

# Newsletter



## July/ August Vacation

Is the time of year that we focus on training. As part of our ongoing service programs at Lady Hochoy Home in Gasparillo, with the kind sponsorship of Repsol, we facilitated a two day Teacher Training Workshop for Teachers and caregivers at the facility. Led by our Educational Psychologist Toni Betaudier, with the assistance of Occupational Therapist Kenrica Baptiste and Board members Dr. Natalie Dick Specialist Developmental-Behavioural Pediatrician, Kim Amar RN, they



presented topics such as : How to effectively communicate with parents, Overview of

common diagnoses, Professionalism in the Workplace; Understanding Learning Disabilities from a student's perspective, Effective



classroom strategies for promoting positive behaviour and improving learning,

Identifying sensory based distractions & learning styles. Providing strategies/activities to promote class work completion.



### THE CHILDREN'S ARK

Children's Ark improves the lives of our nation's children by their support in purchasing of Assessment Tools and specialized treatment equipment. Simone De la Bastide President, Carol-Lyn Hart Treasurer and April Bermudez Secretary present CKFTO's Clinical Manager Deepa Persad with a cheque.

### UWI Family Development Centre Teacher Training Workshop

UWI's Family Development Centre hosted a sensitization and training for their teachers In July.

CKFTO's Tara Riley OTR, presented "Identifying strategies to use in the classroom



that can be adapted for various Learning Styles and Individual Abilities". Teachers welcomed the information and were eager to implement the techniques and methodology that was offered.

## **Caribbean Health Foundation Hand Clinic Workshop**

In July, the Caribbean Health Foundation led by Dr. Godfrey Araujo and Dr. Scott Kozin, MD, Immediate Past President of the American Society

for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and President of the



Touching Hands Project, held it's the first of an ongoing program to provide surgery and help complex congenital deformities and neglected hand trauma cases in T&T. CKFTO's OTRs Christopher Ristic and Tara Riley attended the workshop on splinting and post operative treatment at Princess Elizabeth.

## **NIHERST Teacher Training Workshop**

CKFTO's commitment to Public Education continued in July with a Professional Development Workshop at the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School; for educators involved in



Psychologist trained 50 teachers from Primary and Secondary schools to Improve Learning and Work Performance in the Classroom.

NIHERST's INVOCAB project.

Tara Riley, OTR and Toni Betaudier School



## **WHAT IS AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM?**

An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is a written document of the educational program designed to meet a child's individual needs. If your child has been diagnosed with a disability and found to be needing special education services, an IEP is formulated to meet those needs. The purpose of the IEP is to address your child's unique learning issues and it includes specific educational goals. The IEP will also document the services the school (and private therapists) will provide, and how progress will be measured. This document should be reviewed annually to monitor your child's progress and determine what, if any, changes should be made to the plan. In some circumstances the document may have to be reviewed before the year is complete, for instance if there are any substantial changes to the child's behavior or learning.

There are several people involved in the creation of the IEP. It is important to work as a team to assess your child's strengths and weaknesses and formulate a plan that best helps your child to succeed.

To arrange an IEP consultation, call 628-3268 or email [info@ckfto.org](mailto:info@ckfto.org).