



“Working Together for ALL Young Children”

***The 9th Illinois Statewide Collaborative Early Childhood Conference
Hyatt Regency Oak Brook
October 19-21, 2005
Oak Brook, Illinois***

Dear Colleague:

The 2005 Sharing A Vision Early Childhood Conference will be held October 19-21, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency Oak Brook in Oak Brook, Illinois. The conference will again include Showcasing, which provides an opportunity for colleagues and friends to hear and see what is being done for young children and their families in Illinois.

Conference attendees will have an opportunity to visit the Showcasing area to learn about new techniques, successful ideas for family involvement and innovative strategies and practices being used with young children. Showcasing sessions are scheduled for October 20, Thursday in the morning and early afternoon, and October 21, early Friday afternoon. This event is a wonderful opportunity for networking and exchanging ideas!

We are inviting you to submit the included Showcasing application form for consideration. There will be one free conference registration per approved Showcasing project. *Please do not be shy! Share your ideas.* **We ask that you carefully review the attached guidelines for Showcasing to insure you have a full understanding of your participation in this event**

A diverse representation of practices will be chosen to showcase. If your application is selected, you will display and discuss your ideas or practices during one of the scheduled blocks that you have selected on your application form. Attendees will have an opportunity to view Showcasing displays, hear ideas, and talk with the presenter(s) in an interactive format which does not involve a formal presentation or workshop. A **draped, 6 foot table** will be available for your display and materials. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide his or her own equipment.**

In order to apply for Showcasing, complete the enclosed application form. Along with the application, submit a one-page **typed** description of your idea, a concise (50-75) word description of the content of your project and mail or fax these items to the address listed below by **April 15, 2005**. You will be notified the week of **May 16** if your application is accepted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call any one of us on the Showcasing Committee.

Sincerely,

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