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Learning in the Early Years Conference  
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# Learning in the Early Years Conference

## Thursday, March 25, 2010

8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Hofstra University's  
Sondra and David S. Mack  
Student Center,  
Theater and  
Multipurpose Room

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Nassau BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County) closely collaborates with various local agencies and school districts to make significant differences in the lives of young children and their families. The strength of this collective approach makes certain the best thinking and resources are applied to each child, family and situation.

The **Learning in the Early Years Conference** seeks to ensure that all participants gain a better understanding of the issues that surround early childhood education, and the resources and support services available to them through a variety of networks.

The conference continues its tradition of presenting the most current information from the leading research available on early childhood development and learning. This conference presents new information in the most practical and concrete terms so families, schools and communities may benefit directly.

## Goals for the Learning in the Early Years Conference

As a result of participating in this year's conference, attendees will return to their workplaces with many new ideas accompanied by definite implementation strategies. This "evidence-based" approach to the research results presented at the conference will bring strategies and practices into focus.

The **Learning in the Early Years Conference** is designed to reduce the barriers to high-quality care and education for our youngest "students," build meaningful connections between the community and the school, the Head Start program, the pre-kindergarten program, the infant-toddler center or the elementary school, as well as to promote the healthy development of the whole child.

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## Collaborating Agencies

- Alice Brown Early Learning Center, Adelphi University
- Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc.
- Child Care Council of Suffolk, Inc.
- Early Years Institute
- Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau/Head Start Child Development Program
- Fight Crime: Invest in Kids New York
- Harbor Child Care, Inc.
- Hi-Hello Child Care Center, Inc.
- Hofstra University School of Education, Health and Human Services
- L&GL, LLC
- Long Island Child and Family Development Services, Inc. – Early Head Start
- Long Island Progressive Coalition
- Nassau County Department of Health Early Intervention Program
- Nassau Early Childhood Direction Center at Variety Child Learning Center
- The Parent-Child Home Program, Inc.
- New York Zero to Three
- Parenting Resource Network at the Friedberg JCC
- Renaissance Educational Services, Inc.
- Seatuck Environmental Association
- Seniors4Kids
- State of New York Council on Children and Families
- St. Joseph's College
- The Center for Parents and Children

## Keynote Presenter... Dr. Craig T. Ramey

Craig T. Ramey is the director of the Center for Health and Education at Georgetown University and is Georgetown's Distinguished Professor of Health Studies. Dr. Ramey specializes in the study of factors affecting a young child's development in the areas of intelligence, social competence and academic achievement.



During the past 30 years, he and Sharon Ramey have conducted research involving 14,000 children and families in 40 states. He has won many professional and civic awards for his work on the prevention of intellectual disabilities, and for his exemplary early childhood education programs.

Dr. Ramey is currently focusing on education and the public policy factors affecting the successful transition to school, a critical issue in today's educational environment. He is also looking at the creation of a new generation of early childhood education, health and family support programs.

Dr. Ramey is the author of more than 225 publications, including five books, and is a frequent consultant to federal and state governments as well as private agencies, foundations and the news media. Among his books, co-authored with his wife, Dr. Sharon Ramey, are *Right From Birth: Building Your Child's Foundation for Life* (1999) and *Going to School: How to Help Your Child Succeed* (1999).

Interestingly, *Right From Birth*, which received a Gold Award from the National Parenting Association, presents the latest brain research and its practical implications for parents of young children. *Going to School* offers a summary of research that parents can use to help their children succeed in school and ascend to a well-rounded life.

Dr. Ramey earned a Ph.D. in Life Span Developmental Psychology at West Virginia University.

## Panel Topic

**Connecting the Dots:** How do I use the research on early learning and child development in the classroom, school and community?

### Esteemed Panelists

Experts from the fields of early child care, education, community and family development, and parenting education will be featured on this panel. Following the panel discussion, each panelist will lead two breakout sessions, giving conference attendees the opportunity to tackle the concerns and issues in a concrete way. This will ensure the direct applicability to the specific learning situation and environment of each participant.

