

***Early Childhood Workforce Collaborative***

May 12, 2006

***Breakfast Meeting***

8:00-11:00 am

Santa Cruz County

Office of Education, Board Room

The Workforce Development Committee has planned a series of three meetings inviting agencies that provide professional development advising to Early Childhood Education professionals. Please join us for the first of these.

*"Expectations are rising for teacher skills and training, and California's child population is becoming more and more linguistically and culturally diverse. It is widely agreed that the cornerstone of high-quality early care and education programs is the skill and professional preparation of teachers."*

- Time to Revamp and Expand, UC Berkeley,  
Center for the Study of the Childcare Workforce, 2005

The Purpose of this first meeting is:

- ~ to identify community partners that share in the advising of early childhood teachers and students
- ~ to review what's happening in the field,
- ~ to distribute and review the Workforce Development Position Statement prepared on behalf of the Child Care Planning Council
- ~ to consider the development of a county-wide Professional Development Plan.

In a field that is fragmented, licensed and regulated by different agencies with different requirements and has begun most recently to rapidly change while involving new community partners, it is essential we convene on behalf of the work we do in support of quality programs for children, families, teachers, students and the workforce of Santa Cruz County.

Please return the attached questionnaire by May 5, 2006 so that it may be included in our introductory exercise at the May 12<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting. RSVP by email: [cathyp@santacruz.k12.ca.us](mailto:cathyp@santacruz.k12.ca.us) or phone 479-5282 by May 5.