After the June 2006 defeat of the Universal Preschool (UPK) bill in California, we soon heard plans for a 2008 ballot initiative. Sure enough, several UPK components are now in place, with more on the way. Some of these components will actually be to the benefit of all early childhood professionals, not just the UPK teachers. This particular article is intended to introduce the California Preschool Online Learning Center.

The Child Development Division of the California Department of Education has purposed the California Preschool Instructional Networks (CPIN) is to provide professional development and technical assistance to preschool teachers to ensure preschool children are ready for school. The Networks are organized into 11 regions of the state that will disseminate information, training, resources, goals for the next few years, regional information, upcoming events, the California Preschool Online Learning Center, the Preschool Learning Standards, the Desired Results for Children and Families, and available resources to each particular region.

The California Institute on Human Services, Sonoma State University, under contract by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division, has begun offering learning opportunities for early care and education providers and early education administrators.

How It Works

First, be sure to visit the website for the California Preschool Instructional Networks at www.cpin.us. Once there, look for the California Preschool Online Learning Center link (http://www.sonoma.edu/cibs/preschoolonline/index.htm). Upon reading the information provided by the site, login to the course of interest. Register for either academic credits or continuing education units (CEU) with Sonoma State University Extended Education. Then, simply begin the course by visiting module 1.

Everything necessary to complete the course will be provided. Each module will include:

- A variety of readings—some readings will come from other websites, others will be articles or book chapters. It will not be necessary to purchase additional books.
- Interactive learning activities—including games, videos and practice activities

Opportunities to connect with peers in online forums—the online learning community is an important part of each course. Students will be able to meet and share with a wide variety of other early childhood professionals. Sharing with peers is one of the best ways to support personal professional growth and development.

Most students like to work through a module by first doing the readings, then the practices and finally by visiting the online community to post completed work. Others might choose to focus less time on the readings and more time on the activities, or vice versa. Students are invited to work the way that best enhances personal learning.

Because courses make use of audio, video, games, quizzes and specially formatted documents, some minor adjustments might be necessary to each student’s Internet Browser. The good news is that any additional software needed can be downloaded for free. Module one of each course will test the student’s computer system for required software and provide guidance on how to upgrade the system if needed.

Since this is a Sonoma State University extended education course and may be transferred to a degree program. Most colleges and universities limit the number of extended education units accepted as well as the number of units from other universities. If an online student is currently enrolled in a degree program, they should print out the syllabus and take it to their academic advisor to ascertain if it
will be accepted.

At this time, *California Preschool Online Learning Center* is offering the following courses:

- Observation of Preschool Children
- Desired Results Developmental Profile (Registration will open for Summer 2007 in May.)

In the near future, two other courses are expected to be offered:

- Completing the revised Desired Results Developmental Profile
- Preschool Learning Standards

This information is courtesy of:

**California Preschool Instructional Networks**

**Resources of Interest**

**Desired Results for Children and Families**
The purpose of the Desired Results project is to develop and implement age level performance standards and family outcome standards for programs funded by the California Department of Education. [http://www.sonom.edu/cihs/desiredresults/](http://www.sonom.edu/cihs/desiredresults/)

**Desired Results: Access for Children with Disabilities**
The Desired Results: Access for Children with Disabilities Project (DR access) is funded to develop a system of child outcomes and assessment methodologies that can be used to assess the progress of children with disabilities, birth to 5 years of age, and their families in the state of California. [http://www.sonom.edu/cihs/desiredresults/access/](http://www.sonom.edu/cihs/desiredresults/access/)

**California Institute on Human Services**
The California Institute on Human Services (CIHS), located at Sonoma State University, is committed to improving the quality of people's lives by acting as an agent of change in support of excellence in education and human services. [http://www.sonom.edu/cihs/](http://www.sonom.edu/cihs/)

**Sonoma State University**
[http://www.sonom.edu/](http://www.sonom.edu/)

**California Department of Education, Child Development Division**
Resources and information for child development contractors, families, and community members regarding child development programs funded by the state. [http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/)

For help with technical support, contact Technical Support at cpin.tech@sonoma.edu. For answers about course content, credits and CEU’s contact Maggie Colvin at maggie.colvin@sonoma.edu or phone: (707) 284 – 9577.

