



# Newsletterette

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## PRESENT

## PAST



### CONFERENCES

At the Head Start for Parent Involvement (Indianapolis) over 160 parents and administrators enjoyed the presentation of RTM for Head Start Parents led by Jane LeCroy (Parent & Poet), baby Luc LeCroy (7 months) & Carmen Brasuell (Escalera Head Start Ed. Director.) These women are quite a team, especially when they bring a genuine baby 'reader' to demonstrate the joys of reading with babies. Thanks to all!

### ALA & NAEYC

Still feeling the rosy glow from these 2 enormous conferences and the new best friends we've made.

### CONSULTATIONS

Author-publisher Harriet Ziefert brought us into the creation of an interesting series of books for babies 0-24 months: BEGIN SMART, scheduled to appear in 2008. We also helped create a promotional video for Begin Smart. More information will soon emerge.

### West Side HS LYFE

Kristen Lynch & Deanna Pacelli are offering an updated and fresh set of workshops! Generously sponsored by NYPL's Leslie Fass and wondrously supported by AP Karen Gurian, Social Worker Veronica Choplin & LYFE teacher Sonia Deane, the energetic teen mothers & their babies are truly involved and find the program meaningful, and fun. We look ahead to future collaborations. Each time



seems to get better and better!

### Mt Sinai's Adolescent Health Center

Wednesdays in the waiting room with teen parents and babies. While they wait to see Pediatrician Dr. Sharon Edwards, we talk about the importance of reading with their babies. Within 5 mins. they get a free ROR book, a picture of reading with their little one, and tips on what babies birth-3 can do with books. The onsite social worker Shawna Aarons has created some great parties and extra events that we join.

## FUTURE

### CONFERENCES

We will be at local, national and international conferences again this year. Besides the Infancy Institute (NYC), and the NYSAEYC (Buffalo), Susan will be in London for two very special opportunities. One is to present a pilot RTM for teen parents served by a Foundation sponsored community center in Camden, orchestrated by a nuclear RTM-UK team of Ann Curno, Catherine Whitehead and Ron Bailey. The other is to offer an 'observation' component in a national training course for professionals working with teen parents. The UK has the highest rate of teen parents in Europe and there is a new impetus to address the issues concerning this population of youngsters. We are very pleased to help.



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