

## Email News Update

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## School Spotlight



### FUNDS FOR **EXPANSION** MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR FLORIDA SCHOOLS

ISI is making good progress in the Florida Legislature to secure additional funds for Project CHILD implementation grants. We are currently generating a list of schools interested in expanding, as well as new schools ready to get started. Please email Dr. Butzin to express your interest in being added to the list. Her e-mail is sbutzin@ifsi.org. Also indicate how many clusters you will need.

## Institute Spotlight



### Annual Conference was a Huge Success!

**CHILD Makes A Difference!** That was our conference theme this year. You know the parable of the little boy who was walking down the beach and upon seeing millions of stranded starfish on the shore, began tossing one starfish at a time back into the water. His caring actions made a difference to each individual one. We honor our CHILD educators who are making a difference every day.

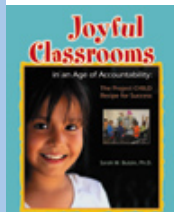
Over 310 educators joined us on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at the Wyndham Palace Resort at Disney World for the 15th Annual CHILD Conference.



**Dr. William Purkey, Dr. Sally Butzin, Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings**

Award-winning author and professor, **Dr. William W. Purkey**, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Purkey is Professor Emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a prolific writer. He is an internationally known authority on interpersonal relationships, human motivation, and self-efficacy. Dr. Purkey has written 10 books and more than 100 professional articles. His latest book, *Becoming an Invitational Leader*, applies his principles of invitational theory to the challenge of leadership.

**Lieutenant Governor, Toni Jennings**, addressed the group and was presented with the **Lifetime CHILD Champion Award** by Dr. Sally Butzin, Executive Director. Other awards that were presented included the **CHILD Innovation Leader Award** to **Dr. William Proctor**; **Classroom Champion for Change Award** to **Gloria Thrower, Ocala Springs Elementary, Ocala, FL** and **Denise Millan, Crooked River Elementary, St. Marys, GA**; **Innovation District Leader** to **Jesse Jackson, Florida State University School**; the **Innovation Principal Award** to **Jonathan Davis, Hickory Tree Elementary, Kissimmee, FL**; **Innovation Assistant Principal Award** to **Helen Skelton, East Marion Elementary, Ocala, FL**; **ISI Staff Appreciation Award** to **Suezan Turknett**; **Above and Beyond Awards** to **Marilyn Parham, Greenville Elementary, Greenville, KY**; and **Jan Gabhart, Mary Tumbleson, and Rebecca Malchow of Partin Settlement Elementary, Kissimmee, FL**.



Another exciting event at the conference was the "unveiling" of **Dr. Sally Butzin's** newly released book titled, *Joyful Classrooms in an Age of Accountability: The Project CHILD Recipe for Success*. [Go here for ordering information.](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Consultant Training April 23-24**

Over fifty educators have signed up to attend the annual Consultant Training Workshop which will be held the weekend of April 23 and 24th at the Wyndham Palace in

Kissimmee. CHILD educators will take their professional skills to a higher level by participating in this weekend workshop. Eligible CHILD educators may work with the Institute and train new schools as well as host seminars and open houses in their home districts. This year we will be offering training for the supplemental **PCPlus** model, as well. The deadline to apply is past so we'll see you all in Kissimmee.

## Leadership Academy June 17-18

Join fellow administrators at the **Omni Jacksonville** on the beautiful St. Johns River for leadership training and networking. Principals and assistant principals from new schools attend as part of the first year training. The cost for veteran CHILD schools is \$199.00 per school, which may include up to three administrators. Travel and rooms not included. There will be 2 half-day sessions (Friday afternoon and Saturday morning) to allow for travel and for an opportunity to stay over and enjoy a mini vacation with family, if you so choose. Join your colleagues for a networking dinner Friday evening.

[Go here for an invitation.](#)

[Go here for registration.](#)



## Technology Update

### Hot Web Sites

- Find free teacher resources on the PBS website.  
<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/>
- A veritable treasure trove of lesson plans, activities and resources.  
<http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/>
- The Smithsonian Museum has wonderful resources on a variety of science topics. Here is a link to the educators page with lesson plans.  
[www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/lesson\\_plans/science\\_technology.html](http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/lesson_plans/science_technology.html)
- The American Museum of Natural History has a new website for kids ages 7-11. Interactive and engaging.  
[www.ology.amnh.org](http://www.ology.amnh.org)
- Yahoo!igans!: a categorized list of Internet sites for kids.  
<http://www.yahooligans.com>
- The Internet Public Library's Youth Division: a collection of Internet resources for kids.  
<http://www.ipl.org/youth>
- BJ Pinchbeck's Homework Helper: Compiled by a sharp middle school student.  
<http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck/>
- Kid Info/School Subjects: Another student-created site arranged by subject area.  
<http://www.kidinfo.com/SchoolSubjects.html>
- Gwinnett County, Georgia has a good website for suggestions for activities and interventions to help students meet the standards common to most states. Visit their website for specifics by clicking on a grade level on their home page, then clicking on a specific curriculum area.  
<http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/aks.nsf>

## Website Update

- **Quia Assessment:** Make sure you get on to the password-protected area of the ISI website and go to the Quia link. Here you will find a sample webpage that you can create, as well as directions to begin your subscription to Quia - the on-line assessment program that comes with your CHILD renewal. [www.ifs.org](http://www.ifs.org)
- **Sharing Successes:** Send in your successes so we can show off for you. [www.ifs.org/sharing\\_success.htm](http://www.ifs.org/sharing_success.htm)
- **Kid's Page:** Share your students' work here or have your students email us with their comments and we will post them. Looking for another CHILD school to email? Put in a request here. [www.ifs.org/kids\\_page.htm](http://www.ifs.org/kids_page.htm)
- **Calendar:** Go here to see about the latest events. Send us your school events to post here. [www.ifs.org/calendar.htm](http://www.ifs.org/calendar.htm)



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