

Early Childhood Connections provides annual training

FOR THE WEEKENDER

MCHENRY — Early Childhood Connections is an annual professional development conference designed to provide local child care providers and early childhood educators with specialized training.

This year's event is scheduled for April 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Garrett College. While aimed at local and regional educators, the conference is open to anyone who touches the life of a child — including preschool and Head Start instructors, day care providers and board of education staff. Participants have the opportunity to choose from various workshops to attend throughout the day. This collaborative effort is planned and executed by Garrett College, Garrett County Community Action Committee Child & Family, Maryland EXCELS, Maryland State Department of Education, APPLES for Children and Garrett County Early Childhood Professional Association.

The WGW Community Youth Cup is a corpo-

rate sponsor for the conference. WGW has the primary mission of raising money for the ongoing support of Landon's Library, Andrew S. Woods Memorial Scholarships and Samantha Funding the Arts. Landon's Library provides books each month to every child born in Garrett County from date of birth until their first day of kindergarten. The Andrew S. Woods Memorial Scholarship will be awarded each year to an outstanding academic and athletic male and female student graduating from Southern Garrett High School and attending a four-year school. The Samantha Funding the Arts program uses funds to help support and promote the arts throughout the school system of Garrett County, such as providing art supplies and field trips.

For more information on the Early Childhood Connections conference or for additional information on sponsorships available, contact Connie Meyers at 301-387-3084 or connie.meyers@garrettcollege.edu.



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The WGW Community Youth Cup is a corporate sponsor for this year's Early Childhood Connections professional development conference. From the left are Melanie Cooper, Judy Center training coordinator at Garrett County Community Action and Early Childhood Connections Conference Planning Committee member; Brian Boal, co-founder of the WGW Community Youth Cup; and Darlene Schmidt, quality assurance specialist for Maryland EXCELS and Early Childhood Connections Conference Planning Committee member.