

ADVISORY: Child Care Event Sunday April 2 in Fairfax

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Children, child care expert to discuss a matchless system of child care that yields high rewards

WHO: Infant/Toddler Family Day Care and its network of nearly 125 certified, home-based child care providers --- The nonprofit organization gives families in the region access to quality, affordable child care in family settings.

WHAT: 23rd ANNUAL *INFANT/TODDLER FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY*

- Child care experts, parents and state and local officials praise Infant/Toddler's network of *loving homes* and child care providers with *professional* skills and *training*
- Two children speak about how Infant/Toddler Family Day Care's unique approach has prepared them for their future

WHY: To honor *125 Infant/Toddler Family Day Care Providers* for their high level of training and service to children in families in Northern Virginia.

To present a donation for the Infant/Toddler Family Child Care Scholarship Fund in recognition of Chairman Connolly and Vera Steiner Blore.

To join state and local officials in recognizing how Infant/Toddler has helped to boost the local economy in Virginia with hundreds of child care providers earning salaries and infusing over \$2.75 Million dollars into local housing, business expansions and education.

HOW: With attendance by:

Gerald E. Connolly, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Vera Steiner Blore, Executive Director, Fairfax Futures

Virginia State Senator Patricia Ticer

Delegates David Bulova, Charles Caputo, Kenneth Plum and James Scott

Mason District Supervisor Penelope Gross

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins

WHEN: April 2, 2006, Noon to 2 pm

WHERE: Hyatt Fair Lakes, 12777 Fair Lakes, Fairfax, VA 22033

Interview Availability: (*Ileene Hoffman, early childcare expert, Founder and Executive Director*)

- Hoffman can draw connections between early childhood development and success later in life; she will discuss how the combination of small, family-based settings and trained providers make a difference.
- She will speak about what makes the organization different from alternative models of child care and what parents should look for in selecting a child care facility.
- She will discuss what impact Infant/Toddler has made on the community.

PARENT QUOTES:

"We're growing the future peacemakers as they are experiencing other cultures at an early age."

Parents of a 24 year old alum write "*We thought you might want to know how 'Little Davey' is doing. He graduated from University of Virginia in 2004 with a BA in history and took the profound step of enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. Dave's unit departs for Iraq on April 1. We want you to know he has done very well intellectually and academically and morally and ethically, and we definitely attribute some of this to the warmth and depth of the loving environment he had with Infant/Toddler Family Day Care.*"

RECENT RECOGNITIONS

Infant/Toddler Family Day Care was recently recognized by the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region for its capacity, strong leadership and demonstrated outcomes in the area of workforce development. Infant/Toddler is among just 15 other nonprofit organizations to receive this prestigious award, which is featured in the Foundation's 2005-2006 *Spirit of Giving* Guide.

MISSION

Infant/Toddler Family Day Care has been bringing families together with our network of experienced and professionally trained child care providers since 1983. Our nurturing program provides care and early childhood development to children beginning at six weeks of age and beyond. With Infant/Toddler, children benefit from the special experience of forming lasting relationships with their provider in a small, mixed age group setting where children learn and grow through play.