



From the Early Steps State Office

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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe the year is almost over. It's time to start planning our schedules and calendars for 2007. You'll definitely want to mark your calendar for the 9th Annual Family Café Conference. The Conference is a statewide event for families who have a loved one with a disability or special health care need. It is designed to be a special forum where families, self-advocates and caregivers can educate themselves on how to become better advocates and learn how to best utilize the programs available throughout the state, including Early Steps. The Conference offers over a hundred breakout sessions, an exhibit hall that allows you the opportunity to talk with agencies and vendors' first-hand, networking and learning from thousands of other families, and The 9th Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities. The 9th Annual Family Café Conference is June 8-10, 2007 at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida.

Registration for the 9th Annual Family Café Conference will begin in the morning of Valentine's Day, February 14, 2007. You may request Financial Assistance to attend the Conference to assist with the some of the expenses of attending the Conference, which is offered on a first come, first served basis therefore, timely registration is very important. Registration may be completed online, by fax, or by mail. Please contact your Family Resource Specialist if you would like to request a hard copy of the registration form or contact the Family Café office directly. For more information and to register for the Conference, please visit www.familycafe.net or call (888) 309-CAFÉ.

I hope it has been a good year for you and your family and wish 2007 brings much joy, growth, and happiness! Happy New Year!

Sincerest Regards,

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