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DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire Child Study & Development Center (CSDC) will host a day-long conference for regional early childhood educators March 19, 2005, to share its extensive curriculum explorations into gardening with young children.

The conference takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the center on Spinney Lane on the Durham campus. Registration fee is \$75 for before Feb. 22, \$95 after. For further information, contact Cheryl Estabrook at (603) 862-3200 or visit the CSDC Web site at <http://www.csdc.unh.edu/>.

Through hands-on workshops with teachers and plant science educators, participants will learn how young children can be provoked and fascinated by gardening experiences throughout the year. The conference brings together Jane Taylor, a nationally known children's garden expert, and John Nimmo, executive director of the CSDC and an early childhood educator known for his work on emergent curriculum.

Topics will include using gardening as a tool for developing basic skills, creating gardens as play environments, and recycling plant projects. Participants will receive a copy of the soon-to-be-published "Growing a Green Generation" curriculum book.

This conference is sponsored jointly by the UNH Cooperative Extension, UNH Department of Plant Sciences, and UNH CSDC/Family Studies Department through the financial support of the Anna & Raymond Tuttle Environmental Horticulture Fund.