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C4P News

Center for Parenting Update

Website Update: 135 Tennessee Parent Educators (TPEs) are registered in the TPE Directory, 79 are subscribed for C4Pnews, and 31 classes are listed in the Class Calendar. We are grateful that you have taken advantage of these services! However, in order to get the word out about the C4P, please forward this newsletter to any parent educators you know and encourage them to register. We also encourage you to continue to list your classes in the Class Calendar. This is an opportunity for free publicity. You will find the links to each of our services on our website:

www.center4parenting.org

Student Intern: For the fall semester, we welcome our first undergraduate intern, Melissa Rector, who will be working for the C4P Mon/Wed 7:30-3:30 and Tues/Thurs 8:00-5:00. She will cover many of the day-to-day functions of our office. You may be hearing from her throughout the fall semester. As a component of her internship, she will have several opportunities to job shadow parent educators. Please email the C4P if you are interested in having her spend a day with you. We are glad to have her join our team.

Sharing with Stakeholders: Drs. Heidi Stolz and Denise Brandon have made several presentations about parent education in Tennessee to the following individuals during the spring and summer: UT Child and Family Studies Community Partners, Karen Binkley with CCR&R in Knoxville, Tom Cruthirds with Tennessee Voices for Children, members of the Early Childhood Coalition of Knox County United Way, Jeanne Brooks with the Office of Child Safety in the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, and State Extension FCS Agents. Our graduate students presented on the state of parent education in Tennessee at the University of North Texas 15th Annual Conference on Parent Education in Denton, TX.

Featured Family Professional

Dr. Tom Cruthirds is a Parent and School Partnership Specialist with the Tennessee Parent Information and Resource Center (TPIRC) at Tennessee Voices for Children. The objectives of the TPIRC program are to implement parental involvement policies, programs, and activities to increase the academic achievement of children. Dr. Cruthirds is available to work with schools in the 33 county East Tennessee Region. He provides trainings to parents of school-aged children to enable them to help their children succeed in school. He also helps Title 1 schools involve parents in programs and activities that lead to academic achievement and overall school improvement. You can contact Dr. Cruthirds by calling 865-523-0701 or emailing him at tcruthirds@tnvoices.org.

Keeping You Current

Become a Certified Family Life Educator!

The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) established the CFLE credential which recognizes you as having a solid background in the family life education field. It is the only professional credential for those working in family life education. Beginning in 2008, a CFLE exam will need to be taken in order to become certified. For more information please visit NCFR's website:

www.ncfr.org/cert/index.asp

Featured Book

Developing Caring Relationships Among Parents, Children, Schools and Communities by Dana McDermott

This book "contains a review of theory related to our work in parenting education as well as a model for working with social agencies." (Harriet Heath, NPEN listserv)

Tell Us What You Think

This edition's question:

What do you want to see in future C4Pnews emails?

Please send your response to: center4parenting@utk.edu

Meetings and Trainings

Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee:

"Child Abuse Prevention Month" Planning Call-
September 5th, 9:00 a.m. Central Time
Call-In Number: 1-866-459-7919
Conference Code: 6546461#

Statewide Home Visitation Collaboration Meeting-
Oct. 19th, Nashville, TN 10:00 a.m. Central Time

For more information on above calls/meetings please call 615-383-0994

Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare:

Middle East Regional Training Conference
November 5th, UT Knoxville Campus
For more information, email Jennifer Scagnell at jenscag@utk.edu

Featured Resource

National Parent Education Network (NPEN)

NPEN is "a national umbrella organization that encourages information sharing, professional development and networking opportunities for... parent educators."

NPEN is a wonderful resource for those in the parent education profession. By becoming a member of NPEN and joining the listserv, you will be connected to other parent educators, learn about parent education initiatives, have access to networking opportunities and learn about opportunities for professional development.

Take a look at their website and join the listserv: www.npen.org