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**CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOLD
FIRST CONFERENCE FOR PUERTO RICAN & LATINO
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS**

Program will be presented in Spanish with English Translation

Hartford, CT - In celebration of The Week of the Young Child* (week of April 3), Capital Community College's Early Childhood Education Department will present their first conference for Puerto Rican and Latino early childhood professionals. The conference, which will be presented in Spanish with English translation, will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Capital Community College's 11th floor auditorium, Centinel Hill Hall. The college is located at 950 Main Street in Hartford.

Two workshops will be held on the topics of Identifying Children with Special Needs (presented by Glaisma Perez-Silva, Special Needs Specialist and Capital counselor and professor) and Becoming Financially Stable (Dr. Wanda Colon, New Britain teacher, will share information on money-management skills) The cost of the conference is \$5 and includes breakfast and lunch.

In conjunction with the conference, The Lab School and Early Childhood Department is also sponsoring an art show in the Main Street gallery in the college's lobby from April 3-14. Entitled "Through the Eyes of Young Children," the show will feature art work by young children in Capital's lab school. The Early Childhood department is extending an invitation to other inner city child care programs to participate by displaying 10 pieces of art work from their program.

**To register or get more information on the art show, contact Carmen Marrero,
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** The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.*

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