



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

About CEED

The search for our new Director has officially begun. We're conducting a national search for a visionary leader who will also have a tenure track appointment in the CE+HD department that is most appropriate to his or her work. Please feel free to view the job description on the [U of M website \(Requisition #158474\)](#) and send any outstanding candidates our way.

We Minnesotans are fortunate to be hosting this year's International Conference of the Division for Early Childhood. CEED will be a major presence at the conference, with a display booth full of free items, and a number of CEED staff presenting at the conference. [Visit this site](#) for an interactive guide to all presentations, including those by CEEDlings. Please stop by and say hello if you're at the conference.

CEED's Assessment and Training Center welcomes Amy Donovan as a 50% time Training Coordinator. Amy has a long history with CEED, and we're happy to welcome her back!

Projects

Minnesota Early Learning Foundation (MELF) staff at CEED are busy gearing up for a major data collection effort this Fall in collaboration with MELF Research Consortium partners Child Trends, SRI, and Wilder Research. Roughly 500 parents will be interviewed in English, Hmong, Karen, Somali, and Spanish across 13 separate evaluation projects. Data will also be collected from children, providers, teachers, directors, and home visitors to contribute to the understanding of how early care and education contribute to school readiness for low income children in the state.

The MELF was also featured in a recent article in the Star Tribune. [See it here](#) or visit <http://www.startribune.com> and search for "MELF."

Publications

We're evaluating the effectiveness of CEED publications to better serve you! We need your feedback to create the best publications possible, so please participate in [this online survey](#). One lucky winner will receive a \$50 CEED gift certificate. The survey is open through Friday, 10/31/08.

Amy Susman-Stillman, CEED's Interim Co-Director, recently published an article along with Patti Banghart of the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) entitled, "Demographics of Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care in the United States." You can read and download the article for free on the [NCCP website](#).

Professional Development

There's still time to register for online courses this fall! For example, *Bridging Education and Mental Health* starts on October 13, and you can still join the class. For more information on this and other online courses, see the [CEED website](#).

Events

Keynote speakers have been arranged for the 2009 Strong Foundations Conference! Rebecca Shamoon-Shanok, LICSW, PhD (Director of the Institute for Infants, Children and Families, JBFCS) and Robert Anda, MD, MS (Senior Researcher, CDC, and Co-Principal Investigator for the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study) will speak at the conference, which takes place January 15-17, 2009 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN. For more information and to see updates as soon as they're available, please keep an eye on the [SF09 website](#).

We're slowly but surely updating multimedia in the events section of the website! The audio recording of the May 19, 2006 McEvoy Lecture on "Focus on Universal Preschool" (Libby Doggett, Ph.D.) is now available [here](#).

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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