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Exploring Innovative Ideas in Family Support & Early Childhood Services



October 28, 2008



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January 13, 2009



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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES

Originally created in 1999, the Distinguished Speakers Series was designed to support Long Island families by providing a forum for Long Island practitioners focusing on current issues affecting young children and families from specialists in the field. Produced in collaboration with Long Island health and human services professionals, and community and corporate sponsors, the series fills an important continuing education need on Long Island.

“The Distinguished Speakers Series not only offers me the opportunity to hear innovative and thought provoking speakers, it provides me with current research and information that allows me to keep my trainings and courses fresh and relevant.”

Cindy Swernofsky

Director of Early Childhood Services, Child Care Council of Nassau

“I think the Distinguished Speakers Series is terrific. The topics are very timely and obvious care is taken to insure the speakers are dynamic and well informed.”

Nancy Olsen-Harbich

Human Development Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension

“What I appreciate most about the Distinguished Speakers Series is that the presenters are always on the cutting edge of the most current, and state of the art practices and methods in their field. I always come away learning something that I can apply to my work.”

Roberta Karant

Director of Family Development, Family Service League

SEMINARS

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 • 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Elaine Gross

President, ERASE (Educational Research, Advocacy, Support to Eliminate) Racism



Creating Bias Free Environments for Young Children: It All Begins with You

Bias, racial prejudice, stereotypes, institutional racism—what do they all mean? Professionals need to become aware of personal, institutional and societal attitudes and actions that contribute to unhealthy environments for children. Join Elaine Gross, President of ERASE Racism, for an introduction on what you can do to build a bias free climate for young children.

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 • 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Susan Linn

Associate Director of the Media Center at the Harvard affiliated Judge Baker Children's Center; Director of the Campaign for Commercial-Free Childhood; and author of *Consuming Kids: Protecting Our Children from the Onslaught of Marketing and Advertising* and *The Case for Make Believe: Saving Play in a Commercialized World*.



Media and Young Children: Reclaiming Childhood from Media Moguls and Corporate Marketers

Media is ubiquitous in our lives and the lives of our children. From products that claim to increase baby's IQ to advertisements for the “must have” toy of the day and most popular foods, parents and children are bombarded with consumer media. Join Susan Linn, to learn how today's media is impacting children at younger and younger ages and gain some strategies to mitigate this consumer culture.

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 • 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Dr. Esther Kogan

Early Childhood Education Program Director, Adelphi University



Strengthening the Family Safety Net By Improving the Self-Esteem and Empowerment of Women and Mothers

When mothers of young children are able to advocate for them, it is more likely children will receive the resources they need to reach their full potential. How professionals interact with mothers can either enhance or diminish their self-esteem and ability to advocate for their children. Dr. Kogan will provide insights on how professionals can empower and build the self-esteem of mothers of young children.

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2008-2009 Distinguished Speakers Series

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To reserve your seat, fax this form to 631-585-5035
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- Attendees earn .2 CEU's. Programs also fulfill some of the required OCFS child care regulated training categories.
- Please let us know in advance if you require any special accommodation because of a disability. For more information call Joan Peterson at 631-585-9393 ext. 248.
- Seminar location—Middle Country Public Library, 101 Eastwood Blvd., Centereach, NY 11720
- Additional registration forms can be printed from the website: www.mcpl.lib.ny.us/foundation/disting_series2008-2009.pdf

Join us for networking and continental breakfast at 9 a.m.

- Tuesday, October 28, 2008 — 1 seminar\$25
- Tuesday, December 2, 2008 — 1 seminar\$25
- Tuesday, January 13, 2009 — 1 seminar\$25
- Complete (3 programs) Series — 1 person\$60

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