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Students aren't the only ones preparing to go back to school

Psychology expert helps prepare teachers and parents from 65 local sites

What: Over the course of three days, The 15th Annual Head Start Early Childhood Learning Institute will help prepare approximately 300 teachers, parents, administrators, family service workers, and staff members from almost 65 local centers responsible for educating Hamilton County's preschool children. The 60 workshops and trainings will cover topics ranging from mental health, literacy, disabilities, oral health, and nutrition to developing community resources, strengthening families, and preventing childhood sexual abuse.

When: Tues, 8/18/09 (9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.), Wed, 8/19/09 (9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.), and Sat, 8/22/09 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Psychology expert, Dr. Linda James Myers, will give the keynote address on Wednesday from 12:45 – 1:15 p.m. She will also be teaching a workshop on that same day from 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Where:	Tuesday & Wednesday Kings Island Conference Center 5691 Kings Island Drive Mason, OH 45040	Saturday CAA Gwen L. Robinson Conference Hall 1740 Langdon Farm Road Cincinnati, OH 45237
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Who: CAA administers the Hamilton County Head Start program, an early childhood education program which provides preschool to low-income families. Understanding that children need more than academic instruction to succeed, Head Start ensures medical, dental, mental health, and nutritional needs are met, either through direct service or through referrals. Head Start also provides services to parents who are a child's primary educator. All Head Start educators and staff will be in attendance, in addition to other local early childhood education providers.

Ohio State University Associate Professor and past winner of the College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teacher Award, Dr. Linda James Myers, will share her expertise at the conference.

Why: Early life experiences tremendously impact the successes and failures individuals experience later in life. This conference will help parents and our local education professionals give preschool children the tools they need to excel.

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