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Cabell County Partners in Prevention and United Way's Success by Six® offers a free training opportunity for parents, teachers and community members

Huntington, WV – On October 8, 2009, Cabell County Partners in Prevention in collaboration with United Way's **Success by Six®** initiative will offer a free training opportunity for parents, teachers and community members. W. Blechman, M.D., Director of Docs for Tots from Florida, will present "Building Connections, Shaping Futures – A Blueprint to Developing the Potential of Children", from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Christ Temple Church – Johnstown Rd, Huntington, WV. Light refreshments offered at 6 PM.

Training Objectives are to reinforce the understanding of brain development before and after birth and the factors that may affect it, to better understand infant mental health, and to learn about the importance of relationships to young children, and the effects that stress has on their development.

CEU's are available for WV STARS and Social Workers. Childcare will be available at the event for children ages infants to 10 years old. Parents must pre-register for childcare by October 1st. Online registration is available at www.unitedwayrivercities.org. Participants may also register by contacting Cabell Co. Family Resource Network at 304-697-0255 or cabellfrn@wvdsi.net.

Training is sponsored by Cabell County Partners in Prevention, which promotes ways to help children grow up safe and healthy because "*Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime*". Agency partners include: Cabell County Family Resource Network, TEAM for West Virginia Children, United Way of the River Cities, and the WV Department of Health and Human Resources. This program is being supported by grants from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, the WV Children's Trust Fund, and the WV Department of Health and Human Resources.

United Way is focused on the building blocks for a better life – education, income and health. Everyone wins when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable and when people have good health. **LIVE UNITED™**. A credo. A mission. A goal. A constant reminder that when individuals think outside themselves, they have the power to facilitate change. For more information about United Way contact 304. 523.8929 or log onto www.unitedwayrivercities.org.

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