
New Jersey



HEALTH IN CHILD CARE

2009 Conference

A Collaborative Project of the New Jersey Association
for the Education of Young Children (NJAEYC)



"Champions for Children's Well Being"

18th Annual Health In Child Care Conference

Thursday, May 21, 2009
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The DoubleTree Hotel

200 Atrium Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873
(732) 469-2600



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*Welcome to the 18th Annual Health in Child Care Conference -
Champions for Children's Well Being*

It's been a pleasure to be a part of such a devoted conference committee. Together, we have selected an exciting array of workshops that will be presented by a diverse and expert group of presenters. From the wide variety of topics related to the health and well-being of young children being offered, we are confident you'll find several exciting choices to meet your professional development needs. We are especially excited about our keynote speaker, Cynthia Rice, and her presentation on the essential and timely topic of effective advocacy for the health and well-being of young children.

We are pleased once again present the Rose Annussek Award for Inclusive Child Care during lunchtime on the day of the conference. This award is being presented in collaboration with support from the New Jersey Inclusive Child Care Project under the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network. We hope that you will consider nominating someone deserving of this honor (see back cover for nomination information).

We are delighted to be able to offer Nursing Contact Hours for nurses attending the conference through special support from The Central NJ Maternal and Child Health Consortia. All of the workshops meet the requirement for professional development through the Office of Child Care Licensing as well.

We also encourage you to join the NJ Registry for Childhood Professionals Serving Children Birth through Age Thirteen for the reduced rate of \$10 when you complete your conference registration form. A representative from Professional Impact NJ will be available at the conference to help attendees complete a registry application.

The continued success of this conference is the direct result of the hard work of an amazing group of volunteers who donate their time and expertise. We also thank our sponsors who enable us to keep our registration fees low as a result of their generous support. Should you wish to make a contribution, all donations are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

The Health in Child Care Conference Committee



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PROGRAM

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Check-in, Resource/Exhibit Tables and Continental Breakfast

8:45 AM - 10:15 AM Plenary Session

Welcome - **Patricia Kouten**
President - NJAEYC

Opening Remarks - **Jennifer Velez**, Invited
Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Human Services
Kimberly Ricketts, Invited
Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Children and Families
Susan Walsh, Invited
Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Keynote Address: **The ABC's of Effective Advocacy for the Health and Well-Being of Young Children**

Due to the current political climate, now more than ever, it is imperative that caregivers have the skills necessary to be successful for the children and families whom they serve. Ms. Rice will discuss what these changing times mean for the health and well being of all young children and why effective advocacy is critical.

Cynthia Rice, Esq.

Senior Policy Analyst - Association for Children of New Jersey

10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon AM Workshops

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Luncheon and Exhibit Tables

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM PM Workshops



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OBJECTIVE

To promote dialogue among the pediatric, health and child care communities and inform professionals working with children about current health issues.

WHO SHOULD COME?

Doctors, nurses, community health workers, child care center directors and staff, family child care providers, parents and other interested community members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A Certificate of Attendance will be given to each participant. Workshop hours can be used to meet New Jersey child care licensing requirements. Department of Education - Registered Provider #812.

NURSING CONTACT HOURS

This program will be awarded 4.0 contact hours by The Central New Jersey Maternal & Child Health Consortium, an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the New Jersey State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Provider Number P 92-1/08-11. Provider Approval is valid through January 31, 2011.

RESOURCE/ EXHIBIT TABLES

Tables are only available by contacting Helen Muscato at 732-329-0033 or mail@njaeyc.org.

GRANTS

Grants of up to \$50.00 are available to low income centers, family child care providers and parents to pay for substitute caregivers while they attend the conference. Contact mail@njaeyc.org for more information.



