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Workshop aims to strengthen communication with parents

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Donna Lackie, MSW, CSW, ASCW, will be the course instructor. Lackie, a social worker and administrator with more than 20 years experience in prevention and early childhood programming, is the primary prevention coordinator for Oakland Schools. She coordinates Oakland County's Brain Resource Team and authored "Their Future Is In Our Hands," a publication for new parents.

The workshop will include communication strategies to build professional trust and respect, understand parent perspectives, identify family needs and intervention services for children, access community supports, and work with culturally diverse families and specialized parent populations.

The cost is \$295 if enrolled for continuing education units (SB-CEUs). Participants have the option to take the course for two university graduate credits.

For more information visit the **Department of Professional Development and Education Outreach** Web site or contact Professional Development at (248) 370-3033 or pro-development@oakland.edu.

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