding theoretical frameworks surrounding four early literacy components, including: alphabetic principle, comprehension, phonemic awareness and oral language/vocabulary. Additionally, the team has moved forward in reviewing and building a theoretical framework for assessment tools that are supported as both screening measures and progress monitoring measures.

CEED's Assessment and Training Center is deploying CLASS measurement tools in our community through invitational trainings in November and December. To learn more about CLASS, you can visit <http://www.classobservation.com/>.

## Publications

We've extended the deadline for responding to our publications survey! Please help CEED improve our publications offerings by filling out the online survey [here](#). One lucky respondent will win a \$50 gift certificate that can be used for CEED publications or online courses.

## Professional Development

CEED's online courses continue throughout the year. At the moment, we have 48 participating students from 13 states and the countries of Scotland, the Philippines, Ireland, and American Samoa. Learn how you can join their ranks by visiting the online course info [on our website](#).

## Events

CEED just completed the best-attended McEvoy Lecture ever! We thank everyone who helped to fill Cowles Auditorium beyond its capacity this past Wednesday. You can now view the PowerPoint slides from the talk by Jeanne Brooks-Gunn on "Reducing Racial and Social Class Gaps in School Readiness: What we know and what we need to learn" [on the CEED website](#).

You can view a couple of CEED's past events when they're rebroadcast on the MN TPT digital channel (statewide throughout Minnesota) in December. Here are the details:

The March 7, 2007 Harris Forum on "Children's Risks and Children's Rights: Perspectives on Resilience and Prevention" (Prof. Charles W. Greenbaum, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem) will show at 7:00pm on Friday, 12/19/08; and 1:00am, 7:00am, and 1:00pm on Saturday, 12/20/08.

The September 13, 2007 McEvoy Lecture on "Quality in Early Child Care & Education: It's All About Relationships" (Profs. Robert Pianta, University of Virginia, and Byron Egeland, University of Minnesota) will show at 7:00pm on Friday, 12/5/08; and 1:00am, 7:00am, and 1:00pm on Saturday, 12/6/08.

## 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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