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1/27/05 Educators' consortium presents annual conference

The California School-Age Consortium will present its 11th annual North Coast Regional Conference, "Working Together to Build a Better World" Feb. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Riverlodge in Fortuna.

CalSAC board member and Winzler Children's Center employee Laura Garstka said the conference is targeted for after-school programs. The day-long event will cover child care, team building, solving social problems, book making and numerous science projects.

Keynote speakers will include Gloria Halley and Dr. Bill Michaelis.

Halley has more than "20 years' experience building partnerships, coaching and mentoring more than 200 communities, programs and sites, developing after-school programs and delivering more than 100 workshops on collaboration-building, youth development, leadership, multiculturalism and program sustainability," a brochure states.

Michaelis has more than "30 years of experience in training and human development. Currently a professor at San Francisco State University, he also serves as director of Children Together, an international play event and leadership organization. He has presented (more than) 1,000 fun-filled, thought-provoking workshops, events and keynotes around the world," the brochure states.

Garstka said there will also be lectures on grading, how to deal with angry parents and how to work within a school structure with other staff.

She said approximately 100 people attended last year's conference, but the annual event has seen growth each year, and is attended by educators statewide.

The event is co-sponsored by North Coast Chapter of CalSAC, Arcata School District, Child Development Training Consortium, Eureka City Schools, Humboldt Child Care Council, Pacific Union School, KEET-TV's "Ready to Learn," and Region I Technical Assistance.

A half unit of credit is available through Humboldt State University for an \$18 fee.

Continental breakfast and refreshments are included. Lunch is also guaranteed for individuals who register before Feb. 22. Preregistration (before Feb. 22) is \$25 for CalSAC members; \$50, nonmembers. After Feb. 22, it is \$30 for CalSAC members and \$55 for nonmembers.

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