

# Copper Country Focus on the First Five

*Working to ensure school readiness for all area children*

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## **Workshop to focus on boys' behaviors, learning styles**

HOUGHTON – Area parents are invited to learn more about the unique learning styles of little boys at a free workshop Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at Houghton High School. The workshop starts at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium and is free and open to the public.

Dan Hodgins, an early childhood education specialist from Mott Community College in downstate Flint, will conduct the workshop, titled "Boys! Boys! Boys! Understanding their behavior, learning style and classroom needs."

Hodgins will touch on topics such as differences in learning styles between boys and girls, parent-child bonding issues and positive discipline. The discussion focuses on boys from preschool through grade 3.

"This workshop will really give parents a lot of insight into how little boys see their world," said Emilie Krznarich, early childhood specialist at the Copper Country Intermediate School District, which coordinated the event.

Hodgins' visit is sponsored by Copper Country Focus on the First Five, a consortium of human-service agencies that provides school-readiness services to parents with young children through the Michigan Department of Education's All Students Achieve Program – Parent Involvement and Education (ASAP-PIE) project. Services include parent resource rooms; book-, toy- and resource-lending libraries; playgroups and story hours; health and developmental screenings; parent support groups; family wellness activities; the toll-free Parent Helpline; and more.

Local ASAP-PIE partners include the CCISD, B-H-K Child Development, Keweenaw Family Resource Center, Copper Country Mental Health Services Institute and the Western U.P. District Health Department.