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YWCA YORK ATTENDS EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTION DAY

York, PA, June 11, 2010-YWCA York closed their Early Learning Centers on Tuesday June 8th for in-service training, in order for staff to attend Early Childhood Action Day in Harrisburg held by QUEST, a statewide network of over 2,000 individuals and organizations working to ensure that every child in Pennsylvania has access to high quality early childhood education programs, and that dedicated practitioners can afford to stay in the field. QUEST is closely aligned with the network of AEYC groups (Association for the Education of Young Children) across the state. Sara Bosley, Learning Center Director, YWCA York, chairs the York Area Association for the Education of Young Children and a number of staff are members of the Public Policy Committee.

Throughout the day, YWCA staff joined hundreds of educators, parents and community members as they attended advocacy trainings and spoke to legislators about the importance of investing in early childhood education. Ruby Martin, Chief Program Officer, recognizes the importance of such trainings for the staff, "It is inconvenient to families anytime that we close for an in-service day, but we convey to parents how crucial it is to be here during budget season when critical funding decisions are made." The Governor's office and over 200 legislative seats are up for grabs during this year's election.



Above: YWCA York's Manchester Early Learning Center Staff standing outside the Capital Building after the conclusion of Legislative Meetings



Above: Rally in the lobby of the Capital Building



Above: Speakers during the Rally

To learn more about Early Childhood Action Day, please contact Sara Bosley at 717-845-2631, to learn more about programming, visit the YWCA York online at www.ywcayork.org.

Founded in 1858 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., the YWCA is a women's membership movement whose mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. Strengthened by diversity, the YWCA draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. The YWCA represents approximately 2 million women, girls and their families in the United States and 25 million women worldwide. The YWCA has more than 300 associations throughout the United States. The World YWCA is at work in more than 100 other countries. For information about the YWCA or local YWCA associations, visit our website, www.ywca.org.

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