

**PROGRAM UPDATE**  
**July 12, 2004- September 13, 2004**

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**PARENT EDUCATION:**

**National Extension Parenting Educators' Framework (NEPEF)- Part 2** Finalized arrangements for this training, the second of a 2-part series. UCCC is providing classroom space at the BRC where we will also use the video conferencing facility for interactive distance learning with Dr. Rachel Dunifon, Assistant Professor in their Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell. She will present her research, "How Does Growing up in a Single-Mother Family Affect Children?" which is focused on single-parenthood and child well-being, on how living in a single-parent family affects children of different races differently, and the role of grandparents in helping raise children in a single-parent family. This is the first time we have incorporated interactive distance learning designed specifically for our training agenda.

**"What's a Parent to Do? Helping families deal with bullying and with kids who are out of control"**, annual parenting education satellite downlink from Coop. Ext. in Iowa on Nov. 30 and Dec 7. Beginning publicity; considering a local session tying satellite information to local resources. The small size of our meeting space limits our enrollment for popular topics such as this, but the later broadcast time frame this year (6:30-9:30 p.m.) may also deter attendance.

**EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION:**

**Early Care and Education Program Work Team (Co-chair)**-The PWT has been funded for another year and is able to offer financial assistance to Ext. Educators to attend the inaugural NYS Conference on Infancy Conference in October. This effort is strengthening connections between CCE and state level early childhood departments and agencies. The third e-newsletter, *FYI: Early Care and Education*, is in preparation.

**Little Ones' Library (LOL)**-Friends of Little Ones is proceeding to attain not-for-profit 501c3 status and has held several organizational meetings. It is now planning for fundraising in an effort to maintain LOL program after 12-31-04. Current LOL programming continues with regular storytimes and preparation for Special Storytime Events, including Truck Day 9/18. Prepared application for 2005 UC Youth Bureau and 2005 Town of Rochester funding. Completed annual Youth Bureau monitoring.

**School Age Care (SAC) project**-finalized scope of work and budget for this contract with Cornell. It involves maintaining contact with Child Care Councils in the 7 county region, maintaining a mailing list of all SAC providers in the region, writing a cover letter and mailing School Age Connections quarterly newsletter (received from Cornell) to all on the list; 800-1000.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -- FAMILY:**

**Rondout Valley Educational Foundation**- Committee continues development of a proposal for the school board for establishment of an educational foundation. I am responsible for drafting the section on potential funding sources and approaches for review by the committee in September.

**Advancing Youth Development (AYD)**-Preparing to help facilitate AYD training for youth workers in September-October. Have sought background reading and new materials to incorporate in training to keep it up to date.