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**Academy of Education Arts and Sciences will present  
Gesell Institute with a 2013 Educators Voice Award**

**New Haven, CT (July 9, 2013)** – Gesell Institute of Child Development is very proud to announce that it has won the 2013 Educators Voice Award in the category of Education Policy/Research. This award is presented by the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences, of which Gesell Institute has now been inducted into the Academy’s Council of Peers, due to becoming an Educators Voice honoree. Honorees are determined by a popular vote, equivalent to a People’s Choice Award for the Education community.

Voting was done online, and was computer tabulated in real-time for a span of six weeks. During that time over 350 educational administrators, teachers, advocacy programs and organizations were nominated by their peers across 31 categories. Gesell Institute beat out its competitors to win the Education Policy/Research category.

“Being nominated alone for an Educators Voice Award is so special,” says Dr. Marcy Guddemi, the Institute’s Executive Director. “It proves that our organization has recently stood out to the Academy, and amongst our peers.” Gesell Institute was nominated in the Research category because of its noteworthy nationwide study of over 1,300 three to six-year-old children. Unsurprisingly to early childhood educators, the Institute’s data proves that there is no measurable difference with children today progressing through major developmental milestones either earlier or sooner, when compared to Dr. Arnold Gesell’s research, which was recorded over 100 years ago. “Our study and results are particularly important as more and more schools are now adopting rigorous standards for academic expectations, especially in Kindergarten. Children today are not developing faster, so curriculums should not be implemented as if they were!” added Guddemi.

Gesell Institute will be presented with the award by the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences at a presentation ceremony in Washington, D.C. on September 21, 2013. Dr. Guddemi will accept the award on behalf of the Institute.

**About Gesell Institute**

Gesell Institute of Child Development is an independent non-profit organization that has been associated with how children grow and learn since 1950. The work of Arnold Gesell, PhD, MD (1888-1961) had a profound influence on the field of child development. Based on Dr. Gesell’s pioneering work documenting infant and child growth and development, Gesell Institute’s programs and publications now help parents and educators understand the ages and stages of childhood. Professional development and parent workshops cover a broad range of topics regarding child behavior, healthy growth and development, and positive learning outcomes. For additional information and resources, visit [www.gesellinstitute.org](http://www.gesellinstitute.org).

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