### Panel Moderator

**Dr. Craig T. Ramey**

### Panelists and Workshop Leaders

**Dr. Constance Clark-Snead**

*Superintendent, Westbury Public School*

**Michele Morrison**

*Training and Program Support Director,  
The Parent-Child Home Program, Inc.*

**Stacey Ratner**

*Director of Quality Assurance and Training,  
Nassau Early Childhood Direction Center*

**Theresa Regnante**

*President and CEO,  
United Way of Long Island*

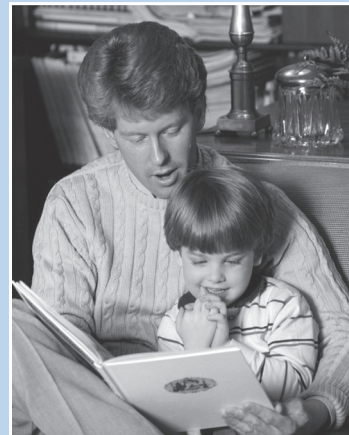
**Representative  
of Early Head Start**

**Joan Rochetta**

*Child Care Council  
of Suffolk, Inc.*

**Dr. Dana Friedman**

*Executive Director,  
Early Years Institute*



## The Plan for the Day

**8-9 a.m.** Registration and  
Continental Breakfast  
Multipurpose Room

**9-9:20 a.m.** Welcome and Greetings  
Dr. Laura Lustbader, Nassau BOCES  
Martin Blum, Hofstra University  
Hofstra University Theater

**9:20-10:50 a.m.** Keynote Presentation and Q&A  
Dr. Craig T. Ramey  
University Theater

**10:50-11 a.m.** Break

**11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** Panel Presentation  
Connecting the Dots...  
University Theater

**12:15-1 p.m.** LUNCH  
Multipurpose Room

**1-1:40 p.m.** Session A\*

**1:50-2:30 p.m.** Session B\*  
\*Select a workshop discussion  
to attend for both session A and  
session B. (See list of workshops.)

**2:30-2:45 p.m.** Break

**2:45-3:15 p.m.** Responses to Key Points  
From Workshop Sessions  
University Theater

**3:15 p.m.** Conference Closing  
Dr. Laura Lustbader  
University Theater

### Workshop Discussion Session Leaders

Each of the seven panelists will lead a workshop discussion session. Pre-register for two of the sessions on your registration form. Mark your choices for session A and B.

1. Dr. Constance Clark-Snead, *Superintendent, Westbury Public School*
2. Michele Morrison, *Training and Program Support Director, The Parent-Child Home Program, Inc.*
3. Stacey Ratner, *Director of Quality Assurance and Training, Nassau Early Childhood Direction Center*
4. Theresa Regnante, *President and CEO, United Way of Long Island*
5. Representative of *Early Head Start*
6. Joan Rochetta, *Director of Educational Services, Child Care Council of Suffolk, Inc.*
7. Dr. Dana Friedman, *Executive Director, Early Years Institute*

Register now for the **Learning in the Early Years Conference** to be held on March 25, 2010.

Fill out the form below, tear off this page, and send it with payment no later than **March 11, 2010** to:

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Checks and purchase orders should be made out to Nassau BOCES.

- \$125 per person
- \$100 per person when a group of three or more registers at the same time from the same school or agency

*Note: Suffolk County school districts please pay by personal check or "cross contract" for payment if BOCES aid applies.*

Each of the seven panelists will be leading a workshop discussion session. These sessions are listed on the adjacent "Plan for the Day" page. Be sure to pre-register for two of the workshop discussion sessions on your registration form, and mark your choices, by number, for session A and session B.

Name of registrant \_\_\_\_\_

Home or cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Work number \_\_\_\_\_

School district/agency \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration for the workshop discussion sessions you'd like to attend:

(Fill in session number here.) Session A: \_\_\_\_\_ Session B: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase order # (purchase order en route) \_\_\_\_\_ Check is enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of approval for attendance from district administrator

**Note: Credit for participation is determined by the individual school district. Certificates of completion will be distributed at the close of the conference.**