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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS EAST TEXAS

PRESS RELEASE

Staff Development Workshop for Child Care Providers

400 Child Care Workers Signed up for August 15 Training

Tyler, TX, August 10, 2009: Child care providers through the Workforce Solutions East - Child Care Services (CCS) program will receive training on Saturday, August 15, at Harvey Hall Convention Center in Tyler from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. The CCS program subsidizes child care costs for eligible clients and contracts with day care centers to provide services. On Saturday, approximately 400 CCS contracted child care providers will be trained at the Staff Development Day.

The keynote presenter will be Don Monopoli from The Learning Station. The Learning Station is a multi award-winning, children's recording and performing company that has rocked the world of children's music with their internationally acclaimed HIT songs including, Tony Chestnut, Get Funky and Singin' In the Rain. The Learning Station has toured the nation with over 4,000 performances and has been described as, "Magical humans at work!" by Nickelodeon's Joe Piasek.

Also presenting will be published poet and writer, Anne Mc Crady. Anne's workshop topics for adults and children have addressed varied aspects of public speaking, dramatic play, creative writing, poetry, storytelling, memoir, oral language, literacy, children's literature and personal development. For her many years of community work on behalf of children, Ms. McCrady has won numerous awards including the 1995 Rusk County Outstanding Young Woman of the Year. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Rusk County where she volunteers and provides leadership. She also coordinates and hosts a regional poetry contest for East Texas students in grades 1-12, and speaks regularly on behalf of nonprofit groups and causes.

The closing presenter, James Hargrave, is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has taught in public schools, has served as a Minister to Children, and as the State Preschool and Children's Consultant for the Alabama Baptist State Convention. In addition to writing Bible study curriculum materials, James has written and co-authored several books and training modules for teachers.

For more information about our conference please contact Tammy Mott, Project Director at 903.526.1105 ext 224.

About Workforce Solutions East Texas

It is the mission of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board to improve the quality of life in this area through economic development by providing a first-class workforce for present and future businesses. The Board works in partnership with chief elected officials of the region and is the primary source of local workforce policy. The Workforce Solutions East Texas Board is one of 28 local Workforce Solutions Boards located throughout the state. The board serves Henderson, Van Zandt, Rains, Wood, Upshur, Camp, Marion, Harrison, Panola, Gregg, Rusk, Cherokee, Anderson and Smith counties. The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) serves as the administrating agency of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board.

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