

# What's **NEW** at the Institute?

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## **CDP: Largest class in program's history**

The Child Development Program (CDP) at the Institute began in 1981 and has grown significantly, with its most recent enrollment of 20 students.

First-year students focus on normal development and the management of normal developmental crises, then study deviations, diagnostic assessment, and therapeutic interventions in their second year. In both years the Program moves students from the study of prenatal life through understanding the phases of adolescence. Participants who complete the program successfully have the skills to support healthy child development, detect (and often prevent) crises, intervene on a short-term basis, and judge when referral is in a child's best interest.

The students enrolled in this program come from a wide range of disciplines, including education, early childcare, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and counseling. The class includes a grade school principal and four directors of early childhood centers. They encounter children experiencing family stress and trauma, as well as those with autism, physical disabilities and eating and emotional disorders.

This year's class comes in contact with more than 1000 children on a weekly basis. The organizations they represent are the University City Children's Center, Radiant Faith Academy, Developmental Childcare St. Louis, Webster Childcare, Washington Univ. Nursery School, Shirlee Green Preschool, City Academy, Wydown Middle School, Mary Institute Country Day School, St. Louis Special School District, Magellan Health, Castlewood Treatment Center, and Edgewood Children's Center.

## **The Greater St. Louis Library Club meeting held here**

The Betty Golde Smith Library hosted a meeting of the Greater St. Louis Library Club in September. Thirty-two librarians attended the meeting, including the Institute's librarian, Sheila Heckman, and library consultant, Connie Wolf, who arranged the meeting.

Sheila Heckman's presentation to the group of public, school, and special librarians included a brief history of the Institute and a discussion of the work the Institute does in psychoanalytic training, treatment, and community education, and how the library provides support through its collection and services.

The questions after the presentation and the tour of the library ranged from school librarians' concerns about youth at risk and great interest in the Institute's work with children to how the library's psychoanalytic collection might aid public and school librarians' reference services which provide information for a broad array of mental health questions.

The meeting opens up channels of communication with a wide group of librarians serving many different populations and groups and provides new areas for the Institute library to explore how we can begin to encompass consumer mental health issues into our library services.

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*The St. Louis  
Psychoanalytic  
Institute sponsors  
low-cost, in-depth  
psychotherapy,  
training programs,  
lectures, courses, and  
library services to the  
community. Its  
mission is to promote  
mental health  
through  
psychoanalytic  
education, treatment  
and investigation.*

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