

ADVISORY: Child Care Event Sunday, April 6 in Fairfax

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Virginia Delegate Chuck Caputo to discuss the importance of early childhood education. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald E. Connolly to proclaim April 6, 2008, Infant/Toddler Family Day Care Day in Fairfax County.

WHO: Infant/Toddler Family Day Care, a nonprofit organization providing child care resource and referral services in Northern Virginia, will celebrate its 25th anniversary. The annual Infant/Toddler Family Day Care Provider Appreciation Day is an opportunity to recognize and applaud our early child care educators.

WHAT: 25th 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**
- **Seven family child care providers to receive educational awards presented by Virginia Senator Patricia Ticer, Virginia Delegate David Bulova, Virginia Delegate Tom Rust, Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, Northern Virginia Community College Professor Susan Johnson, Fairfax County Community Consolidated Funding Pool Representative Alice Morris, and Voice's for Virginia's Children, Kathy May.**

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 6, 2008, 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) Ms. Hoffman will discuss the changing early childcare profession today and how early childcare educators are making history. "Not only do we prepare children to succeed academically, we prepare children to succeed in a diverse society." Ms. Hoffman will discuss the impact Infant/Toddler has made on the Northern Virginia Community.

PARENT QUOTES:

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Infant/Toddler Family Day Care provides child care resource and referral services to the Northern Virginia community through contracts with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA) and the Virginia Child Care Resource and Referral Network (VACCRRN).
- Infant/Toddler Family Day Care holds membership in Fairfax Futures and serves on the Virginia Working Families Child Care Coalition, a Northern Virginia Community College task force on early childhood education, and an action team with Voice's for Virginia's Children concerning "Defining the Unmet Needs of Children: the Opportunities and Challenges of a Diverse Community".
- The National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA) has partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps to launch a new program that will provide respite care to Marine Corps families with children with special needs in and around Northern Virginia. Infant/Toddler Family Day Care has been awarded the grant to administer EFMP Respite Care in Northern Virginia.
- The David & Laura Merga Foundation and The Annie E. Casey Foundation held an Early Learning Alliance Technical Conference in Denver, Colorado April 2-4 2008 to bring knowledge about shared platforms and new business models to the early care and education sector. The focus of this conference was Early Learning Alliances-- community-based networks comprised of small early care and education businesses that work together to deliver services. Infant/Toddler Family Day Care was one of the models of care reviewed at this conference.

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.