**Fund Raising with Review & Herald**
Many centers engage in annual fund raisers ranging from Tupperware and pizza to candy and magazine sales. Here’s a new approach, though!

Dan Wegh of the Review and Herald has developed a fund raiser opportunity for Adventist school that will benefit both the school and provide evangelistic opportunities. It is called the Review Kids FunRaising program. It earned your organization a 50% profit on all items sold plus as much as an additional 25% in the reward program that allows you to obtain new books or best sellers.

The selling items are books and magazines in the categories of Christian living, health, cookbooks, and children’s books – books and magazines you are familiar with, grew up with and have in your center! For instance: Bible Heroes, My Friend Jesus, Listen, Message, Women of Spirit, Life of Jesus, and many more!

It’s easy to get started. Call Dan Wegh or Candy Harvey at 301-393-3240 or email dwegh@rpha.org. Think of the possibilities of raising money for your center while sharing Adventist literature with your clientele and community.
Health & Safety

Reprinted from CHILD HEALTH ALERT, P.O. Box 610228, Newton Highlands, MA 02461.

This article serves as a reminder to early childhood professionals and parents. The only appropriate, safe sleeping surface for an infant is a crib with a firm mattress. Never should the crib contain stuffed animals, thick blankets or pillows. Sometimes, infants need to be elevated for breathing purposes. In such cases, a foam triangle, purchased from a medical supply store, can be placed under the mattress, but never under the infant directly.

For more information, clarification or suggestions, please contact the Pacific Union Conference Early Childhood Education and Care Division at 805-413-7342.

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Looking for Adventist teachers, directors and administrators? In order to broaden the search, early childhood programs can post upcoming job openings on the North American Division website. Job postings will remain on the website for eight weeks. After which, the posting will be deleted, unless an extension request is made by the “School Contact”.

This is a free service of the North American Division and participation is voluntary. What a blessing this posting option can be for our early childhood programs! Use this option for your employment searches in addition to current practices and provide ACCN with feedback. The more we use this service, the more useful it will become for all of us across the NAD.

Job posting site:

NAD Education home page:

**Adventist Directory Website**

Try out the new Adventist Directory website (under development)
http://www.adventistdirectory.org/default.asp

Search for up to date information on Adventist churches, schools, preschools, hospitals, book stores, libraries, universities, divisions, unions, conferences, missions, ADRA, orphanages, radio stations, ...

On the General Conference website, the Adventist Organizational Directory provides an organizational locator and standard reference for Adventist organizations and entities worldwide. This database can list the name, address, phone, fax, email, and website link to your particular entity along with maps and driving directions. This is a free service of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Organizations within the NAD are created and managed by eAdventist. All conference clerks have accounts so they can enter your center's data at your request.

This is one more avenue for free advertising!

GC Adventist Directory:
http://www.adventistdirectory.org/default.asp

Need help? Call us at 805-490-6055 – we're here to serve!

Discoveryland Preschool in St. Helena, CA is in need of a cook. Employment would be full-time with benefits (part-time cook; part-time teacher's aid). Wages depend on education and experience. Contact: Pacific Union College HR at 707-965-6231, or Golda Halvorson, Center Director at 707-963-4705.

Miramonte School is looking for a Teaching Director (many of the responsibilities a director usually has are taken on by the school office and principal). Hours are 7:30 to 3:00. Work mid August through mid June, but salary is paid over 12 months. Holidays and summers off (schedule is just like and elementary school). Good pay and compensation for medical benefits provided. Send resume's to Miramonte School, Attn: Dennis Kingma, 1175 Alтamead Dr., Los Altos, CA 94086. For more information, contact the current teacher Kirsten Speyer at (650)967-2783 or kspeyer@miramonteschool.org.

The Red Bluff church is looking for a Teaching Director to help open a brand new preschool program in their newly renovated school building! If interested, please contact Coreen Hicks, Education Associate at the Northern California Conference Office. Contact information: Phone (925) 685-4300 or email chicks@ncc.adventist.org.

**2007 Dates to Remember . . .**

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