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"This is a unique moment in time when early learning is no longer an afterthought, but has come into its own and is recognized as the first and most critical stage in human development. Today we have a special opportunity to build a bigger, better coordinated system of early care and education. It is time to transform early learning from a system of uneven quality and access into a system that truly and consistently prepares children for success in school and in life."

Arne Duncan  
US Secretary of Education  
2010 NAEYC Conference

## Berkeley Teacher Funded by Donors Choose

Despite our country's challenging economic period, I was privileged to be the recipient of the heartfelt generosity of several donors through the non-profit organization, Donors Choose. The mission of Donors Choose is "to improve public education by empowering every teacher to be a change-maker and enabling any citizen to be a philanthropist" (D.C. website). Created in 2000, by a Social



Studies teacher from the Bronx, Donors Choose has already funded 113,461 projects, worth over \$25 million. It has supported almost 2.8 million students in approximately 34,000 schools.

The process begins when teachers from across America submit proposals to Donors Choose, via the inter-

net, for specific projects they need to be funded. Projects include requests for materials, field trip sponsorship, or classroom furniture. Project amounts range from minimal funds to hundreds of dollars depending on the need. Donors visit the website and choose to contribute to one or several



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## From the Coordinator...Pam Wills

A very Happy New Year to all of you from the Early Childhood Team at the SCDE! We sincerely hope that you are off to a wonderful and productive start to a year that will be reflective of the hard work you do on behalf of the young children and families that you serve.

Thank you for your positive response to the CDEPP News. The continued goal of the newsletter is to share ideas and information that support your efforts. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for helpful additions.

One particular goal of this quarterly issue is sharing professional development opportunities available in the first half of the New Year. We realize this continues to be a particular challenge in the face of our present economic struggles. We hope the information on pages 3 and 4 will be helpful in this regard. Please let us know of additional professional development opportunities that we might share with others in the Spring CDEPP News.

Pam Wills

## Montessori Thriving in SC CDEPP Programs

Montessori is a hands-on approach to learning that recognizes individual rates of child development and is structured to meet this need. Over 1700 3k–5K students in public school programs are learning in multi-aged Montessori



classes throughout 16 districts in our state. Four of these districts provide the Montessori experience through CDEPP funding: Allendale, Florence 1, Laurens 55 and McCormick. Lexington Four will open its new Early Childhood Center in August 2010 with 15 Montessori pre-



school classes using CDEPP funds. Lexington Four teachers are currently in Montessori training through Lander University which is providing this training on-site for the district. Several other districts are in the exploratory and planning stages for opening classes.

Montessori classes are heterogeneous groupings with waiting lists for almost every program. This choice is popular among families who have been introduced to it in urban and rural school districts. Over half of the state's classes

are in Title One schools.

Montessori education includes classes from infants to middle school. It is unique as an early childhood option, in that students can continue learning in Montessori beyond 4K. Two-thirds of the programs in the state continue



though the elementary grades; four sites offer middle school.

Treat yourself to an amazing experience and visit a Montessori pre-school class! For more information contact Ginny Riga, [griga@ed.sc.gov](mailto:griga@ed.sc.gov), (803) 734-8470.

## Berkeley Teacher Funded By Donors Choose (Continued from page 1)

proposed projects; gifts span a wide range. When projects are funded, students and teachers are impacted by the kindness and philanthropy that each donor has demonstrated. This is a "Win-Win" opportunity not often equaled.



I was so fortunate to have a project fully funded. In the winter of 2008, I was teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and desperately longing for a colorful rug to brighten and enhance my dreary classroom. I posted my request for a new "Colorful Places Seating Rug", which cost \$400. Each project request has a five months deadline; I had until May 18th for the funding to be ac-

cepted. On May 12th, just six days short of the project expiration date, I was notified that my project had been fully covered by three donors. I was thrilled! With my transition to CDEPP this year, I am even more blessed by and grateful for the rug! I had my wonderful four-year olds "write" and draw Thank You cards to our donors. Additionally, as required by Donors Choose, I posted pictures on my project site of our class sitting on the rug. The donors appreciated the letters and enjoyed seeing the pictures of the rug in use. Please feel free to visit the attached site to browse the proposal letter and pictures: <http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/proposal.html?id=237027>

Donors Choose offers a viable means for teachers to request materials that they would not otherwise be able to provide for their students. It also allows community members to significantly support their teachers and schools by funding these invaluable projects. I strongly recommend



taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity, either as a participant or a donor. The blessings received on both sides are huge.

Whitney M. Reid, CDEPP Teacher  
Boulder Bluff Elementary  
Goose Creek, SC



## Work Sampling Online System Update

Pearson has been working over the past few months to provide a new, more comprehensive Work Sampling Online system. They are still conducting testing and made the decision to postpone the release of the new Work Sampling Online system until testing is complete. Please look for more information about the upcoming release date posted in the "alert" section (on the right side) of the online home page.

