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Childcare Professionals Receive Training at Week of the Young Child Conference

DOVER- In recent years, early childhood education professionals in the state of Delaware needed to complete 15 hours of training relevant to the field. As of Jan 1, 2007 the number of hours per year has increased to 18 hours. To help fill this requirement, the Early Childhood Education Department at Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus and the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children hosted its annual Week of the Young Child Conference on Saturday, April 28.

The purpose of the event was to provide professional development and networking for the early childhood community, parents and legislators. This year, the conference saw a registration increase of 13 percent with over 300 educators seeking to meet the new training requirements. According to Terry Campus's Early Childhood Education Department Chair Tyler Wells, the conference is much more than a training opportunity.

"I see the conference as a growth opportunity for professionals who wish to hone their craft, expand their base of understanding and revitalize or reenergize their passion in early childhood education," Wells said.

Early childhood educators, Head Start educators, special needs educators, infant & toddler educators, childcare program directors, parents, legislators, elementary teachers and aids could choose from over 25 lessons covering young childhood education and care techniques. Sessions included American Sign Language, Owning and Operating a Childcare Center, Safe Food Handling, Puppets with a Purpose and Enhancing Literacy Through Children's Literature.

The Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus Early Childhood Education Department hosted the event in partnership with the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC) and the Delaware Department of Education.

The Terry Campus Child Development Center supports the academic instruction of students enrolled in the Early Childhood Department while providing childcare to Terry Campus students, staff and the community. In this environment, children and college students are learning together, utilizing the best practices in quality childcare. This relationship enhances and promotes optimum development of both the children and students.

For more information on the early childhood education technology program at the Terry Campus, please contact Tyler Wells at 302-857-1743 or visit www.dtcc.edu/terry to explore other technologies.