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Harris-Stowe's Early Childhood Center Celebrates Week of the Young Child

St. Louis, MO (April 5, 2010) – Harris-Stowe State University's William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center will celebrate the Week of the Young Child (WOYC), April 11-17, 2010.

With the theme "Learning through Play," this week of activities will be fun for all. Events include a day for wearing St. Louis Cardinals attire (Monday, April 12), Wear Yellow Day (Tuesday, April 13), Wacky Tacky Day (Thursday, April 15) and Literacy Day with Pajamas (Friday, April 16), which will all be held in HSSU's Early Childhood Center. But the highlight of the week will be Wednesday, April 14, 9 a.m.-noon, which will be held on the University's quad, and features Outdoor Make-and-Take Activities, Bring Your Parent to School Day, Hat Day, healthy snacks and children's outdoor equipment, sand tables and art activities for children 2 to 5 years. Parents and children are encouraged to participate in the free festivities.

This annual event is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is celebrated across the country on the second week in April. The Week of the Young Child fosters public awareness to issues and concerns regarding young children and how to care for young children in positive settings.

This event is co-sponsored by Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS).

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 12 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Middle School Education, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Education. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Midwest, the University, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the metropolitan area.