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New Hampton to Host Early Childhood Fair April 25

Families and young children are invited to make plans to attend a free Early Childhood Fair this spring in New Hampton. Sponsored by the Early Childhood Cadre of the New Hampton area, the event is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 25, from 9 to noon. Titled “Planting the Seeds for Growing and Learning”, the event will be held at the New Hampton Elementary Gym and is open to all area families and young children.

Families will be able to browse through a variety of educational and informational booths and take part in family-oriented activities. In addition, an array of free materials books for kids and other literacy-based items will be available for parents to pick up. A number of area merchants and family and early childhood organizations will also have displays and be available for questions and information sharing. The FMC (Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw) Community Partnership for Protecting Children will provide sandwiches and beverages. In addition, a car seat safety screening will be available at the fair.

“We want to let our families know about the kinds of resources and other parenting helps that are out there,” said Susan Smith, AEA Early Childhood Special Education Specialist. “It’s exciting to see the number of organizations that are planning to be at the Fair,” Smith added, pointing out those include: Keystone AEA, New Hampton Community School District, Chickasaw County Public Health, Chickasaw County ISU Extension, EAGLE, Child Care Resource and Referral, Head Start, and FMC Community Empowerment, along with a number of local merchants and businesses.

Everyone is invited to attend, Smith noted. For more information about the upcoming Early Childhood Fair, “Planting the Seeds for Growing and Learning”, contact: Susan Smith, at: 641-394-2162.