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REGISTRATION and HOTEL INFORMATION

- Please register early, using a separate form for each participant attending. Registrations received by May 1st will be mailed a confirmation and are eligible for early bird rates.
- \$60.00 Registration fee • \$70.00 Registration fee if postmarked after May 1st. (includes meals and conference materials). You are invited to add a tax–deductible donation toward our expenses. All contributions are greatly appreciated.
- Make check payable to NJAEYC–HICC and mail registration form to: NJAEYC–HICC, PO Box 426, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. For more information call (732) 329–0033 or mail@njaeyc.org
- Purchase Orders will not be accepted.
- We have reserved a limited number of rooms for the night of May 15 at a special conference rate of \$139. In order to reserve a room at the hotel, call the DoubleTree at (732) 469-2600 and ask for reservations. The code for the conference rate is NJH.

ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Cynthia C. Rice, Esq.

Senior Policy Analyst - Association for Children of New Jersey



Cynthia Rice is the Senior Policy Analyst at the Association for Children of New Jersey in Newark. Her responsibilities have included state education issues with a concentration in at-risk and special education. During the last ten years, Ms. Rice has concentrated on issues around the implementation of the Supreme Court mandated early childhood education programs for three and four year old children in New Jersey's 31 poorest school districts. Ms. Rice has co-authored four of ACNJ's *amicus curiae* briefs on the preschool component of Abbott v. Burke. She has staffed the Early Care and Education Coalition, a group of individuals and organizations representing every facet of early childhood education, including Head Start, school districts, community providers, higher education and child advocates. Her work has included identifying, monitoring and writing about critical

policy issues around program implementation, including facilities, higher education, collaboration and preschool expansion in both the Abbott and Early Childhood Program Aid districts.

Ms. Rice has worked closely with legislators and the Governor's Office in the passage of a new law that requires the development of a seamless transfer system between New Jersey's community colleges and four year institutions that will affect thousands of college students throughout the state.

She has recently authored three policy reports that have analyzed how New Jersey's school districts, higher education system and its Department of Education are developing policy and implementing systems to ensure that preschool through 3rd grade programs are aligned and coordinated.

Ms. Rice's current work has focused on the preschool expansion component of the state's new funding formula, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008. She has been active in educating school districts and community-based programs on how best to begin the implementation of the preschool expansion. She has recently written two policy briefs that advocate for districts to use the development of their new preschool programs as an opportunity to better coordinate and align their districts' early learning (preschool through 3rd grade) programs.

Ms. Rice recently co-authored an article with Dr. Nancy Lauter, of Montclair State University that was published in the January-March 2008 edition of *The New Educator* entitled, **Scaling Up Quality in Early Childhood Programs: New Jersey's Story**.

Lastly, Ms. Rice was recently chosen to receive the New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council's 2008 *Chris Kjeldsen Champion for Children Award*.

Prior to coming to ACNJ fifteen years ago, Ms. Rice was an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, New York. She specialized in the prosecution of juvenile offense, child abuse and domestic violence cases.

Ms. Rice is a former member of the Waldwick Board of Education, Waldwick, New Jersey, where she served as Vice-President for four years.

Ms. Rice holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Government from Georgetown University and a Juris Doctor from Pace University School of Law.

AM WORKSHOPS

1. **Sitting with the Keynoter**

Presenter: Cynthia Rice, Esq., Senior Policy Analyst - Association for Children of New Jersey

Facilitator: Patricia Kouten, President, NJAEYC

Come sit with the keynoter to further discuss how caregivers can be successful in advocating for children and families.

2. **Helping Young Children Manage Anger**

Presenter: Patti Lucarelli RN, APN.C, CPNP, MSN, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Jersey Shore University M.C., Family Health Center

Facilitator: Dianne Burdette, BSN, RN, CPN, Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator The Children's Home Society of NJ

Anger is a normal emotion for both adults and children. Young children who are angry and aggressive can be a special challenge for child care staff. Come and explore some anger management techniques that you can use to help children work successfully through these times, and develop healthy life-long anger resolution skills.

