



...ensuring affordable, accessible, high quality child care for all young children.

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Statewide Day of Training for Early Childhood Educators Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010

Research has shown that the quality of early care and education a child receives is directly linked to teacher education and that children enrolled in a quality early education program in the first five years of life are most likely to be in a highly skilled job or in college at age 21. To help North Carolina's teachers access the trainings they need, Child Care Services Association will host A Day for Day Care on Saturday, January 30, at East Chapel Hill High School.

The event will bring together 800 early childhood educators from across North Carolina to learn the latest in high-quality early care and education. The event is scheduled from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm. Registration will begin at 7:30 am. The first session of trainings will begin at 8:30 am. For a detailed schedule and listing of workshops, please visit www.childcareservices.org. Media who plan to attend should contact Sarah Corica at (919) 969-1935.

In its 31st year, A Day for Day Care will offer early childhood teachers, family child care providers and child care directors over 100 different workshops that highlight best practices in child care and examine some of the most pressing issues facing North Carolina's early childhood education system. Workshops will cover topics including Red Flags in Early Childhood Development; Building a Caring Community Classroom; Forging Family Partnerships: Bridging Research, Public Policy and Classroom Practices; Grief, Loss and Trauma in the Young Child; Linking Science Experiences and Children's Books; and much more.

During the keynote presentation, Conversation with Dr. Deborah Cassidy, Director of the NC Division of Child Development, participants will have the opportunity to learn about where we are in North Carolina and hear Dr. Cassidy's vision, hopes and ideas.

"To ensure high-quality early care and education for all children, we must ensure a well-educated early childhood workforce. The ongoing professional development of early educators is an essential component of a quality early care and education system. By providing low-cost training opportunities, we are helping to ensure that North Carolina's children are being cared for by qualified teachers who can prepare them for kindergarten and help them get off to a strong start in life," Sue Russell, President of Child Care Services Association, said.

Founded in 1974, CCSA is a nationally recognized nonprofit working to ensure affordable, accessible, high-quality child care for all young children and families. The organization accomplishes its mission through direct services, research and advocacy. CCSA provides a nutrition program for children in child care settings, free referral services to families seeking child care, low-cost training opportunities and quality improvement assistance to child care businesses. CCSA's T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project provides educational scholarships to early childhood educators throughout North Carolina and is licensed in 20 other states. The Child Care WAGE\$® Project provides salary supplements to child care providers across the state and is licensed in two other states. For more information, visit www.childcareservices.org.

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