

Copper Country Focus on the First Five

Encouraging parental involvement in early education

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Parents invited to workshop about sensory integration

Specialists will discuss methods of engaging children with behavioral challenges

HOUGHTON – Area parents with young children are invited to hear three behavioral specialists from a downstate learning center discuss “Challenging Children: Reaching and Teaching Using Sensory Integration” at an upcoming workshop.

From 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2002, Nikki Rosen-Lieberman, Ira Glovinsky and Marsha Mitnick from The Abilities Center in West Bloomfield will discuss topics related to behavioral challenges for children age 0-5. The workshop will be at B-H-K Child Development Board's Houghton Center, 700 Park Avenue.

The discussion will provide parents of young children who are behaviorally challenged or who are at risk of developing behavioral challenges with several tools, including:

- Comprehensive assessment strategies;
- Methods of intervention;
- Methods of parental involvement;
- Prevention strategies to promote positive behavior.

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“This workshop really can help parents to better understand their children’s behavior and development,” said Emilie Krznarich, early childhood special education supervisor at the Copper Country Intermediate School District.

The workshop is free and open to all parents of children age birth to five, and childcare and refreshments will be provided. Advance registration is required to determine the amount of childcare staff needed.

To register, call 482-3663 or 1-800-236-5657 by Tuesday, May 7, 2002.

This seminar is sponsored by the Copper Country Intermediate School District and the Copper Country Focus on the First Five program with partial funding through the Michigan Department of Education ASAP-PIE project.

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“Parents with young children are invited to a workshop on Thursday, May 9, about sensory integration. Specialists will discuss methods of engaging children with behavioral challenges. Childcare and refreshments will be provided, but space is limited so please call B-H-K Child Development Board at 482-3663 by Tuesday, May 7, to register. Again, that’s 482-3663.”