3. **P.L.A.Y. Plus**

Presenter: Lea McReynolds RN, MS, CPN, CCHCC, Mercer County Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator, Child Care Connection

Facilitator: Shonda Laurel, MSA, Supervisor-Child Care Operations, Division of Family Development: NJ Department of Human Services

This interactive workshop will provide practical, hands-on strategies for teaching and modeling healthy lifestyle behaviors about nutrition and physical activity in early childhood settings. *The expectation of this workshop is that each participant will implement nutrition and physical activities as provided in the take-home materials.* As such, each participant will receive a *Chef ComboTeacher's Guide*, puppet and other support materials to use in the classroom and share with parents.

4. **"I just KNOW there's something going on with this child!"**

Presenters: Sue Gellert, MS Ed. Consultant: Early Childhood Special Needs; Dorothy Bryan, MD Developmental Pediatrician

Facilitator: Ellen Grace Whitford, RN, CPHQ Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator: Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen

What do you do when your "gut" tells you that a child in your care has special needs? How do you approach the family? How do you access services? Come to this workshop and learn how to support children AND families through this sensitive process.

5. Are you ready to respond to the unexpected?

Presenter: Eric Hicken, MICP, EMS for Children, Program Coordinator, Office of Emergency Medical Services - NJ Department of Health & Senior Services

Facilitator: Kay Gellert M Ed. Child Care Advocate

Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility. In this workshop child care centers and family child care homes will learn what needs to be in a disaster plan and what is needed to evacuate or have a shelter in place. It will also review who the first responders are, using scenarios and group discussions to identify key elements of disaster planning.

6. Identifying Signs of Stress in Young Children

Presenters: Marta I. Horvath, RN, BA, Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator; Barbara Dunn, RN, Child Care Health Consultant/Warmline Nurse, Programs for Parents

Facilitator: Martha Saint-Jean, RN Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator: Tri-County Community Action Partnership

While stress is a natural part of development, when it exceeds the natural levels- development, social interaction and trust may be compromised. This workshop is designed to help recognize early subtle signs of stress exhibited in young children from infancy onward.

7. Working to Strengthening Families Using a Cultural Lens

Presenter: Ana I Berdecia, M.Ed Senior Fellow/Director Center for Positive Development of Urban Children-Thomas Edison State College

Facilitator: Brenda Conover, RN, MSN, CPNP Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator Burlington County Community Action Program

This workshop will allow participants to examine personal biases, actions and behaviors as they impact diverse families. Participants will learn how to create culturally responsive environments and practices that support the well-being of families.

8. Nurturing the Creativity in Young Children

Presenter: Martie B. Granieri, BSN, BC Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator, Atlantic County Women's Center

Facilitator: Sherri Begleiter, RN, BSN Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator: SRCCRC/ EIRC

All children are naturally creative! Come and learn ways to cultivate creativity in child care settings with imaginative, sensory- stimulating activities and get in touch with your own "inner child". Hands on activities are included in this workshop.

9. A Child's Rights to Child Care

Presenters: Denise Bouyer, MA Project Director NJ Inclusive Child Care Project; Kathy DeMarco, BA Director, Minding Miracles Learning Center
Facilitator: Judi Connor, RN, BSN, Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator: Child Care Resources

This workshop will summarize the non-discrimination and reasonable accommodation requirements of the *Americans with Disabilities Act Section 504* of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and will provide tools and resource information to ensure that these laws are applied to protect children with disabilities and special health needs. Practical examples and strategies will be given to help you remain compliant and inclusive.

10. Celebrate Afterschool! Outdoors in the Garden State

Presenter: Sarah Cruz, BA Enrichment Support Specialist NJSACC
Facilitator: Annette Perez, RN, BA Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator: SRCCRC/ EIRC

The New Jersey School Age Coalition is promoting the value of making the connection between nature and children. This workshop consists of discussion and information about the importance of outdoor play as well as hands on activities to bring the outdoors in.

