

17th annual Mid-York Child Care Coordinating Council, Inc

**Early Childhood Educators'**

**Fall Conference**

**Early Childhood Education:  
A Partnership In Discovery**



*Saturday, September 26, 2009*

*8 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

*Madison-Oneida BOCES, Rossetti Education Center*

*~ Spring Road, Verona*

*located minutes from NYS Thruway exit 33—*

*for directions visit [www.myccccc.org](http://www.myccccc.org)*

## *Keynote Presentation*

# *“In Search of Excellence: QUALITYstars Light the Way”*

Join Sherry Cleary, executive director of the New York City Early Childhood Professional Development Institute, as she discusses the launch of QUALITYstars, New York State’s new quality rating and improvement system. Learn how children and child care programs will benefit from this system, which combines policy and best practice.

Ms. Cleary has worked in the field of early childhood education as both a classroom teacher and administrator for more than 30 years. She is currently the executive director of the Childhood Professional Development Institute, which is housed at the City University of New York. Prior to this, she was the director of the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood Education and a faculty member in the School of Education.

## *H1N1 Update*

Following our keynote presentation, learn the most up-to-date recommendations regarding the H1N1 (Swine Flu) virus and how to best keep your program and the children in it safe from illness this fall and winter. Presented by the Oneida County Health Department.



*Our gift to attending participants  
Participants will be able to choose from a  
selection of gently used books donated to  
the Child Care Council courtesy of donations  
collected by Adirondack Bank, Rome.*

# 2009 Fall Conference Schedule

7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast					
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Keynote Presentation: "In Search of Excellence: QUALITY stars Light the Way" Followed by a brief update on H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update for Child Care Programs					
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Break ~ Break ~ Break ~ Break ~ Break					
9:45 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Creative Curriculum for Preschool Rooms	Creative Curriculum for Family/Group Family Homes	QUALITYstars Follow-Up Session	Parent-Provider Partnerships	Successful Parent/ Provider Contracts Panel Presentation	Never Shake a Baby
11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Break ~ Break ~ Break ~ Break ~ Break					
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Creative Curriculum - Preschool Rooms	Creative Curriculum - Preschool Rooms	What to Expect during an Inspec- tion	Observation & Assessment	Get Moving, Get Healthy!	Tell Me a (Yoga) Tale
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch ~ Networking ~ Lunch ~ Networking ~ Lunch					
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Creative Curriculum - Preschool Rooms	Creative Curriculum - Preschool Rooms	Growing Up WILD	Flannel Board Fun	Everyday Science & Math	Little Green Thumbs

# Implementing Creative Curriculum in your Program

**Full Day  
Session**



The nationally recognized Creative Curriculum is based on the belief that children learn best when they are actively involved with materials and with others. Regardless of your level of experience or the extent to which you wish you can immediately begin implementing the curriculum in your classroom, this workshop will benefit you—and the children in your care—as soon as you begin implementing it. Join us and discover how to establish a fun, yet educational, play experience for the preschoolers in your care, and begin reaping the rewards on Monday!



## Participants will receive

Grant funding has allowed the Child Care Council to award one copy of Creative Curriculum® Developmental Continuum Assessment Toolkit to each program in attendance. In addition, each program that completes the workshop as well as a follow-up on-site observation will receive up to \$200 worth of equipment to help you implement the curriculum in your program.

*Choose between:*

### Creative Curriculum for Preschool Rooms (3- to 5-year-olds)

As an educator working with preschoolers, you have the opportunity to set the stage for children's success in school and in life. Your efforts to value children as individuals and embrace their unique contributions to the classroom community can inspire in them a love of learning that will last a lifetime. In this workshop session, you will learn the importance of setting up the proper learning environment and building positive, meaningful relationships with children and their families. You will learn how to plan and implement a content-rich, developmentally appropriate program that supports active learning and promotes children's progress in all developmental areas.

**—OR—**

### Creative Curriculum for Family/Group Family Child Care Homes

As a family child care professional, you have an opportunity to influence how the children in your care view the world, how they relate to others, and how they develop the skills they'll need to succeed as learners. *The Creative Curriculum® for Family Child Care* forms the basis of a learning program that is tailored to the unique environment of a family or group family child care home. It helps family/group family child care providers design a high-quality program in your home that is responsive to the needs of children from birth to age 12 and helps you integrate learning into everything you do. In this workshop, you will explore ways to incorporate thoughtful learning experiences that respond to the changing interests and abilities of children of all ages while supporting their development in positive ways.

