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Dutchess County Early Childhood Services Initiative to Host Symposium on Interventions

Rhinebeck, NY – The Dutchess County Early Childhood Coordinated Services Initiative (ECCSI) is pleased to announce its upcoming symposium entitled “Engaging Families of Young Children” to be held on October 23rd at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.

Dr. Mary McKay, Professor of Psychiatry and Community Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York will be presenting. Dr. McKay has been the recipient of many awards and has published numerous journal articles. As both a researcher and clinician, she has considerable expertise in the areas of mental health and prevention. Dr. McKay has been recognized both nationally and internationally for her research and dedication to improving the mental health of urban ethnic minority children and adolescents.

The Symposium will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is open to managers, teachers, social workers and caseworkers from a variety of agencies. Dr. McKay will present methods and strategies that address the barriers to conducting a successful intervention. She will illustrate how to successfully approach and engage individuals and families. She will also present a video, and exercises, that reinforce the concepts behind engagement and intervention.

The ECCSI is a collaborative effort by Dutchess County government and community service agencies that seek to provide a comprehensive system of preventive care for children (zero to five years of age). The primary goal is to create a comprehensive and coordinated system of community services dedicated to the healthy development of young children within their flourishing families.

Members of ECCSI include: Astor Home for Children, Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Child Care Council of Dutchess, Children's Medical Group, Dutchess Community College, Dutchess County Chemical Dependency Treatment Services - Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc., Dutchess County Health Families, Dutchess County Department of Health, Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene, Dutchess County Department of Social Services, Dutchess County Early Intervention, Grace Smith House, Inc., Hudson River Housing, Mental Health Association of Dutchess County, Mid Hudson Library System, Parents, United Way of Dutchess County, and Vassar Brothers Medical Center.



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