11. How a Caregiver's Self Esteem Can Influence the Well-Being of Young Children

Presenter: Diana Walker, BA; BS; MSS Graduate Fellow Zero to Three; Executive Director, The Martin Luther King Jr. Child Development Center
Facilitator: Maribel Steuth, Field Service Supervisor 1 Division of Family Development: NJ Department of Human Services

This workshop will explore factors that will enable caregivers to establish healthy relationships with children and families. It will [address the support providers need, beginning](#) with the hiring process [and continuing](#) through everyday experiences and caregiving practices.

12. Hot Topics in Health & Safety

Presenters: Kathleen Cuddihy, MD, FAAP, New Providence Pediatrics; June Cuddihy, RN, CS, MSN, Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen

Facilitator: Justine Foley, MA Child Care Specialist, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen

This is an interactive workshop addressing your issues, update on emerging health problems, immunizations, MRSA, developmental problems, importance of play, OTC medicines and the importance of sleep in the lives of young children. Bring questions and receive answers from the friendly Pediatrician, Child Care Health Consultant and Child Care Specialist.

PM WORKSHOPS

1. Smart Strategies to Instill Healthy Habits in Young Children

Presenter: Debra Shapiro Gill, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist Director, Health LIFE Pediatric Weight Management Program

Facilitator: Brenda Conover, RN, MSN, CPNP Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator, Burlington County Community Action Program

Child care workers will learn to identify foods, eating habits and activity patterns that are healthy vs. not-so healthy for young children. They will discover classroom strategies and ways of communicating with kids and parents that promote healthy behavior and healthy attitudes for life-long wellness and weight control.

2. “Tell Me What I’m Doing Right! – An Empowering Approach to Strengthening Families”

Presenter: Pat Stanislaski, BS Administrator Office of Early Childhood Services NJ Department of Children & Families

Facilitator: Maribel Steuth, Field Service Supervisor 1 Division of Family Development: NJ Department of Human Services

This workshop introduces the Strengthening Families through Early Care & Education program, which is being implemented in more than 160 child care centers statewide. The program focuses on the strengths parents have rather than the risk factors that make their children vulnerable to child maltreatment.

3. The Importance of Meditation in the Life of Educators - Movement & Meditation

Presenter: Miriam Moran Shankman, Movement & Meditation Teacher Mir-Yam School of Tai chi, Chi Kung & Meditation

Facilitator: Annette Perez, RN, BA Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator: SRCCRC/ EIRC

Come meditate and learn about meditation and what it can do for you at work as well as everywhere else. This workshop may feel more like a mini retreat and it has the potential to change your life!

4. New Jersey Immunization Requirements for Child Care

Presenter: Jenish Sudhakaran, MPH Population Assessment Coordinator New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services

Facilitator: Ellen Grace Whitford, RN, CPHQ Child Care Health Consultant Coordinator: Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen

This workshop will provide information on immunization requirements for child care and preschool as set forth in the New Jersey State Sanitary Code NJAC 8:57-4.

5. **What's New in Licensing**

Presenters: Susan Guider, Child Care Quality Assurance, Inspector I NJ Department of Children and Families, Office of Licensing; Marilyn Weiss, Child Care Quality Assurance Inspector II NJ Department of Children and Families, Office of Licensing

Staff from the NJ Office of Licensing will answer your questions and provide the most current information on licensing requirements for child care centers, including new environmental regulations. The workshop is geared toward center directors, sponsors and administrators.

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7. **Implementing Effective Teaching Strategies: Making it Work for ALL**

Presenter: Kathy DeMarco, BA Director, Minding Miracles Learning Center

Facilitator: Shonda Laurel, MSA Supervisor-Child care Operations, Division of Family Development: NJ Department of Human Services

The focus of this workshop will be on providing a framework for working with children, recognizing their individual needs and identifying strategies that will effectively meet the needs of the students enabling each the opportunity to participate successfully in their child care environments.