***Please note: The Creative Curriculum session is a full day session, running after the keynote presentation, breaking for lunch and dismissing at the end of the conference.***

***You must attend the entire session (3.75 hours). Register early—these sessions are limited to 25 participants each.***

# Workshop Session 1

## 1-A: QUALITYstarsNY Follow-Up Session

*Presented by Sherry Cleary & Ola Friday, New York City Early Childhood Professional Development Institute*

This session is aimed at familiarizing participants with the QUALITYstarsNY quality rating and improvement system and the upcoming field test, which pilots the program in select areas of the state. Participants will be briefed on the standards of the program, the assessment process and their possible role in the Field Test. Feedback on the initiative process will be gathered to help enhance the implementation of the field test.

**Topic areas: 3, 5**

## 1-B: Parent-Provider Partnerships

*Presented by Mary Ellen Daley, Herkimer County BOCES*

Join Mary Ellen, a veteran prekindergarten program director, and explore strategies for working together to build bridges between the worlds of home and child care.

**Topic areas: 4, 5**

## 1-C: Parent-Provider Contracts Panel Discussion

*Presented by Kelly DeGrace, group family child care provider in Oneida County, Geri Kazmerski, group family child care provider in Herkimer County, & Shari Smith, group family child care provider in Madison County*

A comprehensive, thought-out parent/provider agreement or contract can save both child care providers and parents from misunderstandings in the future. Join our panel of veteran child care providers as they share their views on the components of a sound contract, how to present a contract to a family and how to enforce the items in a signed contract, all while maintaining a positive relationship with the parent.

**Topic areas: 4, 5**

## 1-D: Never Shake a Baby

*Presented by Mary Khiemdavanh, Mohawk Valley Perinatal Network*

Trying to sooth a crying baby can be a frustrating experience, and sometimes even the calmest individual can momentarily lose their patience with the baby. In this workshop, learn why even a momentary lapse of judgment can have a lifetime impact on a baby. Mary will discuss a variety of calming techniques, and participants will be encouraged to share their own techniques with the group.

**Topic areas: 9**



## Session 2

### 2-A: What to Expect during an Inspection

*Presented by Terrie Nelson & Donna D'Eredita, NYS Office of Children and Family Services*

Join licensors from the Syracuse Regional Office of Children and Family Services as they discuss the elements of a site visit and how to best organize yourself and your site for a visit. Also discover the forums that allow you to follow-up after a visit. Terrie and Donna will provide honest and direct information that will leave you feeling better prepared for the next visit from your licensor! In addition, come prepared with your own questions as there will be a Q&A period.

**Topic areas: 3, 5, 7**

### 2-B: Get Moving - Get Healthy

*Presented by Melanie Adams, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County—Eat Smart NY*

Join Melanie for this interactive workshop that will allow participants to visit mini-stations to learn healthy eating habits, identifying portion sizes, the new Food Pyramid, and simple exercises that are great for you and the children in your care! After a brief overview of the program, participants will have the opportunity to visit stations to learn about different components of the program, each of which has a lesson plan and provides options for expanding the learning experience.

**Topic areas: 2, 3**

### 2-C: Tell Me a Yoga Tale

*Presented by Carol LaFache & Laureen Violante, certified yoga instructors*

This presentation will introduce educators to fun and easy-to-use yoga techniques proven to reduce stress and gain greater health, social and academic success with children. Yoga is used as a springboard to explore a full range of classroom curricula, and to develop classroom management, physical health, self-esteem, creativity and the ability to interact with others.

**Topic areas: 1, 2, 3**

### 2-D: Observation & Assessment

*Presented by Lorraine Kinney-Kitchen, Executive Director, Mid-York Child Care Council*

Learn about why ongoing observation and assessment is essential to a quality program. A key component to effective classroom management, observation is a skill that is learned through practice. While many say they do not have time to do it, Lorraine will help participants see that it is an investment that pays off with an improved program, happier children and a calmer you.

**Topic areas: 1, 4**



## Session 3

### 3-A: Growing Up WILD

*Presented by Amy Kochum, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*

Learn about the new offering from Project WILD, an exciting new nature-based program. In this introduction to Growing Up WILD, join Amy in participating in a few of the program activities, all of which can be done right in your backyard or outdoor area. The activities developed through this project are designed to connect children to nature through developmentally appropriate practices and a direct contact with the natural world through field investigation.

**Topic areas: 1, 3**

### 3-B: Flannel Board Fun

*Presented by Robin Saxe, Mohawk Valley Community College Kiddie Campus*

Join Robin and learn how to create and implement exciting new flannel board stories and activities into your classroom. Discover tips and secrets that will help you engage you students and keep them asking for more!

