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## Partnership to Address Violence Through Education to Host Institute

Perhaps one of the most pressing issues of our time is that of violence. Be it violence in the family or on the street, this is an issue that touches nearly everyone. But the age group that is perhaps most affected by violence is young children: in Minneapolis, for example, the age group most likely to die from homicide is children under one year old. Those who work in the field of early childhood education are often not properly trained to address issues of violence. A new program, Partnership to Address Violence through Education (PAVE), is working to address these problems by providing training to the people who work with young children so they can lessen the negative effects of violence.

PAVE's primary goal is to address the growing need to prepare residents from the economically disadvantaged central city neighborhoods of Minneapolis and St. Paul to work as child care professionals within their neighborhoods. The PAVE project has seven objectives in addressing the needs of residents in these neighborhoods: (1) recruit and retain low-income participants as child care workers; (2) provide these students with field experience in their neighborhoods; (3) provide postsecondary training with a focus on violence prevention and violence counseling to those who are prepared for advanced education; (4) assure them employment in early childhood education and development or violence counseling; (5) develop and disseminate training materials that address violence prevention or counseling; (6) provide ongoing communication among students, staff, faculty, community providers, and families about current research and information through community seminars and a comprehensive resource library; (7) and conduct ongoing evaluation.

The original grant for PAVE from the U.S. Department of Education was for five years. But pending funding cuts have required project staff to creatively explore what can be accomplished in only one year. One of the ways staff felt they could create the greatest impact with the least amount of time was by hosting the upcoming Violence Prevention and Intervention Institute for early childhood educators. Part One, "Prevention" will be held on September 21 and 22; and Part Two, "Intervention" will be held on November 16 and 17. This interactive institute will harness the skills and experience of teachers in the field to plan new strategies for developing more "peaceful classrooms." Applications are being accepted from teams of two people who work at the same child care center in the Twin Cities.

PAVE is funded through the University of Minnesota's Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) and will soon be housed in Pattee Hall. This is a collaborative project that also involves the St. Paul Technical College and the Minneapolis Technical College. The Principal Investigators for this project who are affiliated with the Institute on Community Integration are Mary McEvoy and Sandy Christenson. For more information on PAVE call Kathy Kolb or Christopher Watson at 626-8877.

## Staff Update

- **Staff Arrivals:** Michele Keller, RA for the SIPAP project.
- **Staff Departures:** Kathleen Feeley, Coordinator for the Outreach Project to accept a teaching position at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, New York; Dawn Engelstad to leave for Vienna for a year through a Fulbright Scholarship; Jeff Priest, RA, to move to Arizona to complete an internship; Karen Langenfeld, RA, leaving to have a baby; Tod Severence, undergraduate RA, to spend a year in Venezuela to learn Spanish; Susan Johnston, Residence Fellow, to accept a position at Eastern Michigan University; also leaving are RAs Angela Martens, Jennifer Robey, Nancy Edwards, Ramona Springis-Doss, and Janelle Slobof.
- RRTC has been hosting visits by Chaya Schwartz, Professor in Social Service, University of Bar-Ilan; Shlomo Katz, Professor of Psychology and Rehabilitation, University of Bar-Ilan; and Arie Rimmerman, Dean of Health and Social Welfare Services, University of Haifa. They have been visiting as part of an international exchange program between Bar-Ilan and the RRTC.
- Ruth Berman recently had a poem published in *Asimov's Science Fiction* magazine. The poem was developed out of an ICI support staff meeting. Look for the September issue.
- Julie C. Lund is the new Communications Coordinator for the College of Education and Human Development.

## Dates to Remember . . .

- **September 8:** State of the Institute presentations and picnic, 2:00 p.m., 120 Burton Hall.
- **September 11:** ICI Council, 9:30 a.m., 118 Pattee Hall.

