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Early Childhood Advocacy Is Topic Of Forum At CCSU

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NEW BRITAIN —

Joan Lombardi of the federal health and human services department will speak about early childhood development initiatives Monday at Central Connecticut State University.

Lombardi oversees Head Start and the federal Child Care Development Block Grant as deputy assistant secretary and interdepartmental liaison for early childhood development at the health and human services department. She is the author of "Time to Care: Redesigning Child Care to Promote Education, Support and Build Communities."

She will speak to an audience of teachers, child care providers, school superintendents, child advocacy leaders and others at CCSU's Alumni Hall. Afterward will be a panel discussion on local planning of early childhood initiatives, including the Discovery programs in New Britain, Torrington and New Haven.

The event is open to the public. It begins at 5 p.m. with light refreshments, and Lombardi will speak at 6 p.m. For reservations contact CT Early Childhood Alliance at 860-819-3647 or through alliance.ceca@gmail.com.

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