

PROGRAM UPDATE
May 8, 2004- July 12, 2004

Susan Matson
Extension Educator -- Human Development

PARENT EDUCATION:

National Extension Parenting Educators' Framework (NEPEF) Planning for fall training day at a site to accommodate more than the 30 people who attended Part 1. Waiting for Cornell to confirm a facilitator from the Parenting in Context initiative to assist us. This training will cover a framework for *content* of parenting education programs; Part 1 covered the *process* aspects. **"What's a Parent to Do? Helping families deal with bullying and with kids who are out of control"**. Preparing for this annual parenting education satellite downlink from Coop. Ext. in Iowa. The series is on Nov. 30 and Dec 7. Cornell bought the license, enabling our participant fee to be more reasonable. It is one of the few local professional development opportunities specifically for parent educators, and well received by local parent educators.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION:

Early Care and Education Program Work Team (Co-chair)-The PWT will assist with the inaugural *NYS Conference on Infancy* in Binghamton Oct.14-16. The May meeting included updates on policies, regulations, certifications, and new resources in the area of early care and education. I have posted information on the Hudson Valley Human Services listserv.

Little Ones' Library (LOL) A *Friends of the LOL* is actively "in organization" with an information session at local home planned for July 17 at which guests will learn about the LOL and efforts to implement community sponsorship. A supporter has begun the 501c3 process. If the group acquires sufficient funds by a deadline later in the year, CCE has agreed to provide programming but no funding or fund raising in 2005. In addition to regular storytimes, the LOL visited the Brookside school twice and will provide weekly storytimes for the Town of Rochester summer program. Special Events included *Diggers, Dozers and Dumpers* where children explored construction equipment and our annual birthday party for LOL. Fall plans in progress: *Truck Day* 9/18, rain date 9/25, *Musical Petting Zoo* 10/23, *Reading is Magic* (with a magician) 11/13, *Bedtime with Books: Happily Ever After* 12/17.

Rondout Valley Early Childhood Workgroup (RVECW)-In an effort to highlight early childhood year round, the RVECW has added a fall event to its agenda, a Halloween activity for young children at the time of the Town of Rochester Haunted House, and are looking into a small column in the Blue Stone Press. *I Just Loved That Book* is planned for March and the *Week of the Young Child* in April.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -- FAMILY:

Rondout Valley Educational Foundation- Committee continues development of a proposal for the school board for establishment of an educational foundation.

Advancing Youth Development (AYD)-Preparing to help facilitate 3-hour *AYD Basics* session for supervisors in August, and the full *AYD training* for youth workers in September-October. A goal of the AYD Training Team is that all youth workers in the county will use a consistent youth development approach in their interactions with youth, and that youth workers will receive recognition for the value of the work they do.