**Topic areas: 1, 3**

### 3-C: Science and Math Everyday!

*Presented by Pam Muller, family day care provider*

Learn how easy it is to introduce and explore math and science concepts to children 18 months to 13 years old using fun, hands-on activities made from every day household items. Activities you'll explore in this workshop will promote children's development of fine and gross motor, spatial awareness, social skills, logical thinking and environmental conservation, while building children's curiosity and encouraging their imagination.

**Topic areas: 1, 3**

### 3-D: Little Green Thumbs

*Presented by Laura Scoones & Maureen Scoones,*

*Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County Master Gardeners*

This presentation will provide a selection of ideas for multiple projects perfect for the young (preschool) gardener with in-depth demonstration of selected activities. Laura and Maureen will also discuss the educational concepts as they relate to each activity. This session will give you lots of great indoor gardening and craft ideas perfect to pull the children (and you!) through the fall and winter months.

**Topic areas: 1, 3**





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## Conference Notes:

- ◆ Please select your workshop choices carefully. Workshops will be filled on a first come, first served basis. You will not be allowed to alter your schedule on the day of the conference.
- ◆ **Child care professionals may qualify for Educational Incentive Program (EIP) funding to help pay for the registration fee for the conference. You can apply for EIP directly online at [www.tsg.suny.edu](http://www.tsg.suny.edu). Or, for more information call EIP at 800-295-9616.**
- ◆ A total of 5.25 training hours can be earned. You will receive an individual training certificate following each workshop. Professional development topic areas include:
  - 1—Principles of Childhood Development
  - 2—Nutrition and the Health Needs of Children
  - 3—Child Day Care Program Development
  - 4—Safety and Security Procedures
  - 5—Business Record Maintenance & Management
  - 6—Child Abuse & Maltreatment Identification & Prevention
  - 7—Statutes and Regulations Pertaining to Child Care
  - 8—Statutes and Regulations Pertaining to Child Abuse
  - 9—Shaken Baby Syndrome
- ◆ Breakfast will consist of muffins, scones, fresh fruit, coffee, tea and milk. Lunch will include an assortment of salads, baguettes and bread, dessert and a beverage. Meals will be catered by ah! Fine Foods. Meals are included in your registration fee. If you have any special dietary requirements, please indicate so on your registration form.
- ◆ **Please, no requests for refunds. The conference registration fee is non-refundable.**

# 2009 Early Childhood Educators' Fall Conference

September 26, 2009 ~ Registration Form

**\*\*Complete a separate registration form for each participant\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Register me for the 2009 Early Childhood Educators' Fall Conference :

*(includes keynote presentation, three workshops, breakfast & lunch)*

### **Student Registration —\$30** \_\_\_\_\_

*You must include a copy of your photo student ID from a high school or college valid for the Fall 2009 semester*

### **Early Bird Registration—\$50 members/\$60 non-members\*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Child Care Council by Mon., August 31*

### **General Registration—\$60 members/\$70 non-members\*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Child Care Council from Tues., September 1 to Fri., September 18*

### **Late Registration—\$70 members/\$80 non-members\*** \_\_\_\_\_

*registrations received after Fri., September 18 will be assessed an additional \$10 late registration fee*

### **Walk-In Registration—\$90** \_\_\_\_\_

*Those wishing to register as a walk-in the morning of the conference will be placed in available workshops*

### **Presenter registration—no fee** \_\_\_\_\_

### **TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

*(payment options: check, cash, money order or signed EIP award)*

## YOU MUST INDICATE YOUR WORKSHOP CHOICES HERE:

Session I: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice

Session II: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice

Session III: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice

—or— Creative Curriculum: \_\_\_\_\_ for Preschool \_\_\_\_\_ for Family/Group Family

**Note: Session workshops are filled on a first come, first served basis. Once a workshop is filled, you will be placed in your subsequent choice. Remember, the Creative Curriculum workshop is a full day training and will fill Session 1, 2 & 3.**

**Please return completed registration form and payment to:**

121 Second Street, Oriskany, NY 13424

For more information, contact the Child Care Council at (315) 223-7850 x 225.

**\*\*EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EIP) FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO HELP PAY FOR THE COST OF THIS CONFERENCE. APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.TSG.SUNY.EDU\*\***

For assistance completing your EIP application, call Sara at the Child Care Council, 223-7850 x 225.

**\* A note regarding membership: the Child Care Council recently discontinued our membership.**

**However, we will honor our member rate for anyone who was a paid member of the Child Care Council since Jan. 1, 2008.**