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SIU PROFESSOR TO SPEAK AT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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Dr. Susan Nall, professor of Early Childhood and Elementary Education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will be the keynote speaker for the third annual Early Childhood Education Conference slated Saturday, April 11, at the University of Southern Indiana. Her topic will be "Being the Best We Can Be: Vision and Challenge for the '90s."

Dr. Nall has been at SIUE since 1970 and has been active with various child-care and early childhood education organizations in Illinois and Missouri, primarily in the St. Louis area. She has been a consultant in the establishment of centers, programs, and curricula in those areas. In 1988, she received the "Outstanding Service Award" from the Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children.

In addition to University duties, she has served with numerous professional and civic organizations, including being an NAEYC accreditation team member, founder of Pre-K FORUM in cooperation with the Madison County Superintendent's Office, co-founder of the National All Day Kindergarten Network, and a long-time board member of St. Louis AEYC and chairperson of its Kindergarten Interest Group.

Dr. Nall has published extensively on such topics as emerging literacy, bridging the gap between pre-school and kindergarten, special needs of young children, parenting young children, and separation anxiety.

Dr. Nall will speak at the 9 a.m. general session in Forum I. Registration will start at 7:15 a.m. and the first of four concurrent sessions will begin at 7:45. A visit to St. Mary's Child Development Center is an option at the end of the day's program.

Participants may pre-register by April 3 at the rate of \$18 for Indiana AEYC members, \$22 for non-members; the fee on April 11 will be \$30; the full-time student fee is \$10. Call the USI Office of Continuing Education, 800/467-8600 or 812/464-1989 for information or to register.

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