



Karen Nemeth is the founder and lead consultant for Language Castle LLC, featuring professional development, consultation, resources and teaching strategies for early care and education professionals working with dual language

learners. She is the author of *Many Languages, One Classroom: Teaching Dual and English Language Learners* (2009), and *Many Languages, Building Connections: Supporting Infants and Toddlers Who Are Dual Language Learners* (2012). She hosts a resource sharing website at www.languagecastle.com. She is a writer and consulting editor for NAEYC, and serves as a Dual Language Learning Advisor for *Teaching Young Children Magazine*. Karen has presented at more than thirty NAEYC, affiliate and related conferences. Karen has worked with early childhood programs throughout the country to enhance their work with young children who come from different language backgrounds and she has worked for CCCC of Union County and the NJ Department of Education.



Jeff Johnson

After 16 years directing a child care center and community center, Jeff Johnson became a Family Child Care Provider in 2003, with his wife Tasha. The program focuses on emergent

learning in a play-based environment. Jeff is the author of the Red Leaf Press books *DO-It-Yourself Early Learning*, *Finding Your Smile Again*, and *Everyday Early Learning*. He has self-published two books, *The Child Care Alphabet Book of Early Learning* and *The Child Care Alphabet Book of Manipulatives* which are fun for children and help educate the adults reading them about life in a quality child care setting. Jeff also publishes a monthly electronic newsletter that is distributed to early care and education professionals in all 50 states and Canada. He never misses a chance to promote child-directed play, exploration, and discovery.

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New Jersey First Steps
Infant/Toddler Specialist Initiative
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Present:

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**A Day Dedicated to the
Infant/Toddler Caregiver"**

Featuring Karen Nemeth and Jeff Johnson



Monday, June 4, 2012

8:30-3:00

Brookdale Community College, Student Life Center,
765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738

Schedule

8:30-9:00

Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:00

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Keynote – Jeff Johnson

“Beating Caregiver Stress and Burnout”

Many caregivers spend so much time focusing on the needs of others that they fail to take care of themselves, which often leads to stress and burnout. Please join us as Jeff talks about how burnout impacts caregivers and ways to deal with that impact. This entertaining keynote is based on Jeff's Redleaf Press Book, *Finding Your Smile Again: A Child Care Professionals Guide to Reducing Stress and Avoiding Burnout*.

10:00-10:15

Break



10:30-12:00

Morning Sessions

Session A – “Supporting First and Second Language Development for Infants and Toddlers”, Karen Nemeth – Language development is the key to every baby’s cognitive and social development. But what happens when you care for infants and toddlers who come from different language backgrounds? This session will show you some of the newest findings about development in one or more languages and give you some fun and developmentally appropriate strategies you can use to support the language and culture of every child in your program.

Session B – “Babies in the Rain”, Jeff Johnson – Like it or not, since everything infants and toddlers encounter is new, exciting, and a chance to learn, caregivers are Professional Role Models. Sadly, too many small children are spending valuable learning time confined to swings, bouncy seats, and cribs or are exposed to developmentally inappropriate practices and materials because their caregivers are pressured, misguided, or uniformed. This session looks at these issues and ways caregivers can be more thoughtful, intentional, and tuned-in to the dance of early learning.

12:00-1:00

Lunch

1:00-2:30

Afternoon Sessions

*(Repeat of morning sessions–
Participants will switch sessions in the PM)*

2:30

Closing Remarks
Raffle - Book Signing

Cost: \$25.00 per person
(includes breakfast and lunch)

DOOR PRIZES AND GIVE-AWAYS!!!!!!

The first 25 persons to register will receive a signed copy of Karen Nemeth’s book

Many Languages, Building Connections: Supporting Infants and Toddlers Who Are Dual Language Learners (2012)

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To register:

Please complete the form and mail along with check (\$25) made payable to “CCCC of Union County” to CCCC, Attention Lynn Troianelli, PO Box 3877, Union, NJ 07083

Name _____

Address of center/business _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Position _____

*Please register by May 25, 2012.
There will be no registration allowed
on the day of the event.*

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