

Early Childhood Education News

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CAEYCE Fall Conference:

- DATE: October 6, 2012,
7:00 AM—4:30 PM
- Denver Merchandise Mart,
451 E. 58th Ave., Denver,
80216
- Registration information
and conference brochure
can be found online at:

[http://coloradoaeyc.org/
conferences/](http://coloradoaeyc.org/conferences/)

Dear Colleagues, More, More, More...

I love this storybook! It looks at the lives of three different babies and the people that love them, each baby asking for more hugs, more kisses, and more affection from their parent, or grandparent or siblings.

Sometimes our lives are filled with requests for more, More, MORE!

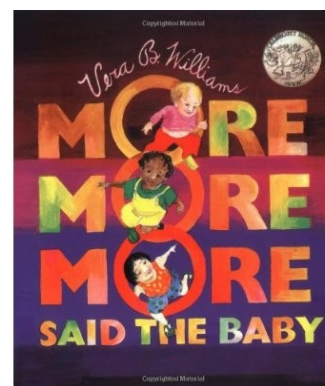
More activities, more things to take up our attention, more details, just

MORE!

September is a time of MORE for me and for many of us! I do like to be kept busy, but it is important to practice BALANCE! Balancing demands on our time and attention with time for reflection, calm and seeking respite from all the demands for MORE.

Wishing you MORE and BALANCE!

Janiece & Kathleen



MORE, MORE, MORE Said the Baby—Vera B. Williams

What's new at RRCC Early Childhood Education?

The fall semester is off and running full steam ahead!

Kathleen and Janiece are both teaching full course loads this semester in addition to making plans for spring course offerings!

The ECE188 Field experience class has been a focus of much attention as we try to consolidate sustainable funding to provide students a wonderful coaching and mentoring experience with our instructor, Jan Leversee.

Janiece is busy preparing course materials for offering ECE102 course as an on-line class beginning in the spring semester.

Kathleen and Janiece are both working on developing course materials for ECE256 Working with Families course. Hopefully this class will be ready to offer to our AAS program students beginning in the spring .

We are excited to begin using 16 new iPads purchased for the ECE program. Students will see this new

technology in more classes once the initial set up of the iPads is complete and they are ready to be deployed from Computer Services.

And as always, we try to bring our students the most current information on workshops and other learning opportunities with this newsletter. Read more on the following pages to see what is happening in and about our profession!

Happy Fall Semester all!

Men in Early Childhood—Colorado

Red Rocks ECE program is collaborating with the Men in Early Childhood—Colorado to promote the effectiveness of the MEC-Colorado network and to recruit and encourage more men in the ECE programs at Red Rocks Community College

Men in Early Childhood – Colorado (MEC) is a group founded in 2011 by three male Early

Childhood Education professionals who believed there was a need for an organization focused specifically on supporting males working in the Early Childhood field (ECE). With the mission of Men in Early Childhood – Colorado to acknowledge the importance and achievements of male educators in the field of ECE, support is provided along with advocacy and edu-

cation opportunities. MEC achieves their mission by holding social events with members, community-service events related to the Early Childhood community, and conduct workshops related to men in ECE. “Our focus to create an effective network that strengthens the community of men educating young children in Colorado will serve both male and female Early Child-

hood teachers, administration, and professionals.” Check out the website,

www.mec-colorado.org



From the Triad Early Childhood Council:



Beginning **December 28, 2012**, any crib provided by child care facilities and family child care homes must meet new and improved federal safety standards. The new standards take effect for manufacturers, retailers, importers and distributors on **June 28, 2011**, addressing deadly hazards previously seen with traditional drop-side rails, requiring more durable hardware and parts and mandating

more rigorous testing.

Are you ready for these changes?

The Triad Early Childhood Council would like to help you understand the changes and provide funds to help purchase new cribs! Join us for a **Free SAFE SLEEP** training and grant application informational meeting. Two sessions will be held:

- Saturday, Sept. 22 9:00-10:30 am, Red Rocks Community College

OR

- Wednesday, Sept. 26 7:00-8:30 pm, Red Rocks Community College

Participants will receive 1 clock hour of training and will spend 1/2 hour learning the application process. **YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE TRAININGS/MEETINGS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE FUNDS**

Application form is on the back side of this newsletter. Complete and submit by fax to 303-914-6802 or scan and email to cc.innovations@rrcc.edu

For more information: Call 303-914-6274, or email kris.robledo@rrcc.edu

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Some RAFT-y Workshops for you!

