



**“Children, Families and Professionals Together”**

***The 12<sup>th</sup> Illinois Statewide Collaborative Early Childhood Conference  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Illinois  
September 26-28, 2011***

Dear Colleague:

The 2011 Sharing A Vision Early Childhood Conference will be held September 26-28, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. The conference will again include Showcasing, which provides an opportunity for colleagues and friends to hear and see what is being done for young children and their families in Illinois.

Conference attendees will have an opportunity to visit the Showcasing area to learn about new techniques, successful ideas for family involvement and innovative strategies and practices being used with young children. Showcasing sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 and Wednesday, September 28. This event is a wonderful opportunity for networking and exchanging ideas!

We are inviting you to submit the included Showcasing application form for consideration. There will be **one** free conference registration per approved Showcasing project. *Please do not be shy! Share your ideas.* **We ask that you carefully review the attached guidelines for Showcasing to insure you have a full understanding of your participation in this event.**

A diverse representation of practices will be chosen to Showcase. If your application is selected, you will display and discuss your ideas or practices during one of the scheduled blocks that you have selected on your application form. Attendees will have an opportunity to view Showcasing displays, hear ideas, and talk with the presenter(s) in an interactive format, which *does not* involve a formal presentation or workshop. A **draped, 6 foot table** will be available for your display and materials. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide his or her own audio-visual equipment.**

In order to apply for Showcasing, complete the enclosed application form. Along with the application, submit a one-page **typed** description of your idea, a concise (50-75) word description of the content of your project and mail or fax these items to the address listed below by **May 10, 2011**. You will be notified the week of **June 13, 2011** if your application is accepted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us on the Showcasing Committee.

Sincerely,

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