

Baby TALK's mission is to positively impact child development and nurture healthy parent-child relationships during the critical early years.



# Baby TALK dialogue

...because the early years really matter.

## Professionals invited to join BTPA

The new Baby TALK Professional Association (BTPA) is now a vital part of the Baby TALK mission and services to professionals serving families with young children.

BTPA is a collaboration of professionals who have experienced Baby TALK training and are using Baby TALK methods and materials in their work with young families.

"Our network of professionals who have been trained through Baby TALK and who are using the methods and curriculum

includes individuals in all 50 states," says Claudia Quigg, founder and executive director. "Our goal was to create an organization that encourages regular communication and sharing among professionals who are using Baby TALK within their programs."

Once you become a member of the BTPA, your Baby TALK practitioner certification is automatically renewed. Additional benefits include:

- 10 percent discount on Baby TALK Training and Materials

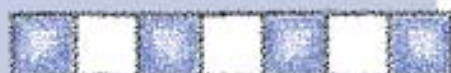
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## Smith honored at Baby TALK Endowment Dinner



*From left: Lucy Lindsay Smith, recipient of the President's Award for her outstanding efforts in support of education, is congratulated by Baby TALK Board President Mark Cheviron and Executive Director Claudia Quigg at BT's endowment and awards dinner. See inside for more photos from this annual event, which was held in September.*

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Dear Friends,

The phone rang the other day, and I was delighted to pick it up and hear from one of my Baby TALK colleagues from half way across the country. I was really thrilled to hear her tell about the work she was doing and the amazing ways she was reaching out to families in her community. Our conversation lasted only about fifteen minutes, but I realized later how buoyed up I was by it. I think she felt the same.

Many professionals doing this sort of supportive work with families are a little bit isolated. Their friends and families may not even exactly understand what they do. The work is fulfilling and satisfying, but it can also be challenging. Sharing it with another whose goals are similar is fortifying.

We hope to systemize this sharing and support through the newly formed Baby TALK Professional Association (BTPA). We want to grow and learn with our colleagues, share updated resources, and shore up each other in our challenges. Rather than sit back and hope that our encounters occur spontaneously, we want to be more proactive and establish better systems for communication.

We want to enhance our "belonging" to each other.

I sincerely hope that you will join the BTPA in order for us to give you this support. And I have a very selfish reason for wanting you to join as well. I just can't wait to hear about how you are doing in your work with families. For me, hearing from a Baby TALK trainee feels very much like a dearly-anticipated letter from home.

Best wishes—

Claudia Quigg

## Professionals invited to join BTPA...

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- Opportunity to purchase newly updated curriculum
- Enrollment into our monthly BTPA e-newsletter
- Invitation to attend the annual BTPA Conference at no cost
- Opportunity to co-host Baby TALK Training in your area
- Opportunity to apply for Regional Baby TALK Training Team



BTPA's annual membership fee is \$40 per member. Enrollment forms were sent in September and are due by Jan. 31.

## With special thanks...

At the end of another wonderful year, we would like to offer our most heartfelt THANKS to the following businesses and organizations for their commitment, encouragement and unending support:

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## Touchpoints Trainings

Touchpoints is a model for preventative care that focuses on the relationships between providers and parents. The Touchpoints Model is based on 40 years of practice and research conducted by Dr. T. Berry Brazelton in collaboration with Harvard Medical School's Children's Hospital. Touchpoints trainings are designed for individuals in the fields of education, medicine and human services. National Touchpoints trainings are

held only at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center in Boston, in Napa, Calif., or at Decatur's Baby TALK on **April 3-5, 2006, and Oct. 16-18, 2006**. The fee is \$1,000 and registration is through the **Brazelton Touchpoints Center, 617-355-8518**. For more information or to register, send an e-mail to: Sarah Pitlak at [sarah.pitlak@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:sarah.pitlak@childrens.harvard.edu)

# The 2005 Baby TALK Endowment Dinner celebrates

The largest crowd ever packed the Decatur Club to enjoy Baby TALK's annual endowment and awards dinner, which celebrated the importance of education and families.

Honored during the evening were Lucy Lindsay Smith (see front page), Millikin University, Richland Community College, Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education, Decatur School District No. 61, Caterpillar Foundation, and longtime Baby TALK volunteers Joe and Lillian Lewis and Howard and Helen Brown. Also recognized during the evening were retiring members of the Baby TALK board: Elizabeth Celio, Bernie Naber, Bobbette Trice, Scott Rueter and Elmer McPherson.

**Clockwise from upper right:** From left, Baby TALK's Development Director Betsy Osman and Executive Director Claudia Quigg (on right) accept a check from Panera Bread presented by Lauren Hitch, Panera Neighborhood Marketing Director. The money was raised through the restaurant's Operation Doughnation program, which provides ongoing support for Baby TALK. Honorees Howard and Helen Brown Jesse Price of Caterpillar Foundation (center) with Baby TALK Board

"The effort of every true education should be to unlock the wealth of sympathy, kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child."  
Emma Goldman



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# education and families

President Mark Chevron and Claudia Quigg Milikin award-winning vocal group, "One Voice," entertained the large crowd of more than 200. Ann Chelette, pictured here with Quigg and Chevron, accepted on a "Friends of the Family" award on behalf of Decatur School District No. 61. Patron Howard Buffett contributed some of his award-winning photographs for a silent auction fundraiser at the dinner. Keynote sponsor Tate & Lyle displayed some of the company's products during the evening. Honorees Joe and Lillian Lewis Millikin University President Doug Zamke, pictured here with Quigg and Chevron, accepted an award given to Millikin. Bernie Naber (with Claudia Quigg) was one of four retiring board members honored at the dinner. Gayle Saunders (right), president of Richland Community College, was on hand to accept an award given to the college. She is pictured here with Superintendent Dick Shelby and Millikin University's Jan Devore.

