



## Week of the Young Child - A National Celebration; April 11-17, 2010

Dear Community Leader,

The Butler County Early Care & Education Council is writing to request your support in celebrating the Week of the Young Child in Butler County.

This national celebration provides a special time to renew our community's commitment to ensuring that every child has quality early experiences that will help them grow up healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Our members are working together to coordinate activities during the week of April 11 - 17, 2010 that will raise awareness of issues affecting children from birth through age eight, *and of course, offer families a chance to have some fun!*

This year's events will follow the theme of the book "What a Treasure!" by Jane and Will Hillenbrand which was chosen to be read to children across the state as part of Pennsylvania's "One Book, Every Young Child" campaign. The story tells of a mole that learns about determination and friendship as he digs for buried treasure.

*Your help is needed to make this celebration a success!*

**We are planning a public event on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Butler Area Public Library. The following are ways that you can help support or participate in the event:**

- ✧ Volunteer to participate in the event
- ✧ Complete the attached form to request a table to provide an activity for the children
- ✧ Donate needed materials or food to help feed our many volunteers (children's books, craft supplies, snacks, and door prizes are needed)
- ✧ Sponsor an advertisement or the evening entertainment
- ✧ Assist in arranging celebrity participation/appearances

**We are also looking for partners to help plan additional activities to reach families in the northern and southern parts of the county. You can help with this by:**

- ✧ Hosting an activity at your location or partner with a local township building, public library, business, etc.
- ✧ Considering ideas such as sponsoring a book drive to promote early literacy, holding a special story time/craft hour, or provide a parenting workshop.
- ✧ Completing the attached form or calling us to discuss your ideas of how we can work together!

To find out more about the Week of the Young Child events and how you can get involved, contact Julie Thumma at Lifesteps (724) 283-1010 x310.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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