

ANNOUNCING

2007 EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER ACADEMY

Simpson County RTC/ University of Louisville

June 11-15, 2007

The Simpson County Early Childhood Regional Training Center in collaboration with the University of Louisville announces an exciting professional development opportunity for preschool teachers, coordinators, administrators and special education directors. The Early Childhood Teacher Academy will be held in Elizabethtown from June 11 through June 15, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the Early Childhood Teacher Academy is to improve language, literacy, math practices and child outcomes.

GOALS:

1. Participants will explore and identify personal theories, scientifically based research and state and national standards that support best practices for preschool children in language, literacy and math.
2. Participants will demonstrate intentional planning for instructional practices in language, literacy and math development to meet the individual goals of all children.
3. Participants will demonstrate knowledge of Standards Based Units of Study by engaging in the process and successfully completing an integrated Standards Based Unit.
4. Participants will demonstrate knowledge and practice in embedding family involvement, family literacy, current brain research, individualization and the use of assessment to instruction.
5. Participants will implement evidence based research programs and practices in the preschool classroom in language, literacy, and math thus reducing achievement gaps of "at risk" students.

Enrollment is limited to no more than 30 participants and priority will be given to applicants who meet all requirements and those who apply as a team. Geographic representation with the RTC region will also be considered during the selection process.

The Academy will offer three hours of graduate credit or a \$500.00 stipend for each participant. School districts are encouraged to send a team of individuals consisting of two to four participants to this Academy. All participants in the Academy will receive resource materials.

Each individual wishing to apply for participation in the Early Childhood Teacher Academy must complete and return the attached application and narrative by February 28, 2007. All participants will be notified of selection by March 30, 2007. Attached to this announcement is the application and applicant fact sheet.

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Applicant Fact Sheet

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Eligible applicants must:

- Submit the application including the narrative by February 28, 2007.
- Be currently employed as a Kentucky preschool teacher or coordinator in a state funded or Head Start blended program.
- Have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree.
- Commit to attend all five days of the Academy and participate in all follow-up activities including two on-site visits to the school/classroom, one in the fall 2007 semester and one in the spring 2008 semester, one full day follow-up session held in fall 2007 semester and participate in electronic discussion during the 2007-2008 school year.
- Agree to complete, individually or by a team, and implement an integrated Standards Based Unit of Study and consent for it to be published on the KDE Website.
- Agree to share information gained through the Academy with others formally, when requested with conferences and informally in the district including Child Care, Head Start, and other Preschool & Primary staff.
- Agree to complete all assignments.
- Demonstrate prior knowledge of Kentucky Early Childhood Standards by completing a self-study and assignments prior to the Academy.
- Bring a copy of both the Early Childhood Standards and Kentucky Continuous Assessment Guide to the Academy.
- Link knowledge learned in the Academy with practice demonstrated in the classroom.
- Complete a team/individual agreement setting expectations prior to Academy participation.
- Agree to participate in any follow-up state assessment or third party evaluation.

The Academy will offer three hours of graduate credit or a \$500.00 stipend for each participant upon successful completion of the course with a grade of "C" or above. Payment or graduate credit will be awarded at the end of the fall 2007 semester. All participants will receive an "I" until the end of the fall 2007 semester.

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APPLICATION

Participant's Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Current Employment: _____

School: _____ District: _____

Years Experience Teaching: _____ Preschool Years: _____ Other Grade Levels: _____

Certification(s): _____

Are you officially enrolled in Graduate School? Yes No
Where? _____ Which Major Field? _____

SCHOOL MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: _____ SCHOOL FAX NUMBER: _____

YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ HOME EMAIL: _____

Are you applying to the Academy as a team member? Yes No **Graduate Credit** **Stipend**

Note: **All** team members must submit an application.

Other team members: Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE: _____

SUPERINTENDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Attach a one page typed narrative addressing the Academy goals which includes:

1. A reflection of your current practice and curriculum in language, literacy and math
2. A description of how participation in the Academy will impact your current practice, professional growth and child learning outcomes during the next school year, 2007-2008.

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