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Dear Beginning with Babies Participants:

The Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services invite you to attend the Beginning with Babies Summit on **Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette, Louisiana**. The summit will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

As a crucial component of the Beginning with Babies pilot program, this one-day event will gather together hundreds of infant and toddler educators and stakeholders in an effort to identify, celebrate and recommend next steps as Louisiana's child care stakeholders move forward to enhance high-quality efforts.

Dr. Pam Schiller, nationally recognized expert on early brain development, will present a keynote address, followed by a lunch presentation from Ms. Alice Thomas, CEO of the Center for Development and Learning. Afternoon breakout discussions will focus on nurturing infants and toddlers through seven essential transactions that support the development of school readiness.

There is no registration fee to attend the Beginning with Babies Summit, but we do ask that you RSVP no later than Monday, April 11, 2011. **To book your attendance for the summit, please complete and return the attached registration form.** Also attached is a listing of area hotels offering special room rates for the summit. **Please call the hotels directly to make reservations.**

If you should need further information, please call the Picard Center at (337) 482-1591. We look forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely,



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