Do you know your district's 120<sup>th</sup> instructional day for the conclusion of Period 2? Everyone should be recording

notes and collecting Portfolio samples for Period 2.


Remember to click the finalize button when you complete the online checklists so the computer can automatically summarize the checklist ratings onto the Standard Summary Report.

Progress ratings on the Summary Report are chosen by teachers. Progress ratings focus on growth or change over time. When you evaluate a child's progress, you compare the child's current performance with his/her past performance.

For more information about Summary Reports, log into Work Sampling Online and click on the top Resource Center tab, Teacher Articles link, and review the numerous Summary Report articles.



## Find Related Newsletters at the Following Links:




SOUTH CAROLINA  
CHILD CARE TRAINING SYSTEM

**Trainer Notes**  
**Volume 7, Issue 4**  
**Winter 2009**  
<http://www.sc-cccdd.net>



SCDSS Child Care Licensing

**CCL E-News & Notes**  
**Winter 2010 Issue**  
**Coming Soon**



<http://childcare.sc.gov/main/general/programs/licensing/newsletter.aspx>

## Upcoming Conferences

- **2010 SECA Conference** Jan. 21-23 Little Rock, Arkansas  
[http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/upload/pdf/Exhibitor\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/upload/pdf/Exhibitor_brochure.pdf)
- **2010 SCECA Conference** Jan. 28-30 Myrtle Beach, SC <http://www.sceca.org/node/13>
- **SCCCA 2010 Conference** February 6, 2010 Cayce, SC <http://www.southcarolinachildcareassociation.com/Conference2010.html>
- **2010 SC Parent Leadership Conference - Feb 12-13, 2010** Orangeburg, SC  
<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=aa1529e3-d9d3-46bb-8d67-104660fc89e6>
- **Hip, Hop, Rhyme and Rock** Feb 27, 2010 Sumter, SC Contact Angie or Michelle 803-773-7935 or 1-800-681-0333
- **8th Annual Early Care and Education Conference** March 6, 2010 Batesburg-Leesville, SC Contact Julie Starr Horne (803) 532-6861
- **2010 National Conference on Family Literacy** April 11-13, 2010 San Antonio, TX <http://www.famlit.org/conference>
- **TEAM Lowcountry Conference** April 16-17, 2010 Ridgeland, SC Contact Betty Washington 843-379-5437
- **2010 NAEYC National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development** June 6-9 2010, Phoenix, Arizona <http://www.naeyc.org/institute/>



## Additional Professional Development Opportunities



### SC Early Learning Standards Training in SMART Regions

Training Calendar can be found on the SCDE website at:

<http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Academic-Standards/>

#### Upcoming Regional Intitiues include:

- **January 21** Greenview Child Development Center, 625 Old Piedmont Hwy Greenville, SC Mathematics and Approaches to Learning SC Early Learning Standards Training/Mathematics will start at 12:30pm and Approaches to Learning will start at 3:30pm.
- **Feb. 23-24** Colleton County Library 600 Hampton St. Walterboro, SC 29488 on . All 5 of the SC Early learning standards will be covered. Come join the fun! (9am-4pm)

For additional information about Early Learning Standards Regional Training contact Claudia Boyd 803-734-8120 or by email at [cboyd@ed.sc.gov](mailto:cboyd@ed.sc.gov)

### Elluminate Professional Development Sessions and Topics



NAEYC Accreditation 2/18/09 and 2/25/10

DAP and Closing The Achievement Gap 3/18/10

DAP and the Kindergarten Classroom 4/22/10

Registration will open soon. For additional information contact Claudia Boyd 803-734-8120 or by email at [cboyd@ed.sc.gov](mailto:cboyd@ed.sc.gov)



### Save the Date...

More Information in the Spring Issue of the CDEPP News!

### SCRF Early Childhood Summer Institutes

**June 22-23, 2010**

Columbia Marriott, Cola., SC  
Keynotes: Dorothy Strickland and Laura Justice

**August 3-4, 2010**

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Greenville, SC  
Keynotes: Katie Wood Ray and Matt Glover

Contact: Pat Branham  
803-734-4326

### 2010 Summer Research to Practice Institute

**July 12-16**

Contact: Trishan Pittman  
803-734-6516

## Week of the Young Child April 11-17, 2010

The SCDE joins NAEYC and the SC Association for the Education of Young Children in encouraging you to begin making plans for celebrating the lives of young children during Week of the Young Child, April 11-17, 2010!

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) first established Week of the Young Child in 1971. Every Spring early childhood educators and community leaders use WOYC to highlight the importance of quality care and education for young children. Its an

annual opportunity to reach out to families and communities and to emphasize the crucial role adults play in giving children the foundation they need to succeed in school and beyond.

