

# MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

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## Summer Institute June 13, 2001!

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Please mark your calendars for June 13—CAECTI is hosting a summer institute to celebrate your dedication and support for the mentoring program!

The Summer Institute will be a day-long informational experience, with presentations from:

- Susan Aronson, MD, an internationally known pediatrician who has done extensive work to improve child care programs

- Abbey Griffin, PhD, a nationally known child development and early care specialist who has helped to design child care mentoring programs, including ours

- Alicia Lieberman, PhD, author of *The Emotional Life of the Toddler*, and a national expert on the emotional development of children birth to three.

Our hope is that all of the caregivers and directors that have participated in the program will join us for this exciting day, as well as parents from the participating programs. To help ensure that the caregivers are able to attend for the day, CAECTI will be able to provide some funding to pay for substitute caregivers.

A registration form is attached to this newsletter for you to complete and return. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



The Capital Area Early Childhood Training Institute is funded by the Pennsylvania Child Care/Early Childhood Development Training System and the Capital Area Funders Group, through the Greater Harrisburg Foundation.



### *Have you been pleased with the mentoring program?*

We would love to hear from directors and caregivers who have found the program beneficial! Although the results from the data collection are very exciting (read all about it at <http://ecti.hbg.psu.edu/>), others in the field enjoy hearing real people describe the experience firsthand. Please forward any letters or comments to Molly Wilson at the Institute—feel free to email or fax (232-3610) as well!

## Partnerships with the Early Childhood Training Institute

CAECTI has had some exciting opportunities to form new partnerships! In addition to working with ECELS and the Visiting Nurses Association, we have two individuals working with us this spring.

Brenda Stephens joins us from Penn State Harrisburg, where she is majoring in Applied Behavioral Sciences. She is doing an internship with the Institute and learning all about the mentoring process!

William Snyder, MD joins us

from Hershey Medical Center, where he is a resident in the Pediatric Psychiatry program. As an elective in his residency program, he is spending time with our mentors and Institute staff to learn more about infants and toddlers in group care. He has had extensive experience working with children and their families, and I'm sure we will learn much from him!

In addition, CAECTI is working with ParentWorks (formerly the Children's Playroom and

Escape Center) on a workshop for directors entitled "What Every Infant/Toddler Program Needs...and How to Get It!". We will be notifying you when a date is set.

CAECTI will also be working with Head Start as they expand their work with infants and toddlers.

We are pleased to be collaborating with others in the early childhood field and look forward to more opportunities to benefit all involved.



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## Upcoming Events!!

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!!  
<http://ecti.hbg.psu.edu>

**PA Child Care/Early Childhood Development Training System** is offering a variety of workshops for child care providers. For more information, call Kathy Stennett at 780-1931.

**March 30**— Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC) Administrator's Pre-conference Day. For more information, call Molly Wilson at (717) 233-5279.

**March 31**—Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC) Annual Conference. For more information, call Molly Wilson at (717) 233-5279.

**April 1-7**—Week of the Young Child

**May 17th & 18th**—National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is offering a validator training at the Jewish Community Center in Harrisburg. For more information, call Judy Leslie at 255-1010.

**June 13**— Capital Area Early Childhood Training Institute's Summer Institute. All caregivers and directors participating in the mentoring program will be treated to a full-day professional celebration! Featured presenters will be Dr. Sue Aronson, Abbey Griffin, Ph.D., and Alicia Lieberman, Ph.D.

## Parent Involvement in the Mentoring Program

We are aware of the importance of parent involvement to the success of infant and toddler child care programs. We have been so pleased with the results and feedback from our mentoring program that we would like to involve the parents at some of the centers we have been working with.

In July, 2001, we are planning to expand the mentoring program to include the parents of the children in the classrooms where our mentors have been working. We are in the process of distributing a survey for the parents to determine how, and if, they would like to participate.

The parent program will be voluntary, and may take on a variety of forms based on what parents would like to do. The Institute may offer information sessions at the centers, may help coordinate parent support groups, or may even work with parents in their own homes.

We will be distributing the parent surveys to both the fall group of mentoring sites and the spring group of mentoring sites during the week of March 5-9.

We would appreciate it if the caregivers would ask parents to complete the survey as they either drop off or pick up their child. If parents are not interested in participating, please ask them to indicate that on the survey.

We look forward to including parents in our exciting work!

*"Each of us must come to care about everyone else's children. We must recognize that the welfare of our children is intimately linked to the welfare of all other people's children. After all, when one of our children needs life-saving surgery, someone else's child will perform it. If one of our children is harmed by violence, someone else's child will be responsible for the violent act. The good life for our own children can be secured only if a good life is also secured for all other people's children"*

- Lillian Katz

Director of the ERIC Clearinghouse for Early Education

