

18th annual Mid-York Child Care Coordinating Council, Inc.  
Early Childhood Educators' Fall Conference

**Working Together to Help**



**Children Learn & Grow**

*featuring*

**Dr. Alice Sterling Honig**

**“Parent Communication: Step Up to the Challenge!”**

**Saturday, November 6, 2010 ~ 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Hotel Utica, Lafayette St., Utica**

*just minutes from NYS Thruway exit 31—for directions visit [mapquest.com](http://mapquest.com)*

## *Keynote Presentation*

### **“Working with Parents—Step Up to the Challenge!”**

Early childhood providers are trained to work with young children. That is their passion and their expertise. Working with adults is a different field and often can feel intimidating when caregivers have not been given the tools to work with parents and other family care providers (such grandparents).

Yet working with parents in a harmonious partnership to help young children develop well is a primary goal for ECE providers!. Thus, it is urgent that we consider parental points of view, their knowledge base, their life stresses and other situational variables, such as job loss, single parenting, low parental education, etc. in learning how to work with parents and other adult caregivers.

Join our keynote speaker Dr. Alice Sterling Honig as she discusses the importance of effectively communicating with parents and common roadblocks that stand in the way of effective communication between caregivers and parents. Also, learn positive techniques you can begin implementing right away in your child care home or classroom to support communication between you and parents!



#### *About Our Keynote Speaker*

For over 40 years, Dr. Alice Sterling Honig, Professor Emerita of Child Development at Syracuse University, has taught courses in child development including parenting, children and families, language development, quality caregiving with infants and toddlers, theories of child development, issues and problems in child development and observation and measurement techniques with children. She is a licensed New York state psychologist and therapist. She has authored or edited more than a dozen books and more than 460 articles and chapters.

#### **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, as well as a variety of arts and crafts supplies donated from community members.*



Full Day  
Session

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

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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.

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 experiences for the preschoolers in your care, and begin reaping the rewards on Monday!

*Presented by Ellen Perrone, Herkimer County CCR&R Coordinator, Mid-York Child Care Council, Inc.*



### 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.

***Please note: The Creative Curriculum session is a full day session, running during Sessions 1, 2 and 3, breaking for lunch and dismissing prior to the keynote presentation.***

***You must attend the entire session (4.5 hours). Register early—this session is limited to 25 participants.***



# Workshop Session 1

## **1-A: Babysitter or Child Care Giver? It's Your Call!**

*Presented by Beverley Burton, CACFP Monitor Assistant, Mid-York Child Care Council, Inc.*

Do you ever hear parents or others refer to you as a “babysitter”? Do you refer to yourself this way? There’s a big difference between babysitting a child and being a professional that provides regular and appropriate care, love, compassion and guidance to young children! Join Bev as she helps you dispel the image of being a babysitter and offers you ways to see, promote and market yourself and your business as a professional child care program!

**Topic areas: 3, 5**

## **1-B: So What's In Your File Cabinet? Recordkeeping for Center Staff**

*Presented by Rosanne Swift, Director, Folts Home Child Care Center*

Maintaining accurate records is a sign of quality child care. There are a variety of forms that are required to be completed, some daily, some monthly, and others annually or bi-annually. What are these forms, and what is the schedule of completion? This workshop will take a look at the business side of child care, with discussion on what information is required, and what information should not be included. Also discussed will be the accurate observation and documentation of the children’s behaviors. We will also take a fresh look at the Parent Information Board, using it as an effective tool of parent/staff communication.

**Topic areas: 5**

## **1-C: A Quality Program, An Inclusive Program! Understanding Inclusion & Your Child Care Program**

*Presented by Arlene Brouillette, Infant & Toddler Specialist, Health Care Consultant, Mid-York Child Care Council*

There are many aspects of inclusion! Join Arlene and explore the language of inclusion; your attitude about inclusion; and what inclusion is and what it is not. We will also look at the role of environment and adapting toys and play materials for children with special health care needs.

**Topic areas: 3**



# Workshop Sessions 2

## 2-A: SNAPSHOTS—Supporting Quality Care with Your Camera

*Presented by Tammy Ablang, Provider Educator, Mid-York Child Care Council, Inc.*

Based on the SNAPSHOTS training curriculum that was developed by the Westchester, NY CCR&R, participants will learn how to use photographs to enhance the quality of their programming and child care environment. This training will give child care staff a visual example of important role of program environment and other concepts of quality care to enhance group discussion and to put into practice high quality care for all ages of children. Each activity area of the training program takes a close look at center regulations and matches it with snapshots of the environment and activity that demonstrates the concept of the regulation.

