

ADVISORY: Fairfax Non-Profit Receives Funding from Fairfax County Community Consolidated Funding Pool for Workforce Development

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Infant/Toddler Family Day Care workforce development programs support the development of a highly skilled child care workforce in Fairfax County while building the capacity and resources of the immigrant community

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

WHAT: Infant/Toddler Family Day Care receives a grant from the Fairfax County Community Consolidated Funding Pool for \$65,000 to provide workplace English for Speakers of Other Languages and mentoring for a workforce of over 125 child care providers hailing from 26 countries. These providers provide early childhood education to 375 children in the Northern Virginia area.

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

- Hoffman can draw connections between early childhood development and success later in life and how the combination of small, family-based settings and trained providers make a difference. She can discuss what impact Infant/Toddler has made on the diverse Northern Virginia 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 the 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 departed 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.