Photos courtesy of Rutherford PhotoVisuals



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## Lapsits, Library and Literacy Trainings

Congratulations to the following people who recently completed this training:

- Laura Huddleston, Mattoon, IL.
- Kathy Lies, Streamwood, IL.
- Elizabeth Schaffer, DeKalb, IL.
- Jan Tilbury, Roselle, IL.
- Jan Penner, Mt. Prospect, IL.

## Baby TALK Professional Development Training

Congratulations to the following people who recently completed this training:

- Mary Babiarz, Joliet, IL.
- Sandra Barger, Liberty, IL.
- Jennifer Cleveland, Machesney Park, IL.
- Carrie Cole, Rantoul, IL.
- JoAnn Dennings, Columbia, MO.
- Donna Frahm, Loves Park, IL.
- Debbie Gleason, New Lenox, IL.
- Kathleen Henderson, Effingham, IL.
- Janice Lundquist, Columbia, MO.
- Maggie Nichols, Tulsa, OK.
- Cathy Reynolds, Jerseyville, IL.
- Amy Roenfanz, Baby TALK staff member.
- Darnell M. Schalasky, Oblong, IL.
- Wanda Sharp, Loves Park, IL.
- Paula Steffen, Joliet, IL.
- Heather Vezner, Machesney Park, IL.
- Barbara Ward, Jacksonville, IL.
- Bettie Witherspoon, Baby TALK Board member.
- Joshua Wolf, Greenwood, IN.

## Touchpoints Training

Congratulations to the following people who recently completed this training:

- Jill Ratanaphrueks, Cary, NC.
- Jennifer Cleveland, Machesney Park, IL.
- Donna Frahm, Rockford, IL.
- Donald C. Parker, Machesney Park, IL.
- Angie Wendt, Prairie Home, MO.
- Kathy Wallace, Columbia, MO.
- Maria Cellario, New York, NY.
- Jamillah Hoy-Ross, New York, NY.
- Janet Kent, Fairfield, IL.
- Suzanne Darby, Monticello, IL.

# 2006 Baby TALK training sessions

**Baby TALK Professional Training** is a three-day training that explores the assumptions about parents, infants and toddlers that underlie the Baby TALK parenting programs. Baby TALK curricula are presented by teachers through videotape, in writing and one-on-one, and participants also visit programs. Participants receive a complete copy of the **updated** curricula and step-by-step instructions to adapt the Baby TALK model in other communities. A new component, "Publicity/Development/Fundraising for your Organization," has been added.

**Outreach Education in Healthcare Settings.** This one-day training is designed for professionals working in prenatal clinics, hospital obstetric units, pediatric units or well-child clinics. Includes curriculum for prenatal clinics, hospital obstetric visits, well-child visits and parenting issues. Curriculum is available in Spanish.

**Lapsits, Library & Literacy Programs.** This one-day training is designed for librarians, teachers, Even Start grant recipients and other professionals in family literacy programs. Includes curriculum for lapsits, Baby TALK Times, family literacy, parenting issues and family fun nights. Curriculum is available in Spanish.

## Baby TALK Trainings registration form

Complete the form below and mail with your check or money order to:

**Baby TALK, 500 E. Lake Shore Drive, Decatur, IL 62521.** For more information on trainings and registration, contact Marcy Lyons toll-free at 1-888-4BT-READ, or visit the Baby TALK website at [www.babytalk.org](http://www.babytalk.org). **Online registration is coming soon!**

Check the session(s) you prefer:

- **Baby TALK Professional Seminar** ..... **\$695**
  - March 21-23, 2006 Registration due Feb. 28
  - June 6-8, 2006 Registration due May 16
  - Oct. 3-5, 2006 Registration due Sept. 12
- **Outreach Education in Healthcare Settings** ..... **\$250**
  - June 15, 2006 Registration due May 25
- **Lapsits, Library & Literacy Programs** ..... **\$250**
  - Oct. 20, 2006 Registration due Sept. 29

No refunds will be given after the registration deadline. Any changes or cancellations made prior to the registration deadline will be assessed a \$50 fee. All trainings held in Decatur unless otherwise specified.

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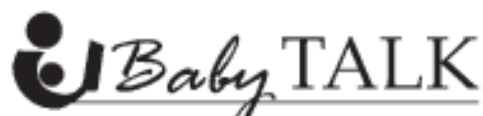
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0 to 3 since 1986. Our 15 local programs  
have promoted literacy and developed  
parenting skills for thousands of area fami-  
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<b>Shelf Sitters.</b> A Baby TALK "shelf sitter" figurine designed by national artist Diana Manning (see page 4).....	\$24	_____
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