**Topic areas: 3, 7**

## 2-B: Don't Let the Business Management of Your F/GFDC Manage You!

*Presented by Nicole Dillon, Parent Educator, Mid-York Child Care Council*

Keeping good records is essential in the daily operation of your child care business to make it more profitable as well as to meet OCFS regulations. However, do you sometimes feel like the business management end of your family/group family child care home takes away from your time with the children or your own free time? This workshop will give you lots of tips and ideas on how to establish a business management/recordkeeping system that does not take away from the things you'd rather be doing! We'll discuss some of the basics like creating a budget, keeping track of payments received, taxes and ideas for keeping yourself from getting behind, and keeping track of expenses, and also work on creating a system for tracking income and expenses, organizing daily reports and children's records.

**Topic areas: 3, 5**

## 2-C: Kids and Money

*Presented by Mary Beth McEwen, Program Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County*

It's important to talk to kids about money sooner than later to help them develop a sound relationship with money as they grow. This workshop will give early childhood educators tips, ideas and resources on how to break down this serious topic to kids' level. Participants will gain an understanding of what information should be shared with kids age-by-age, will receive tips about talking to kids about the tough economic times we currently live in, and learn how to address other tough situations like a parent's job loss. Discussion about the importance of budgeting and savings will also occur.

**Topic areas: 3**



# Workshop Sessions 3

## 3-A: Color Me Healthy

*Presented by Richelle Singer, CACFP Coordinator, Mid-York Child Care Council*

We already know that teaching young children about healthy eating and being physically active is important. But, how do you fit it into your busy day? How do you make it fun for the children? Color Me Healthy is an innovative program that uses color, music, and exploration of the senses to teach pre-school age children that healthy food and physical activity are fun! Come ready to move and get ready to bring back lots of great ideas to start using on Monday!

**Topic areas: 2, 3**

## 3-B: Simple Ways for Your Child Care Program to Go Green

*Presented by Beverley Burton, CACFP Monitor Assistant, Mid-York Child Care Council*

You might be surprised to learn how many chemicals are in our foods, toys, cleaning supplies, scented candles, pesticides and products that we use every day that we all assumed were approved to be safe. In fact, very few of the chemicals currently in use in our child care programs and in our every day life are approved to be safe. And, just because a product is labeled as “green” or “eco-healthy”, we can’t trust that they are truly safe either because there is no regulation around the use of those words. Participants of this workshop will learn simple ways to improve the “eco-health” of their child care program. And, for programs that work to meet at least 20-25 best practice techniques established by the Oregon Environmental Council, they will qualify as “Eco-Healthy” and will receive an endorsement certificate and a poster that lets parents and others know of their efforts, and demonstrates their commitment to being Eco-Healthy. Endorsed programs are also listed on the Eco-Healthy website.

**Topic areas: 3**

## 3-C: An Extraordinary Toy Box from Ordinary Stuff!

*Presented by Arlene Brouillette, Infant Toddler Specialist/ Health Care Consultant, Mid-York Child Care Council*

Need some creative toy ideas for your program? Short on cash to purchase toys? Find out how to use some everyday household materials to make interesting toys for children of all ages to enjoy. Arlene will discuss the importance of play and how it affects all areas of children’s development. This is a make and take workshop that will allow you to make a couple of homemade toys that you can use as models for projects in your program. Bring your own great ideas for inexpensive homemade toys to share with other participants as well! Come ready to talk about extraordinary play and engage in some fun yourself!

**Topic areas: 3**

## 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 5.5 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, coffee, and tea. Lunch will be a deli buffet. 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.**

# 2010 Early Childhood Educators' Fall Conference

November 6, 2010~ Registration Form

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

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

**Register me for the 2010 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 2010 semester*

**Early Bird Registration—\$50**

*Must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Child Care Council by Fri: October 8*

**General Registration—\$60**

*Must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Child Care Council from Sat: October 9 through Mon., October 25*

**Late Registration—\$70**

*registrations received after Mon. October 25 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*

**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 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.