A Well Deserved Award
Judith Cooper Receives Award of Excellence

Monday, October 17, 2016- Each year the Pennsylvania Child Care Association or PACCA partners with various programs to provide the Early Childhood Education Summit. This conference provides early educators with the benefits of discovering trends linked to best practices, allows them the chance to network with peers in the industry and provides the opportunity to learn about state and national policies.

This 3-day conference is held in State College each year and we are excited that a few of our own Directors and Administrators were in attendance. We are also extremely proud to announce that our very own Judy Cooper was presented with the Award of Excellence! This award honors outstanding service and accomplishments in the field of administration. The award is presented to a member of PACCA who has demonstrated qualities of vision (ability to see possibilities for making things happen and communicating this vision to others), teamwork (ability to work with and support others) and leadership (willingness to reach out to benefit the child care community).

The nomination process highlighted just a few of the accomplishments Judy has contributed to Play & Learn since 1981. Those include:

The establishment of the Granny Scholarship Fund and the success that it has become, giving $1,470,000 to 3400 children since 1988.
Her dedication to creating a culture for her staff where they can successfully build careers and maintaining a quarter of Play & Learn staff for over 10 years in an industry with high turnover.
Her commitment to meeting the needs of families through the successful implementation of the Keystone STARS program and the Pre-K Counts program.

Please join me in congratulating Judy on this wonderful accomplishment!