8. **Mind in the Making: Begin the Learning Adventure**

Presenters: Theresa Caputo, M. Ed., Director, Professional Impact NJ; Sue Fenick, MA Development and Ed. Psychology, Child Care Referral Specialist, Burlington County Community Action Program

Facilitator: JoAnne Kirk, MA Education/Human Services Leadership, Family Child Care Education Coordinator, Burlington County Community Action Program

Are you tired of attending the same child care trainings over and over? Mind in the Making is the answer for you! Begin a unique journey to obtain knowledge of current research in child development and to translate this knowledge into your teaching practice.

9. Infant/Toddler Mental Health: You are the Conduit!

Presenter: Ingrid E. Campbell, MAT Early Childhood Education Training Specialist, Rutgers University–Center for Children & Childhood Studies

Facilitator: Sherri Begleiter, RN, BSN Child Care Health Consultant
Coordinator: SRCCRC/ EIRC

Update yourself on how you, the professional child care provider or health educator can support strong interactional relationships between parent and child.

10. Physical Lifestyles for Active Young Children

Presenter: Patti Lucarelli RN, APN.C, CPNP, MSN, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Jersey Shore University M.C., Family Health Center

Facilitator: Judi Connor, RN, BSN Child Care Health Consultant
Coordinator: Child Care Resources

Infants, toddlers and preschoolers are just as at risk for obesity and related health problems as older children and adults. By providing opportunities for daily physical activities that are developmentally appropriate, child care programs can be instrumental in turning the tide on the Obesity Epidemic!

11. The ABC's of Sex: Understanding Young Children's Sexuality and Responding to their Questions

Presenters: Bill Taverner, MA Director: The Center for Family Life Education Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern NJ; Allyson Sandak, MA, Sex Educator/Trainer Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern NJ

Facilitator: Kay Gellert M Ed. Child Care Advocate

Need help on how to respond to young children's sexual questions and behaviors, and to promote positive sexual development? Come learn the basic facts about sexual development of young children, how to answer their questions and how to respond to their behaviors regarding sexuality.

12. Anti-Bullying and Anti-Harassment Through Children's Literature and Related Activities

Presenter: Dr. Blythe Hinitz, Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, The College of New Jersey

Facilitator: Martha Saint-Jean, RN Child Care Health Consultant
Coordinator: Tri County Community Action Partnership

This workshop will utilize children's trade books on anti-bullying, anti-teasing and harassment as the foundation for hands-on activities with parents and health and education professionals. The activities are designed for adults to use with children between the ages of three and eight years of age, in homes, health care facilities, libraries and child care.

DIRECTIONS TO

The Doubletree Hotel
200 Atrium Drive
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(732) 469-2600

From Route I-287 North

Take exit 10 for Route 527 (New Brunswick/Easton Avenue). Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one-quarter mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance for the Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center.

From Route I-287 South

Take exit 10 for Route 527 (New Brunswick/Easton Avenue). At the bottom of the exit ramp, get into the left lane and make a left turn. (Go under overpass of I-287). Go straight (bearing to the right) to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one-quarter mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance for the Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center.

From the New Jersey Turnpike

Take exit 10 for Metuchen/Edison to I-287 North. Take exit 10 for Route 527 (New Brunswick/Easton Avenue). Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one-quarter mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance for the Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center.

From the Garden State Parkway North

Take exit 127 for I-287 North. Take exit 10 to Route 527 (New Brunswick/Easton Avenue). Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one-quarter mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance for the Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center.

From the Garden State Parkway South

Take exit 129 for I-287 North. Take exit 10 to Route 527 (New Brunswick/Easton Avenue). Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one-quarter mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance for the Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center.

From Northern New Jersey Via I-78

Take I-78 to I-287 South. Take exit 10 for Route 527 (New Brunswick/Easton Avenue). At the bottom of the exit ramp, get into the left lane and make a left turn. (Go under overpass of I-287). Go straight (bearing to the right) to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one-quarter mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance for the Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center.

