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=====MEDIA ALERT=====

**OVER 400 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS EXPECTED TO ATTEND
MIDWEST'S INTERACTIVE 'HEAD TO TOE' CONFERENCE MAY 31, 2008**

***Keynote Speaker, Noted Psychology Expert Dr. David B. Chamberlain to Address Violence in speech
"The Baby Behind the Gun -- Getting to the Roots of Violence"***

WHAT: Over 400 early childhood professionals from across the Midwest will attend the third annual "Head to Toe" Conference this Saturday, May 31. Presented by Chicago Metro Association for the Education of Young Children (Chicago Metro AEYC), "Head to Toe the Midwest Interactive Infant-Toddler Conference" will offer workshops ranging from social and emotional development to easing transitions.

Chicago's recent wave of violence is a public health crisis for its children, according to some health experts. The media refer to it as "an epidemic of violence." Noted psychology expert Dr. David B. Chamberlain will present the Keynote Speech *"The Baby Behind the Gun—Getting to the Roots of Violence,"* which will address the recent violence in Chicago and touch on how we can best interrupt the cycle of violence and protect our children?

WHEN: Saturday, May 31 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Keynote Speech 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Kennedy-King College, 6301 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL, 773.602.5000
For directions, visit http://kennedyking.ccc.edu/about_kkc_visitingKKC.asp

INTERVIEW: **Dr. David B. Chamberlain**, noted psychology expert & Keynote Speaker, will be available for one-on-one interviews immediately following his Keynote Presentation at 9:30 a.m. If you are unable to attend, but would like to arrange an interview, please contact Mariko Drouin at 312-427-5399.

Gail Conway, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Metro AEYC. Conway is a childhood development specialist and has extensive experience in preparing professionals to respond to young children's emotional needs and to safeguard children's mental health when there has been exposure to violence.

PHOTO OPS: Dr. David B. Chamberlain & Gail Conway
Keynote Speech 8:00-9:30am

Chicago Metro AEYC is the professional go-to resource for early childhood educators and is dedicated to leading and strengthening their efforts towards healthy development and quality education of children from birth to age eight. Since 1926, Chicago Metro AEYC has been providing professional development to the Midwest's early childhood educators. Chicago Metro AEYC is an affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

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