**Early Years Are Learning Years**

The 2010 WOYC theme is EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS. NAEYC encourages affiliate organizations, child care and

child development programs, and communities to plan WOYC events to focus attention on the critical early years of children in an effort to make their early years better learning years.

Visit the NAEYC website for more information about WOYC and a wealth of ideas for event planning. The NAEYC WOYC Planning Handbook can be downloaded cost free at <http://www.naeyc.org/woyc>

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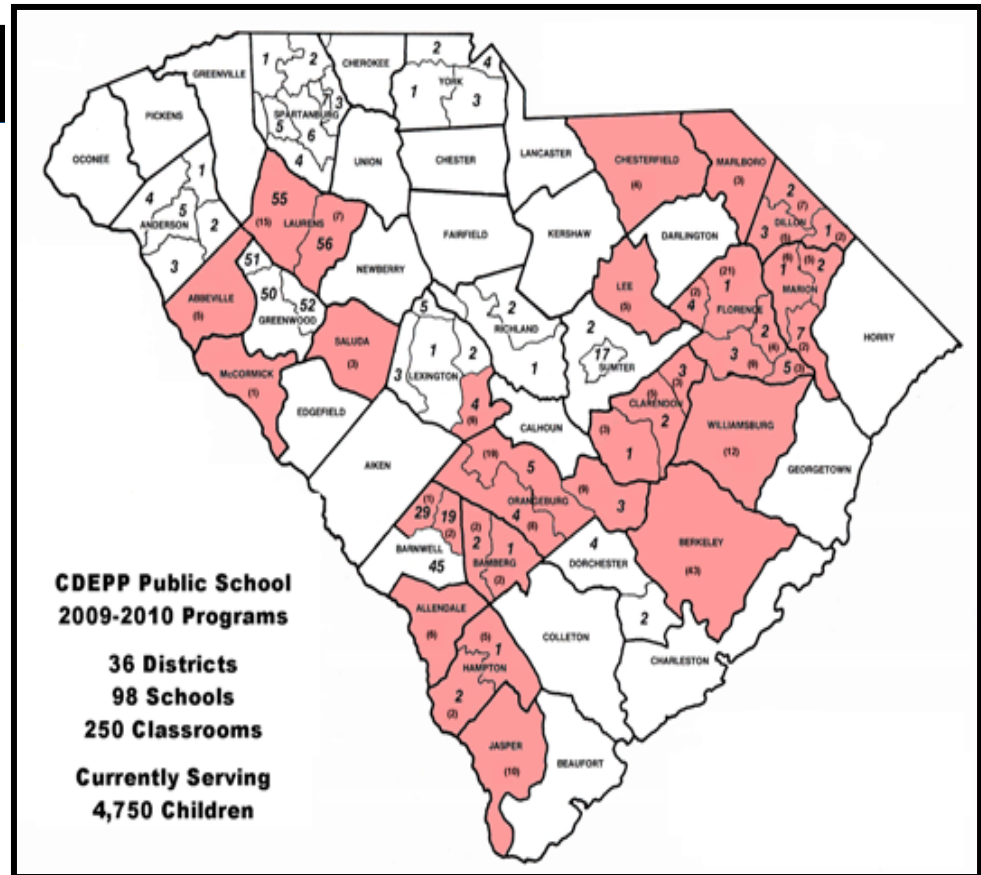
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## Send Us the Scoop!

We would like to invite you to submit an article for the CDEPP News. Please share some of the wonderful ideas and events that you are implementing in your districts with other CDEPP colleagues across the state. You can give information for the Spring CDEPP News to your CDEPP consultant or send it directly to Cindy Edge at [clledge@ed.sc.gov](mailto:clledge@ed.sc.gov) (803-734-1108).



## Useful Web Links

South Carolina Department of Education — <http://www.ed.sc.gov>

Center for Child Care Career Development— <http://www.sc-ccccd.net>

SC Department of Social Services Child Care Licensing—<http://childcare.sc.gov>

2009-2010 CDEPP Guidelines—[http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Academic-Standards/old/ece/documents/CDEPP\\_Guidelines\\_09-10\\_6.10.09.doc](http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Academic-Standards/old/ece/documents/CDEPP_Guidelines_09-10_6.10.09.doc)

SCDSS Child Care Licensing E-News & E-Notes Newsletter—<http://childcare.sc.gov/main/general/programs/licensing/newsletter.aspx>

South Carolina Early Learning Standards—<http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Academic-Standards/old/ece/documents/gsgsbookrevised072109.pdf>

Work Sampling Online—<http://www.worksamplingonline.com>

SC Department of Education Family Literacy— <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Academic-Standards/Family-Literacy/Index.html>

SC Department of Education Even Start Family Literacy— <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Academic-Standards/Even-Start/Index.htm>