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Next EIC Meeting-

January 8, 2009

10:00 am

CMU

1100 Cameron St.

Harrisburg

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Message from the Co-Chairs

Happy New Year to you all! We had a successful 2008 filled with parent trainings and increased participation from providers, agencies and the community. We look forward to continuing to provide information sessions and resources for all so that our partnerships will grow and develop in 2009.

A beautiful September evening in Fort Hunter Park provided the perfect setting for a **Family Carnival** with lots of food, fun and frivolity for families to form friendships and connect with the Early Intervention community. In October a successful Faith-Based Conference, **That All May Worship**, was hosted at HACC where families, clergy and the early intervention community came together to build support systems for children and families. November brought a parent training session at the CAIU; **Creating Families Where Everyone's a Winner: Effective Ways to Look at Behavior**. Germaine Haut, LSW and Behavior Specialist discussed Routines, Rewards and Consequences, Ease and Effort, and Listening Skills. In December our annual **Early Intervention Foundations Training** was held at the CAIU. All new employees in the birth-five system were treated to a full-day in-service which included an overview of the programs and valuable insight from a parent panel.

In this newsletter you will find information about upcoming events and meetings. We hope that you will come out and support the efforts of our Early Intervention community.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact Ann Timashenka, Professional Co-Chair at 717-732-8400, ext. 8537, atimashe@caiu.org, or Linda Burkley, Parent Co-Chair, lindaburkley@comcast.net.

Upcoming Events

Make sure you have the next event on your calendar!

March 26 – 6-8 PM at the CAIU in Summerdale, presentation on sleep disorders and sleep routines for children

Committee Meetings

The following committees meet periodically throughout the year to support the mission of the EIC and provide quality early intervention services to children and families. If you would like to join one of the committees or want more information, please contact one of the committees chairs listed below. We look forward to you joining our team!

2008-09 EIC Meeting

Schedule:

10:00 AM

May 14, 2009

CMU

1100 Cameron Street

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Membership Committee

Chair- Cheryl Gundrum- 780-7048 or cgundrum@dauphinc.org

(Responsible for recruitment of members and planning for EIC meetings. This group also collaborates with other committees to disseminate information important to the early learning community, as well as upcoming events, workshops and celebrations.)

Family Outreach Group

Chair- Amy Reed - 240-6320 or areed@ccpa.net

(Will look at ways to include and engage families in the EIC as well as creating networking opportunities for them.)

Seamless Transition Committee

Chair- Eric Bostick - 732-8400 or ebostick@caiu.org

(Focuses on the efforts of OCDEL to develop a cohesive early intervention system (birth through the age of beginners) by implementing best practices at the local level. Our goal is for families to have a smooth and positive journey to school age programs.)

Professional and Family Development Committee

Chair -Ann Timashenka - 732-8400 or atimashe@caiu.org

(Provides training opportunities for families, child care providers and professionals.)

Child find Committee

Chair - Amy Swartz 240-6320 or aswartz@ccpa.net

(Provides information and outreach to primary referral resources. Actively identifying new referral sources.)

Faith Based Inclusion Committee

Chair-Amy Reed 240-6320 or areed@ccpa.net

(For Families and Faith Community members interested in including children and youth with disabilities in their faith traditions.)

Parental and professional involvement is essential. Our community is diverse and we need the input and support of many to provide quality services to young children with disabilities and delays and their families.

Best Wishes to you all for a Happy, Healthy 2009!