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Metro Action to host FREE Training for Child Care Providers

Conference provides weekend training, does not interfere with working hours of parents

Nashville, TN—On Saturday, (June 20) The Metropolitan Action Commission will host 200 Early Childhood Educators at The Borderless Classroom conference at the Nashville Convention Center (601 Commerce Street) in downtown Nashville at 10 a.m.

The Borderless Classroom is a free one-day conference for early childhood educators that provide information relevant to the children and families that are served in quality child care.

“We created The Borderless Classroom conference seven years ago in an effort to support Nashville’s commitment to quality early childhood education for children,” said Pamela Matthews, Metro Action Head Start Program Director.

Metro Action’s Head Start program, which has a total enrollment of 1,485 pre-school children, is the largest provider of Early Childhood Education in Davidson County.

Under the new Head Start Reauthorization Act, Head Start agencies are to ensure the provision of technical training assistance to other Head Start agencies and other early childhood education programs through collaborative efforts. Trainers from various highly recognized resources throughout the Southeast Region will facilitate the classes.

Sessions such as classroom management, childhood obesity in young children, the impact of homelessness on young children and their families and the importance of early literacy and math skills with pre-schoolers will be offered.

Amy Speidel of The Conscience Discipline ®, which is an internationally recognized approach to comprehensive classroom management and social-emotional curriculum, will provide a keynote presentation for all participants prior to the classes. Conscience Discipline ® is based on current brain research, child development information and developmentally appropriate practices. The intent of The Conscience Discipline ® program is to make changes in the lives of adults first, which in turn will make changes in the lives of the children.

“Many child care directors struggle to find quality training that will not interfere with their daily operations or with working hours of the parents they serve. The Borderless Classroom is provided at no cost to participants and hosted on the weekend to accommodate the needs of child care providers,” said Matthews.

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