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Child Care Services Association Joins National Celebration of Week of the Young Child

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Child Care Services Association celebrates Week of the Young Child, April 2-8, 2006, to recognize the needs of young children and thank educators involved in the early care and education of young children. Week of the Young Child is celebrated across the country by hundreds of local organizations working to improve opportunities for all children.

“Early learning experiences are crucial to the growth and development of young children,” said Sue Russell, President of Child Care Services Association. “Week of the Young Child provides opportunities for all of us to recognize the importance of the early years, and to work together to build better futures for our youngest citizens.”

During Week of the Young Child, early childhood programs across the country, including child care and Head Start programs, preschools and elementary schools, hold local fairs, open houses, political rallies, and other activities to bring awareness to the needs of young children.

This year Child Care Services Association has created a calendar of events that lists activities and events for child care providers, families and volunteers in the Triangle. Each day of the week has a theme, such as Stop, Drop & Read! that encourages adults to read to young children and stimulate their desire to learn. Family & Friends Day, Advocacy Day, Professional Development Day and Teacher Appreciation Day will also occur during the Triangle’s Week of the Young Child celebration.

Child Care Services Association recommends ways to show that high quality early education is the right choice for children:

- Volunteer your time to work with children and teachers at a school, community center, Head Start, or child care program;
- Support policies and programs that help improve professional development opportunities and compensation for teachers and staff;
- Thank early childhood educators and others who play a vital role in preparing young children to succeed in school and beyond.

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Week of the Young Child is an event created by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC is the largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of early education programs for children birth through age eight.

About Child Care Services Association

Child Care Services Association (CCSA) is a nationally recognized nonprofit ensuring, affordable, accessible, high quality child care for all families. CCSA provides free referral services to families seeking child care, technical assistance to child care businesses, and educational scholarships and salary supplements to child care professionals through the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® and Child Care WAGES® Projects. Child Care Services Association licenses its programs to states across the country and provides consultation and guidance to others seeking to solve child care concerns. Child Care Services Association is headquartered in the Triangle region of North Carolina. To learn more visit www.childcareservices.org.

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