

Key Notes

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What Do Children Learn from Play?

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Symposium on Play on either May 16, or May 17. The symposium will feature Bev Bos, an internationally renowned presenter and expert on preschool learning. With Bev Bos will be her long-time co-presenter, Michael Leeman. Michael

is a teacher, musician, and illustrator of children's books, and a popular presenter.

In addition to Bev and Michael's keynote session, symposium participants will be able to choose from three morning sessions and three afternoon sessions on the topic of play. All sessions

will be presented on Friday and Saturday, so participants will choose one day to attend.

The Symposium on Play will be held at the Brossman Center on Germantown Avenue in Philadelphia. The cost is \$60 for registrations received prior to April 25th, and \$75 after 4/25. This fee in-

cludes all sessions, a continental breakfast, and lunch.

For Family Child Care Practitioners and parents of young children, there will be a special FREE presentation on Friday night from 7:00-9:00.

Look for the registration information in the mail.

Celebrate Young Children

SAPC

Many events will be occurring throughout the region in April to celebrate young children. Once again, the Community Engagement groups in the southeast are sponsoring **PA's Promise for Children Awareness Day with the Phillies**. This year, \$5, \$10, and \$16 tickets are available for the April 12 game against the Chicago

Cubs. Ticket order forms can be found at WWW.CECCCC.ORG. Get a group of friends, families, or coworkers together for a fun night out and help celebrate young children!

Look for other Week of the Young Child events throughout the region.

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader. Mary Hohman

Do you serve school age children? Do you have staff that need the school age credential?

The School Age Professional Credential (SAPC), as modeled after the CDA, will be offered at the Chester County Intermediate Unit. The first half of the classes will meet every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 over

the next few months. Start date will be determined when a minimum of 10 applications has been received.

For an application call the School Age Project at 610-617-4550 option 4 or visit the website at www.sepasacc.org. Don't miss this great opportunity.

Emergency Preparedness

It is an unfortunate reality, but we need to be prepared for all kinds of emergencies. There are five opportunities scheduled for practitioners to attend Emergency Prepar-

edness Training and receive free video tapes with information about updating the individual plan and reviewing it with staff. Reserve your spot for any of the following dates at 215-271-1267.

Philadelphia 3/31 @ 1:00
 Delaware Co. 4/8 @ 10:00
 Montgomery Co. 4/14 @10:00
 Bucks Co. 4/17 @ 10:00
 Chester Co. 4/21 @ 10:00

Orientation Blitz Round 2

The February Orientation Blitz was a huge success, with over 280 providers attending throughout the region. In recognition of this response, the Key is now providing one last opportunity for providers to enroll in Keystone STARS this fiscal year.

All practitioners that enroll in Keystone STARS and submit the Start with STARS paperwork or STAR 1 paperwork may request a **\$250 sign-on bonus**. Call the Key at 215-271-1267 to enroll in one of the following Orientation sessions.

Date	Time	Location
3/31/08	9:30-12:30	Montgomery Co. Human Service Bldg., 1430 DeKalb Pk, Norristown
3/31/08	9:00-12:00	A Step Ahead 7806 Castor Ave., Philadelphia
3/31/08	6:00-9:00	A Step Ahead 7806 Castor Ave., Philadelphia
4/1/08	10:00-1:00	St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg, Montgomery County
4/2/08	10:00-1:00	Today's Child 542 Wesley Rd, Springfield Delaware County
4/2/08	9:30-12:30	Southeast Regional Key 1500 S. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia
4/2/08	6:30-9:30	Southeast Regional Key 1500 S. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia
4/3/08	9:30-12:30	Chester County Intermediate Unit 455 Boot Rd. Downingtown
4/3/08	1:30-4:30	Chester County Intermediate Unit 455 Boot Rd. Downingtown
4/3/08	5:30-8:30	Columbia North YMCA, 1400 Broad St. Philadelphia
4/3/08	9:30-12:30	Emilie Christian Day School 7300 New Falls Rd., Levittown
4/3/08	9:30-12:30	Penn State Coop Ext 20 Paper Mill Rd. Springfield Delaware Co.
4/4/08	9:30-12:30	Southeast Regional Key 1500 S. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia
4/5/08	9:30-12:30	Southeast Regional Key 1500 S. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia
4/5/08	9:30-12:30	Michelle Stevens Group 2833 W. 10th St. Chester Delaware Co

***Shaded rows represent evening opportunities!!