Today I spent a few hours volunteering at the RAFT warehouse on Blake Street. I am grateful for the break from online grading and to be able to use my hands to put together low cost kits for teachers to purchase for use in their classrooms.

This place is a Gold Mine of low cost materials and BIG ideas for classroom use! Well worth the investment of \$25 for an annual membership!

RAFT is hosting some great workshops in the next several weeks that are geared specifically for ECE teachers:

Imaginative Inventions, Friday, September 21st 12pm - 2pm

Young children love to play. Their imaginations come to life when they have new materials and opportunities to create new realities. Come explore ways to inspire students to make use of this imagination and to find value, self-esteem and purpose in their creations. This workshop will be taught in a modeling fashion where the participants will experience activities as students should in real settings. Re-ignite your own imagination and bring your inner child back to life!

TARGET AUDIENCE: Any ECE - 1st grade teacher

COST: Members: \$5; Non-members: \$20, includes a daypass in order to shop



Supporting Early Education with Low Tech Assistive Technology Saturday, October 13th 10am - 12pm



Learn RAFTy adaptations that will increase the opportunities for success of the individual child as well as the classroom community. This class will provide a variety of physical adaptations and sensory strategies to increase communication, social skills, and academic achievement. While the focus of the course is on young children, many of the take-away ideas are applicable across age and ability levels.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Early Childhood Educators looking for ways to meet the needs of all learners.

COST: Members: \$5; Non-members: \$20, includes a daypass in order to shop

Visit RAFT at 2875 Blake Street, near Coors Field

<http://www.raftcolorado.org/>

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY NOV 15, 2012 5-7 PM

MARSICOINSTITUTE
For Early Learning And Literacy

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

invites you to join us for the
Early Childhood Community Lecture Series

This year's topic:

Supporting Parental Engagement in Children's Developing Literacy

Stay tuned for the invitation with registration link – we hope to see you there!

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Dr. Eric Dearing,
Associate Professor
from Boston College's
Lynch School of Education

This event is free of charge,
but will require registration

Join us in Ruffatto Hall, home to the
Morgridge College of Education on the
University of Denver Campus

Questions?
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Welcome to

naeyc For Families

NAEYC has recently launched a new website resource for ECE professionals to use in their work with young children and their families.

Information in the website includes a column by Drs. T. Berry Brazelton and Joshua Sparrow on the meaning behind young children's behaviors, a guide for families on what to look for in child programs, and creative learning ideas for families to try at home.

Use the site to find articles and information to share with families.

For more information visit: <http://families.naeyc.org/>

Dr. Eric Dearing is Associate Professor of Applied Developmental Psychology in the Lynch School of Education at Boston College, where he is working on ways to improve the achievement and mental health of children growing up in contexts of economic and social disadvantage. The results of his research have been cited in testimony to the United States Congress and have been featured by *The New York Times*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *USA Today*. After receiving his undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Dr. Dearing spent two years working as a family advocate in an early childhood intervention. He then completed his doctoral degree in psychology at the University of New Hampshire and, in turn, a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Last year, he received a Young Scholar Award from the *Foundation for Child Development* for work examining the achievement of immigrant children who participate in an intervention that partners high-poverty elementary schools with community agencies. Dr. Dearing's research has also been funded by the *National Institute of Child Health and Human Development*, *National Institute of Aging*, *National Science Foundation*, *Norwegian Research Council*, and the *Spencer Foundation*.

**SAFE SLEEP TRAINING AND
APPLICATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone #:_____ Email:_____

Type of facility:___ Child Care Center ___ Family Child Care
 ___ Other, please list _____

The facility is located in which county?

___ Clear Creek ___ Gilpin ___ Jefferson

Which session do you plan to attend?

___ Saturday, September 22, 2012 9:00am-10:30am

Red Rocks Community College, Room #1452 (this room is located on the main level of the college west of the admissions office and east of the cafeteria)

___ Wednesday, September, 26, 2012 7:00pm-8:30pm

Red Rocks Community College, Community Room (west end of building, downstairs)

Signs with room information will be posted on bright orange paper

To register:

~Call 303-914-6307

~Fax completed form to 303-914-6802

~Scan and email completed form to cc.innovations@rrcc.edu