CONNIE DENHAM believes that young children need skilled advocates to help them overcome many hazardous societal problems. Her dedicated work in training childcare workers and teachers has earned her selection as the 2005 Outstanding Instructor/Leader from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. “Children should have access to quality early education,” said Denham, head of the RCC Early Childhood Education Department. “I feel like I’m making a difference in the world. It’s circles of impact: every teacher I impact goes out into the world and helps kids, some of whom are dealing with abuse and neglect.”

Other instructors nominated for the award are Francine Gentile, Social Science and Human Services; Lutz Kramer, Humanities; Christine McCaffrey, Adult Basic Education math and science; Mollie Owens-Stevenson, Counseling; and Linda Wagner, Allied Health. All the nominees will be honored at the college’s spring inservice.

Denham will represent RCC at the NISOD spring conference in Austin, Texas.

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