REGISTRATION FORM

(MAY BE DUPLICATED)

\$ 60.00 Early Bird Registration fee (includes meals and conference materials)
(If postmarked by May 1, 2009)

\$ 70.00 Registration fee (includes meals and conference materials) **(If post-
marked after May 1, 2009)**

\$ _____ Donation toward HICC expenses (optional)

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Check Number _____

Check here to join the **NJ Registry** and by adding \$10 (the reduced conference rate) to your HICC Conference registration fee.

Name _____

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Phone (day) _____

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POSITION: _____

Workshop Preference:

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Meal Selections: Chicken Vegetarian

Purchase Orders will not be accepted.

Registrations received after May 1st will not receive a written confirmation.

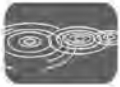
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NJ REGISTRY

Are you committed to professionalism? Professional Impact NJ is providing you the opportunity to join the NJ Registry for Childhood Professionals Serving Children Birth Through Age Thirteen! You can enroll at this year's HICC conference for a small registration fee of \$10 (the reduced conference rate). PINJ representatives will be available to assist you at their registration table.

Why join? The NJ Registry is a statewide system that...

- Advocates for policies that promote access and funding for your professional development
- Tracks your career path and professional development training hours
- Allows online access to your professional development profile
- Tracks professional development required by the NJ Office of Licensing
- Grants NJ Group Teacher, Head Teacher, and School-age Program Supervisor approvals for the NJ Office of Licensing
- Required to access Professional Impact NJ's programs, including scholarships and tuition reimbursement.

To join the NJ Registry, check off the box on the conference registration form and add the NJ Registry fee of \$10 (the reduced conference rate) to your HICC Conference registration fee.

Professional Impact NJ

will greet you at the HICC conference to ensure your inclusion in the Registry database and welcome you to the **NJ Registry** with a gift.

For more information about the NJ Registry go to www.pinj.org.

New Jersey MAP to Inclusive Child Care Team

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2009 ROSE ANNUSSEK AWARD



The MAP to Inclusive Child Care Team is pleased to announce the **Rose Annussek Award** which is presented annually in memory of our dear colleague. Rose was a founding member of the MAP Team and served faithfully until her illness in 2004.

In memory of Rose's calm, resilient spirit and the enduring impression of her years of dedicated service, the MAP Team honors her memory with an annual award for inclusive child care programs which strive to follow her vision. This year the award will be presented at the **Health in Child Care Conference at the Somerset Double Tree Hotel on Thursday May 21st.**

In keeping with the theme of the 2009 Health in Child Care Conference, the Map Team has decided to recognize an individual or agency that has been a **"Champion for Children's Well Being."** We seek leaders who have created a vision and methodology for serving children with special needs which can be a model for others. **We are looking for individuals or agencies which have consistently gone above what is expected or required to create changes which have opened the door to inclusion for children with special needs in child care.**

The Rose Annussek Award nomination should include the name, address, phone and email of the person or agency, and the name and contact information of the person writing the recommendation. The letter should include a clear description of

- * *the nominee's specific actions to include children with special needs in child care programs*
- * *the changes that occurred as a result of the efforts of the nominee*
- * *a description of how this work is a model for other child care programs*
- * *evidence of how this work is "above and beyond" what is required or expected*

Including two or three other resources such as newspaper/magazine articles, letters of support, or program descriptions would help the committee learn about the nominee.

Nominations are being accepted through April 1st, 2009

and can be mailed, faxed or emailed to:



Jane Voorhees Sharp, Chair
MAP to Inclusive Child Care Team
NJ Department of Human Services
PO Box 700
Trenton, NJ 08625
jane.sharp@dhs.state.nj.us
Phone: 609-292-8444
Fax: 609-292-1903

Thank you for helping the MAP to Inclusive Child Care Team to continue Rose's vision.
