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Day of Imagination Provides Training for Child Care Professionals

JOHNSTON COUNTY – The Partnership for Children of Johnston County held the Fourth Annual Day of Imagination Conference at the Workforce Development Center in Clayton on Saturday, October 10th. Over 85 early childhood educators gathered to renew their passion for their career and to gain “in-service” hours necessary to keep their certifications.

The Partnership for Children of Johnston County began offering the annual conference, in collaboration with the Johnston Community College Small Business Center, in 2006. Capital Bank joined as the lead sponsor in 2008, realizing the impact that well-educated early childhood teachers have on young children’s preparedness for kindergarten and future successes in life. Wanda Markuson, Branch Manager of Capital Bank in Clayton, was on hand to thank the participants for their work with the young children of Johnston County.

The conference promotes professionalism among the early childhood field in Johnston County. Offering a conference locally, gives educators an opportunity to participate in a variety of high quality workshops at a significantly lower cost than other state and national conferences. “We offer a number of trainings on a monthly basis,” said Mandy Holland, Program Director for the Partnership for Children of Johnston County, “but during the Day of Imagination we are able to bring in experts from across the region and offer some courses not available through our regular training calendar.”

The trainings offered covered a variety of topics including: Developmentally Appropriate Behavior - But They Are Supposed To Act That Way, Working With Children with Developmental Delays, Guiding Young Children’s Behavior, It’s a Small World after All- Cultural Sensitivity and Communication, Partnering With Parents, Classroom Adaptations & Modifications, The ABC’s of Circle Time, Buckle Up for a Safe Ride, Basic Conversational Spanish for Beginners, Thoughtful Transitions, and The Wanderer: Engaging the Autism Spectrum Child in your Classroom.

Participants also enjoyed listening to keynote speaker, Tanya Dennis. Dennis has taken her years of early childhood experience on the road with her and shares her wit and wisdom as a motivational speaker. The audience could hardly contain their laughter at times as Dennis spoke about the “Pink Elephant on the Playground”. Her topic helped the providers understand how they can sometimes be so wrapped up in daily routines that they can’t really “hear” what a child is saying.

For more information about programs and services offered by the Partnership for Children or to find out how you can get involved, call 202-0002 or visit www.pfcjc.org.

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Photos attached:



Above: Trainer, Rosie Stumpf, engages a class of early childhood educators during the Partnership for Children's Day of Imagination



Above: Keynote Speaker, Tanya Dennis, speaks about the "Pink Elephant on the Playground."