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Imagine That!

The University of Montana - Missoula

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Program Notes

MSU Professor:

EARLY CHILD CARE IS LIFETIME INVESTMENT

(*Imagine That!* Warford - airs Sunday, April 30, at 9 p.m. on KUFM/KGPR and Monday, May 1, at 7:33 a.m. on KEMC and at 6:28 p.m. on KGLT.)

MISSOULA--

Billie Warford, a Montana State University-Bozeman expert on early childhood education, advocates high quality day care as a lifetime investment. Warford explains why early child care is the foundation for all other later education on the next segment of *Imagine That!*, airing at 9 p.m. Sunday, April 30, on KUFM/KGPR, immediately following the St. Louis Symphony.

Warford, director of MSU's Early Childhood Project, says young children should not be pushed, but neither should their days be wasted. She says research reveals children who have been involved in high-quality child care programs tend to have positive outcomes later in life.

Warford shares her answers to common questions regarding when day care may be good for a child and gives guidelines on choosing a day care on this week's program.

Imagine That! is produced as a joint venture between The University of Montana-Missoula and Montana State University-Bozeman. The program also airs Monday, May 1, at 7:33 a.m. on KEMC and at 6:28 p.m. on KGLT. For more information, call Lilly Tuholske, UM research news editor, (406) 243-5547, or Annette Trinity-Stevens, MSU VP for Research Office, (406) 994-5607.

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