



MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

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Special points of interest:

- The Institute's offices will be relocating to another space within the complex on November 1, 2000 (see page 3 for details)
- There are many books, videos, and other resources for your use at the Institute (see page 3 for details)
- Visit us on the web at <http://ecti.hbg.psu.edu>

Fall Mentoring Underway

On September 12th, our Mentors began working with the 20 caregivers in the fall group of mentoring sites! Lisa Heintzelman and Michele Black (see *Meet the Mentors on page 2*) have now visited each of their protégés on several occasions, and have been very enthusiastic with how the program is going so far.

The advantage that mentoring provides over other types of training is that the training is tailored to the individual caregiver, classroom and group of children. Lisa and Michele work with each of their protégés to identify areas and topics to focus on. The resources and information that the mentors bring to the classroom

can then be individually tailored to work with the dynamics of each classroom.

Another exciting aspect of the mentoring program is the use of videotaping in some of the classrooms. With the help of Kelly Kring (see *Meet the Mentors on page 2*), some of the protégés will be able to view themselves and the children in their care in order to assess the classroom and to see themselves and the children from a new perspective. Although seeing themselves on video may take some getting used to, we're sure that this will be another effective training tool!

The Hanen Program For Early Childhood Educators/Teachers Begins in Carlisle

Another exciting program now being offered in the area is the Hanen Program for Early Childhood Educators/Teachers, which is a joint venture between the Institute and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.

Developed in Toronto, Canada, the program focuses on fostering language acquisition

in young children. The program is a combination of group workshop sessions, held about every other week, and on-site videotaping sessions. Following each videotaping session, the caregiver has the opportunity to analyze the video one-on-one with Jill Miller (see *Meet the Mentors on page 2*), the program instructor. The videotaping sessions



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allow the caregiver the opportunity to learn more about the communication styles of the children in their classrooms, their own styles of communicating with children, and how to enhance what they do everyday to encourage the language skills of the children in their care.

Meet the Mentors: Lisa Heintzelman and Michele Black

We are so excited to have two such experienced professionals working with us as mentors!

Lisa, a Harrisburg native, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education, as well as a Master's Degree in Educational Administration. She has had a variety of experiences working in the field of early care and education as a caregiver, director, and early childhood course instructor. Michele, also local to the area and a Penn State

graduate, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Kindergarten Education. She has had experiences as a preschool and Kindergarten teacher, caregiver, and center director, and is also dedicated to advancing the field of early care and education through public awareness and advocacy.

Both Lisa and Michele are actively involved in the early childhood community as trainers for the PA Child

Care/Early Childhood Development Training System (formerly known as KURC) and as members of the Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAIEYC). Lisa is Past President of CAAIEYC and is currently serving as Publications Chairperson, and Michele is an At-Large Board Member and also the Advocacy Chairperson.

Jill Miller

We are thrilled to have Jill Miller working with us to present the Hanen Program to the area!!

Jill holds a Bachelor's Degree in Speech and Hearing Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has worked for the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for 16 years, 9 of which she has spent working with the Early Inter-

vention program targeting children three through five years of age.

As a Speech and Language Therapist, Jill has had the pleasure of seeing how the children progress when you empower parents and caregivers to utilize techniques that will foster the child's development of language. Recognizing the important role that

caregivers have in helping children become competent communicators led Jill to the Hanen Center to become a certified facilitator of the Hanen Program for Early Childhood Educators/Teachers, "Learning Language and Loving It", as well as the Hanen Parent Program "It Takes Two to Talk".

Kelly Kring

Kelly Kring joins our team as a research and mentoring assistant. Kelly is currently working towards her Master's Degree in Training and Development, and also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education.

Kelly has had experience

teaching young children as well as adults! She has worked as a Kindergarten and substitute teacher and was an administrator for childcare programs on the West Shore. She was also an instructor/professor at Central Penn in Childcare Management, and the Project Director for the TEACH Early Childhood

Scholarship Program.

