

# QIS QUARTERLY

September 2006

## events

upcoming

*HIGH/SCOPE Approach for Infants and Toddlers Seminar: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18 and Dec. 9. For more info, call Monique Wilkinson at 561-868-3829. Creative Curriculum for Preschoolers Seminar Series: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Oct. 14, Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Dec. 2 and Dec. 16. For more info, call Cassandra Wilbanks at 561-868-3676. Both events at PBCC Historic Building, 812 Fern St., West Palm Beach. Visit [www.pbcregistry.org](http://www.pbcregistry.org)*

## policy updates

The Quality Improvement System (QIS) Family Child Care Coaching Program has moved from Palm Beach Community College, Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education to Family Central, Inc. The transition process began August 2006 and will be completed by October 1, 2006. During the past year, the scope of work at Palm Beach College's Institute of Excellence has changed to focus more on professional development, curriculum development and training and education. Family Central, Inc. has many years of experience and expertise in family child care and is the appropriate organization to continue the QIS work with Family Child Care. PBCC will continue to provide career advising and community training opportunities through the QIS.

*For information about the Quality Improvement System, contact Karen Brandi at 561-655-1010 ext 2206 or [Karen.Brandi@cscpbcc.org](mailto:Karen.Brandi@cscpbcc.org)*

## Local Early Childhood Registry Plays An Important Role; Are You A Part of It?

Many states have implemented early childhood professional registries in an effort to elevate the status of the profession, raise parent awareness about who is caring for their children, and raise public awareness about the critical importance of quality early care and education.

Our local Early Childhood Registry provides directors and teachers with the recognition they deserve for their education, training, and experience working with children and families in Palm Beach County.

Approximately 463 practitioners in the Quality Improvement System (QIS) have joined the Early Childhood Registry and have received Certificates of Membership. QIS participants also receive a \$25 sign-up bonus.

Through a one-time application process, the registry is able to verify previously achieved education, certifications, and training. As additional training and education is completed, the registry maintains records to meet the QIS professional development benchmarks and issues up-to-date printouts to members. Director-provided staff training is supported by the registry, issuing certifi-

cates of completion, which are accepted for QIS professional development and annual "50 Points" requirements.

Fifty-four local trainers have also joined our local Early Childhood Registry. Through the training and trainer quality assurance process, practitioners can enroll in training events, which have been reviewed for content and outcomes.

Other services provided by the Registry include an interactive training calendar to search for local quality training events, state and national conferences and seminars; directors can post employment opportunities on the Registry website; resources, news of interest, and related links are also provided.

We invite you to join a growing group of competent practitioners working with young children in Palm Beach County. Your participation in the Early Childhood Registry lets you make a statement about who you are in the lives of children and families. Please visit the Early Childhood Registry website at [www.pbcregistry.org](http://www.pbcregistry.org) or call Edwiygh Franck at 561-868-3664 for more information.

special feature



### HIGH PERFORMING LEADERS INITIATIVE

*QIS directors Lydia Bartram, Shana Beaumont, Mary Dent-Maher, Matilda Edwards, Maria Geremia, Gladys Givens-Barber, Nancy Rivera, Alicia Huerta and Adrianna Sotelo were selected to participate in the High Performing Leaders Initiative.*

The High Performing Leaders Initiative empowers committed child care directors with the tools to lead their center communities toward new heights of quality and performance. Center directors will also develop a peer and mentor support network that will advocate for best practices in early care and education. The next series begins October 2006. Call Pat Paris at 561-868-3672 for more info.

## & tricks

### tips

#### Did you know...?

Be on the lookout for the SEEK Spring 2007 packet the first week in November. Mark your calendars, SEEK deadline for spring 2007 is December 6, 2006!

Start the year with a fresh new look! Add that "homey touch" to your classroom by using wicker baskets, plants, pillows, picture frames and real items instead of plastic toys. Setting up a cozy child focused atmosphere promotes warmth, security and a great space for learning.

**Score with the Core!** What is Score with Core? It's a training that will show you how the new core competencies provide a pathway for practitioners to develop a continuum of professional skills, from entry level to expert. Watch for the dates, learn what the Core is all about, and be one of the first to Score! For more information call Grace Kolbe at 561-868-3690 or Mary Sibley at 561-868-3827.

#### Upcoming training

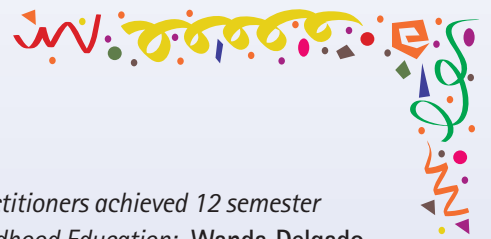
Family Central will be providing training on the ECERS, ITERS, and FCCERS, throughout the year. Trainings will be held in all areas of the county on Saturdays or in the evening. Training will be posted on the registry at [www.pbcregistry.org](http://www.pbcregistry.org).

#### Language and Literacy Workshops



L to R: Kerline Pierre, Sandra Ramlakhan, and Evette Woods.

The Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education has completed its spring series of Language and Literacy Workshops. Community participants shared preschool language and literacy experiences and gained new skills, using hands-on activities in storytelling, interactive reading, rhyme, alliteration and alphabet knowledge. Another series is in the planning stages and will be on the web site when announced. For more information contact [urbanp@pbcc.edu](mailto:urbanp@pbcc.edu).



## celebration

*The following practitioners achieved 12 semester hours in Early childhood Education: Wanda Delgado, Cathy Wilson, Gwendolyn Troupe, Janice Morgan and Martha Vasquez-Perez.*

*The following practitioners achieved 24 semester hours towards an AS degree in Early Childhood: Patricia Normandale, Cynthia Williams, Martha Valdivieiso, Johnnie Guyton, Daisy Jones, Velma Edwards, Maria Galera, Nancy Hill and Christie Gross.*

*The following practitioners achieved 36 semester hours towards an AS degree in Early Childhood: Dian Dipasquale, Geraldine Giepel, Mari Vilson, Elizabeth Grimes, Shari Batky, Cynthia Smith, Andrea Battle, Maria Gonzalez de Navarro, Mary Morris, Annie Smith.*

*The following practitioners achieved 45 semester hours towards the AS degree in Early Childhood: Nora Huspek, Vanessa Garcia, Barbara Ramsey, Connie Williams.*

Congratulations to Marie Narciss, Marian Walker and Jessica Thurmond for their *AS Degrees in Early Childhood*.

Welcome to six new Early Learning coaches: Gail Rybak, Anne Kratochvil, Beverly Kern, Lora Leighty, Dina Muia-Dufresne and Stacy Sabatino.

Welcome new career advisors to the Professional Development Team! Lillian Cortina is taking Laura McCadden's sites, 561-868-3659. Evelyn Gomez is taking Nohora Corrigan's sites, 561-868-3953; and Sandra Jackson, new QIS sites, 561-868-3667.

Congratulations to Kidworks of West Jupiter for a successful parent and staff work day on June 10. The center had 12 participants assist in unpacking and assembling their order from the Infant and Toddler Initiative.

We are happy to announce the completion and opening of a beautiful new wing at Appleseed Academy. The two-year-olds moved into two new rooms, and the center now has room for infants and one-year-olds in their program.

#### Welcome To The Following New Participants to QIS

- Professional Learning Center-Jupiter
- The Vine's Academy
- Apostolic Pride and Joy
- Kidz Kaleidoscope
- Garden of the Sahaba
- Appleseed Academy

## professional development