

Without a doubt **Mrs. Barbara Conner-Beatty** in the equity office represents the kind of commitment and dedication that we should all strive for. Recently, the Early Childhood department hosted their 2nd Annual Community Early Childhood Summit. We planned for this event for several months. Over 300 participants signed up. We had 10 classes for participants to choose from. One day before the Summit was to take place; one of our presenters called and said she would not be able to attend. This posed quite a problem since we absolutely had to have 10 offerings due to the size of each classroom (they could only hold approx. 30 to 32 participants). That afternoon we asked Mrs. Connor-Beatty if she would be willing to present the next morning. She did not hesitate to say yes, in fact, she asked us what topic we'd like her to do. She immediately pulled up her Power Point presentations and gave us some choices.

I know that she had a family commitment for Saturday already, but she did not hesitate to step up and help us out when we needed it. I truly believe she went over and above the call of duty, especially since the conference started at 7:30 am on a weekend morning. Mrs. Connor-Beatty showed us all the true meaning of team work! Not only did she help without hesitation, but her sessions were a tremendous hit. I had several participants come to me afterwards and talk about what an interesting presentation Mrs. Connor-Beatty gave. We have already decided that we'll ask her to come again and present at our Third Annual Early Childhood Community Summit.

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