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**BRING COLUMBIA COUNTY TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN** 

The Columbia County Early Childhood Team asks Columbia County to come together for children during the Week of the Young Child, April 19-25, 2009. As part of the national Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country, early childhood providers are honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.

All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life. Week of the Young Child is time to recognize the importance of early learning for all young children, and to work together to help give all young children a great start. It is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and supported by the Columbia County Early Childhood Team.

Young children and their families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits to our county. Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children and supports to their families.

The Columbia County Early Childhood Team is a group of early childhood professionals working together to improve early childhood services and family support. They share resources and plan and implement services and supports for young children and their families throughout Columbia County. If you are interested in learning more about the CCECT, please contact Joyce Ervin at 503.556.3736 or Jan Spika Kenna at 503.397.7225.