

**Council on Early Childhood Health Education & Services**  
**Kathryn Breighner, Chairperson**  
**2005 Annual Report**

The council focused much of its activities for the year in networking and collaborating with other organizations. We were represented at a number of gatherings including the American Academy of Pediatrics Child Care special interest group meeting, two meetings of the US Maternal Child Health Bureau, and other meetings such as sun safety symposium.

*Strategic Plan I B*

Council member David Denton wrote the lead article for the fall 2005 issue of *Dimensions*, the journal of the Southern Early Childhood Association, on reducing the number of overweight young children and conducted a review of *Get Ready to Read* in five Georgia counties.

*Strategic Plan IIB*

The council edited six issues of Healthy Childcare including a special Toddler Issue published in October 2005.

*Strategic Plan ID*

Work is underway to highlight preschool mental health in 2006 through Healthy Childcare. The council is working on a series of mental health articles, and a special mental health issues. Underway also are several draft proposals to find grant funding for a preschool mental health project.

*Strategic Plan IA*

A major focus this year was to create communication with state government child care offices. Our intent was to introduce ASHA and the Council. Representatives from all 50 states were contacted and as a result, new relationships have been established.

*Strategic Plan IG*

The Council Submitted one grant proposal to the Allen Foundation for a nutrition education project but it was not funded. We continue to look for other grant possibilities. We realize that ASHA funds for council activities will be limited so we are looking for other networking or grant possibilities to help us with specific projects.

*Strategic Plan IB*

One sponsored session (co-sponsored by the Nursing Section) was submitted and accepted for the 2005 conference.

As always, this council works to increase the awareness of health and safety issues in the early childhood setting.