



## **CHILD-CARE FORUM WINS NATIONAL AWARD**

**May 4, 2004 – An event for county-certified child care providers by the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services won honors in 2004 NACIO Awards of Excellence Competition. NACIO is the National Association of County Information Officers.**

The forum, which took place in the spring of 2003, received a meritorious award in the Other Projects category for counties with more than 500,000 population and state associations.

About 400 child-care providers attended the event to learn about major changes in the state's child-care regulations and ask questions of county administrators. Event planners solicited questions in advance and evaluated feedback from attendees. The forum took place in the North College Hill Auditorium. It also featured brief comments from child protection and child support experts about the role child-care providers can play in those areas.

The 2004 NACIO Awards of Excellence Program Officers attracted a record-high 541 entries in 34 categories. Awards were given to communicators who demonstrated a standard of excellence in their work. Hamilton County won 17 awards, including the one for the child-care event.

Communications professionals from Phoenix, Ariz., judged this year's competition.

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