Kelly adds her wealth of education and experience to the Institute by working closely with Lisa and Michele on the mentoring program, and by utilizing her photography talents to capture scenes in the classrooms on video (for use in the mentoring training).

Other Resources at The Institute

In addition to the Mentoring and Hanen programs, the Institute has compiled an extensive (and ever-growing) library of resources which focus on children birth through three years of age and those who care for them.

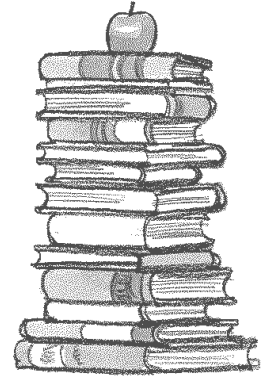
The materials contained in the library include: videos on early development, planning for infant and toddler care, health and safety; reference books on various aspects of infant toddler development,

issues pertinent to childcare center operation and staffing, inclusion, working with families, infant and toddler curriculum models; and a wealth of journal articles on topics relating to infants and toddlers. A full listing of the journal articles that are available is contained on our website—<http://ecti.hbg.psu.edu>. Eventually, we will be adding the print and video listings to the web page as well.

The purpose of the resource

library is to make these materials accessible to childcare providers, center directors, family childcare providers, parents, and other professionals in the field.

If you get the opportunity to stop by the Institute, please take a look at the materials we have. If you are planning a training for staff, or would like information on a certain topic, you are welcome to come by to check out materials or you can call me (Molly Wilson—233-5279) and I would be glad to help you select materials.



Visit the Institute

We welcome you to stop by and visit the Institute anytime!! We are located in downtown Harrisburg right next to the Governor's Mansion on Front Street. Our building is called Governor's Plaza South and is just south of the Mansion. Between now and the end of October we are in Suite 331, which is located in Building 3.

On November 1st, we will be relocating within the same complex to Suite 314, which is located in Building 1. Our new, and hopefully permanent, home will afford us more space for offices and for our rapidly expanding resource library.

We will also be located in close proximity to PA CASSP, another Penn State training

entity which provides training to agencies working with children and adolescents in the mental health system. We will be pooling our respective resources and collaborating on joint ventures in the future.



"Nothing is more important in the world today than the nurturing that children receive in the first three years of life, for it is in these earliest years that the capacities for trust, empathy, and affection originate."

Dr. Elliott Barker

Director, Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children



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Upcoming Events!!

October 19th—Enhancing Quality in Child Care Part 1—
Director's Roundtable at Boscov's Greenery. (Pre-
registration required to receive 2 DPW training hours)
Call 780-1931

November 8 - 11— National Association for the Education of
Young Children (NAEYC) annual conference in Atlanta.
Call 888-442-6673 for information.

November 16th—Enhancing Quality in Child Care Part 2—
Director's Roundtable at Boscov's Greenery. (Pre-
registration required to receive 2 DPW training hours)
Call 780-1931

December 1-3— Zero to Three, the National Center for Infants,
Toddlers, and Families National Training Institute in
Washington, DC. Call 888-733-5364 for information.

December 6—Dr. T. Berry Brazelton "Strengthening Families...
Building Communities" 7pm at the Forum in Harris-
burg, tickets \$15. Call 545-8803 for information.

December 7— Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and faculty presenting a
full-day professional seminar. 8am-4pm at the Jewish
Community Center in Harrisburg, tickets \$100. Call
545-8803 for information.

Give Us Your Feedback!

We will be putting together this newsletter on a regular basis to keep you informed about what is going on here at the Institute, and to update you on local and national events on topics relevant to working with infants and toddlers.

If there is any information that you would like included in the newsletter, or if you know of training opportunities or events that should be listed here or on our web page, please call me (Molly Wilson 233-5279) or email

(mxw53@psu.edu) so that I can add them.

I would also appreciate suggestions for other ways that we can keep in touch—meetings, informal gatherings in the morning or evening. It's a nice way to meet others in the field of childcare and an opportunity to share the rewards and challenges you face every day.

