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Early Childhood Direction Center
EPIC - Every Person Influences Children
Parent Network of WNY
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presents

**Creating Family and Professional
Partnerships in Schools and
Community Agencies:
It Works Both Ways**



Featuring
Joyce Epstein, Ph.D.

A Conference for
Educators
Clinicians (OT, PT, ST)
Agency providers
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Parents

Thursday, November 15, 2007
8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Lucarelli's Banquet Center
1830 Abbott Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218
(716) 824-8711

About Joyce Epstein



Dr. Joyce Epstein is the Director of the National Network of Partnership Schools and the Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships. Dr. Epstein is the research professor of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University. She has written over 100 publications on parent involvement. In 1996, Dr. Epstein established the National Network of Partnership Schools to connect research, policy and practice for school improvement. Dr. Epstein was a recipient of the Academy for Educational Development's Alvin C. Eurich Education Award and also received an award in 1997 from Working Mother magazine for her work on school-family partnerships.

About the Conference

The conference will focus on how collaboration between schools and community agencies supports learning from preschool through adulthood. Dr. Epstein will present the six keys of parent involvement to help educators and community organizations think systematically and take action to improve family and community involvement. Research shows that leadership must value the collaboration of schools, families, and community agencies to improve learning. Following the six keys result in inclusive, well implemented, and goal-oriented programs. These practices take time and effort to develop excellent programs.

Stay Overnight

A block of hotel rooms have been reserved at a discounted rate. For more information, please contact the Hampton Inn at (716) 824-2030. Make sure you identify yourself with the "It Works Both Ways" conference.

Agenda

- 8am.....*Registration with continental breakfast*
- 9am.....*Dr. James Williams, Superintendent Buffalo Public Schools*
- 9:15 am.....*Dr. Rebecca Cort, NYSED*
- 9:30 am.....*Morning Session with Dr. Joyce Epstein*
- 12:00 pm.....*Lunch*
- 1:00 pm.....*Afternoon Session with Dr. Joyce Epstein*
- 3:30 pm.....*Closing*

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Early Childhood Direction Center is a program offering assistance to professionals and parents of children with special needs, birth to five, based out of The Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo. www.hc.org

EPIC-Every Person Influences Children is a national non-profit organization that combines parenting and character education to offer prevention programs, services, and leadership training to parents, teachers, and community members. www.epicforchildren.org

Parent Network of WNY is a parent-led non-profit organization, providing technical assistance and resources to parents of children with special needs. www.parentnetworkwny.org

People Inc. is Western New York's largest not-for-profit human services agency, providing services to individuals with disabilities, their families, and seniors. www.people-inc.org



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Check here if you would like a vegetarian meal

Specify if you need any accommodations to participate in the conference (sign language interpreter, other) _____

Questions???

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- Complete a separate form for each registration.
- Purchase orders accepted for Early Bird fee of \$75 until June 30, 2007; no purchase orders after that date will be accepted.
- A confirmation will be mailed to you.