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## From the Front Office

*News from ICI's Administrative Staff*

- **Watermelon Party.** The Community Building Committee is hosting a watermelon party on August 23rd from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. behind Pattee Hall. The "Watermelon Song" will be taught, and the first annual "ICI Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest" will also be convened.
- **State of the Institute Address and Picnic.** On September 8, Scott McConnell will present a State of the Institute address, discussing where we've been, where we are, and where we're going. Representatives from program areas, service centers, and committees will also give presentations and update everyone on what's new at ICI. The event will take place in Room 120, Burton Hall from 2:00 to 3:30. Following the presentations, the Community Building Committee will sponsor a community picnic. Bring friends, family, and a dish to share behind Pattee in the grassy area by Child Development from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Attention Union-Represented Civil Service Employees.** The most recent version of the BU6 (clerical unit) and BU7 (technical unit) Seniority Rosters have been posted on the ICI Bulletin Board on the first floor of Pattee Hall. They are also posted on the official union bulletin board in Burton Hall. These rosters cover service through June 30, 1995. Employees should review this information. *Those who disagree with the information in the rosters must file an appeal to the Human Resources Dept. by August 30, 1995. See details on the roster itself.*

## Bits and Pieces

*Information from the Institute's Research and Technology Consulting Group (RTCG, 110 Pattee, 4-7337) and the Publications Office (109 Pattee, 4-4512).*

- **Fee Plan for ICI Printer**
- The Institute has a new printer that is available for general use by ICI. It is located in Room 110 and can be printed from any Mac or PC that is connected to the network. In order to cover the costs of consumables and depreciation, users need to pay for the use of the printer. Rather than try to keep track of who is printing how many pages, the following flat rate plan has been proposed: Any project can print as many pages as it likes for \$15/month (or \$180/year). In order to begin this, send a memo to Megan Dushin (Rm. 110) providing her with a project name, CUFS number, and the name of your budget account manager in Administration. PLEASE check with your budget account manager to be sure that you have funds available which can be used for this purpose BEFORE you contact Megan. The flat rate plan will be evaluated after 6 months and the fee will be adjusted as needed. Contact Tim Soulen with any questions or concerns about this policy at 624-7337. If you are unsure how to access the printer please contact the RTCG 626-8649.
- **Nearly Half-a-Million Served; More Publications**
- **Nearly Half-a-Million Served.** In the last fiscal year, 1994-95, the Publications Office disseminated over 90,000 pieces of literature. Since the office first began producing printed materials, nearly 500,000 pieces of literature have been disseminated!
- **New.** Recently off the press is a "CTIC How-To Brochure Series." The five-brochure series designed to assist CTICs in operating efficiently and effectively includes *Interagency Agreements, Action Planning, CTIC Vision and Focus, Student Connection Groups, and Parent Connection Groups.* Also in is the updated ICI brochure.

## Miscellaneous

- **Mail at Pattee.** Outgoing U.S. mail is picked up in Pattee once a day around the lunch hour. If you have U.S. mail to go out after this point, particularly large mailings, please arrange for it to be taken to a nearby U.S. mailbox. If you have questions, please contact the secretary in your area. Secretaries may direct their questions to staff in Room 102.
- **Funding Update.** Wayne Erickson from the Minnesota Department of Education will present updates on federal funding, state reactions, and block grants related to education on September 20th, 9:00-11:30 a.m. in Rooms 351 and 352 Coffman Memorial Union. Call Teri Wallace for further information and if you wish to attend, 626-7220.
- **Graduate Assistantships Available.** Applications are being accepted for graduate assistantships for persons interested in pursuing a doctorate with a special emphasis on examining the role of special education in relation to recent national education reforms. For more information, contact David Johnson at 624-1062. Applications will be accepted until September 15.
- **College of Education and Human Development Day at the Minnesota State Fair.** Everyone is invited to join the Center for 4-H Youth Development at the Minnesota State Fair on Friday, August 25. A bus will pick up interested faculty and staff for a special program starting at 11:00 a.m. For more information or a registration form, contact the Office of the Dean at 625-6806.
- **Birthdays.** Peter Aleshire (9/7); Laura Bloomberg (9/11); Sandra Christenson (8/19); Ann Eggebeen (8/24); Hung-Chih Lin (8/26); Amy Mooney (8/29); Jeff Priest (8/24); Bob Prouty (8/15); Sue Ricker (9/5); Karen Rush (9/8); Marty Smith (8/21); Dick Sullivan (8/23); Martha Thurlow (8/19).