In her article, "Looking at the Quality of Early Childhood Programs" Lilian Katz, makes these comments ...”\textbf{The characteristics of a program that really predict its outcome are the answers to the bottom-up question: \textit{What does it feel like to be a child in this environment?}}\textbf{\textcolor{red}{}}

"Obtaining answers to this question is not easy! It requires making the very best guess one can about how each individual child in this group experiences the program. We can proceed by asking about the environment on behalf of each child:

* Is it welcoming rather than merely captivating?
* Do I belong in the group rather than merely have a good time?
* Am I usually accepted by adults rather than scolded?
* Am I usually accepted by some peers rather than isolated, neglected, or rejected?
* Is this environment usually involving rather than entertaining?
* Are the activities meaningful rather than mindless?
* Are the activities engaging rather than amusing?
* Are the activities interesting rather than boring?
* Do I usually come here willingly rather than reluctantly?

"It seems to me that only when answers to most of these questions are positive can we assume that the quality of the program is worthy of our children."

\section*{THANK YOU JACKIE}

Thanks go to Jackie for the many years she has served as the coordinator of the ECD Department. This year Jackie will be teaching full time and Zina will assume the role of ECD Department Coordinator.

\section*{Child Development CORPS: Every Child Counts, First 5 Alameda County}

\textbf{AA Degree Corps Program} for Early Childhood Development students who are also working 15 hours per week with children*\textbf{\textcolor{red}{}}

\textbf{Like money?} Are you interested in, or are you currently working with children ages 0 –5 or for the LARPD school-age program? If you are enrolled @ Las Positas College or wish to enroll in early childhood classes, you may be eligible to participate in the AA Degree CORP Stipend Program administered through Every Child Counts, First 5 Alameda County. Neva Bandelow, ECD Professional (cont on page 2)
SAVE THE DATE
Friday evening, September 26,

An evening with Dr. Adam Cox and an expert panel including a child psychologist, a child psychiatrist, a college instructor, a SELPA representative and a parent teaming together to help each child reach his/her highest potential.

Jeanne Virgilio @ 925.424.1187
for more information regarding this exciting evening event

or

Valerie Ball @ 925.424.1170 for registration materials.

News (cont)

(from page 1) Development Coordinator will assist you in determining your eligibility and help you through the enrollment process. Even if you are unsure of your educational goals, Neva will work with you to design an ECD educational plan, apply for a Child Development Permit, or help with other ECD educational or professional needs.

CORPS STIPEND UPDATE

Returning CORPS members will be pleased to know your additional course units just gained even more value. Beginning with Summer re-enrollments, each course unit completed with a “C” or better (beyond the 3 unit eligibility requirement) is worth $200.00 ($150 if you are an Entry Level participant), up to a TOTAL stipend award of $2500.00.

Are you a student interested in transferring to a four year college?

The CORPS will support you with stipend awards through completion of the transfer classes. Once courses are completed and you are transfer-ready, you will be awarded the one time $2500.00 achievement award.

READY TO JOIN THE CORPS, BUT CAN’T FIND THE TIME?

The Professional Development Coordinator will come to your Alameda County worksite. Receive one-on-one support right from your child development center or family child care home and begin receiving stipend incentives for working with children.

Resources for TANF-CDC Students Questions???
Call Zina Rosen-Simon 424.1178

Book Loans
Call Neva @ 424.1188
Did you know Child Care Links offers trainings in vast ECE subject areas? The trainings are free and are usually offered in the evenings. They even have Saturday trainings.

Below is the schedule of Harms-Clifford trainings for summer, 2008. Note that there is one scheduled for Child Care Links, Monday evening, August 11, 6:30-9:30 pm.

Harms Clifford Trainings: Summer, 2008

**August 11** @ Child Care Links, Pleasanton—Call Megan Alsdorf @ (925) 249-3925 to register

**July 15th** @ 4 C’s, Hayward—Call Linda Bringman (510) 584-3133 to register

**July 30th** @ Bananas Oakland —Call Pacha Eisenstein (510) 658-7353 to register

As you can see from the newly installed signage, the LPC Child Development Center is moving forward. It received final clearance from the State Architectural Review Board in May. Below are the next important dates. The LPC/ECD web site will be updated to reflect the most recent news and dates.

- BID Documents being prepared: 09/08
- BIDS due to District: 10/24/08
- BID selected: 11/12/08
- Board Approval: 12/09/08

**Official Groundbreaking**

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January, 2009

Check out the Las Positas College: ECD Web Site:

http://www.laspositascollege.edu/ecd
More News from First 5 Alameda County

Goodbye to a familiar face at Every Child Counts, First 5 Alameda County. It is with mixed emotions we bid farewell to Lea Austin, our CORPS Program Manager. Lea will be joining Mills College’s MA Leadership program staff. We appreciate Lea’s dedication to early care and education and look forward to hearing of her many successes in the future. We know that Alameda County will continue to be connected to Lea and her strong leadership. Good Luck Lea, we will miss you. The MA Program is lucky to get you.

Current Corps Members

When you enrolled with Neva or Jeanne, you were given a binder and an enrollment summary. On that summary is a date that tells you when you are ready to continue in the program. Be sure to check the date. You will also receive your re-enrollment materials in the mail from Every Child Counts. Remember that you must have met all of the continuing requirements and that you must be employed continuously for 9 months in the same program when you apply. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for the 2008-09 year call Neva @ 925.424.1188

Need more information

Be sure to contact Neva Bandelow 925. 424.1188.

NIEER REPORTS IDENTIFIES 10 FACTORS FOR A HIGH QUALITY ECE CLASSROOM

- Lead Teacher with a BA Degree
- Specialized Training in Pre-K
- 15 hours Professional Development/year
- Aides/Assistants with 12 units
- Ratio 1:10
- Class size ≤ 20
- 1 meal daily approved by Dept of Agriculture
- Assessments
- Site Visits
- Learning Foundations in place

CONGRATULATIONS to
LPC’s EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
STUDENTS EARNING AN
AA DEGREE IN ECE

Elaine M. Dye
Lisa A. Garcia
Rona Gumataotao
Paula Sue Hamilton
Carleen Reditt Lankenaau
Beverly E. Midkiff
Angela Lynn Rockstead
Rosalba Vazquez
Delana Juanita Watts

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Neva Bandelow received her M.A Degree from St. Mary’s College, June, 2008

Laura Reno has been accepted into the M.A. Degree program in ECE Leadership @ Mills College

Cindy Santos (Dublin), Leslie Clohan (Pleasanton) and Norma Yarbourgh (Livermore) have all been accepted into the BA Cohort for ECE students @ CSUEB

And

Susan Morris (MS program: CSUEB, Concord Campus), Janette Kunili (Livermore), Rachelle Crockett (Pleasanton) and Gayli Heiman (Dublin) are all hard at work in their second year in their cohorts.

Many thanks to Every Child Counts, First 5 Alameda County who is helping to fund the cohorts. We are well on our way to increasing the education of the ECD workforce, one of the main factors in determining a high quality ECE classroom.

For the full NIEER Report go to:
http://nieer.org/yearbook/pdf/yearbook.pdf#page=13

You will discover many facts that will help all of us be better advocates for all children.

QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID?? Check out their LPC web site

http://www.laspositascollege.edu/financialaid/index.php