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## **Eastern Names New Child and Family Development**

### **Resource Center Executive Director**

Theresa C. Lawrence has been appointed as the executive director of the new Child and Family Development Resource Center at Eastern Connecticut State University. The new center will eventually serve 90 children from infancy to five years of age. The center will also serve the early childhood education program at Eastern, and the training needs of working professionals in the early care and education field.

Lawrence comes to Eastern with a 30-year history in early childhood education and early care services. Most recently she was a consultant at the Connecticut State Department of Education, both as a unit coordinator providing technical assistance to school systems and early childhood programs, and as a kindergarten consultant. Lawrence was the principal author of the state's Early Childhood Curriculum Guide.

Prior experiences include serving as early childhood administrator at Renbrook School in West Hartford, an independent day school serving 500 children from pre-school to grade 9, founding director at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Child Development Center in Troy, NY, an early childhood education instructor at several colleges and universities.

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“We are pleased to have Ms. Lawrence as the first executive director of our new Child and Family Development Resource Center,” said Eastern President David G. Carter. “Under her leadership, we hope this new center will become a model program for Connecticut.”

Lawrence holds a B.S. in education and an M.S. in educational psychology from The College of St. Rose, Albany, NY.

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Eastern Connecticut State University is part of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system and is the state’s public liberal arts university. ECSU serves more than 5,000 students each year on its Willimantic campus.