

ADVISORY: Child Care Event Sunday, April 1 in Fairfax

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Virginia Delegate Kenneth R. Plum to discuss the importance of early childhood education.
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald E. Connolly to proclaim April 1, 2007,
Infant/Toddler Family Day Care Day in Fairfax County.

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 and serves as the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for the counties of Arlington, Prince William, Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

WHAT: 24th ANNUAL INFANT/TODDLER FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

- **Child care experts and state and local officials praise Infant/Toddler's network of loving homes and child care providers with professional skills and training**

- **Four family child care providers to receive educational awards presented by Virginia Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, Virginia Senator Patricia Ticer, Virginia Delegate C. Charles Caputo, and Alice Morris, Fairfax County Community Consolidated Funding Pool.**

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

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.

WHEN: April 1, 2007, Noon to 2 PM

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

Interview Availability: (Ileene Hoffman, early child care expert, Founder and Executive Director) Mrs. 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 to 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 the 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."

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.