

IS YOUR CHILDCARE PROGRAM STRUGGLING WITH BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS?

Child Care Resource & Referral has trained staff who can provide consultation and training to teachers and program administrators on addressing challenging behaviors. These services are free to programs in our entire service delivery area. To find out more or to request technical assistance on including children with behavior or other developmental challenges in your program, call **Karen at 573-290-5571 or 800-811-1127, ext. 1**



ATTENTION ALL CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

★ QUARTERLY DRAWING ★

We receive calls daily from parents seeking child care. We want to provide them with the most accurate information possible.

Please call us each month to let us know about your fee changes and if you have openings. If we are not in the office, just leave a message on my voice mail.

Every quarter we will enter the name of each provider who calls with vacancies into a drawing to be held on the last weekday of the month!

Call 573-290-5577

Toll-free, 1-800-811-1127 ex. 1

WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT WINNERS??

WILL IT BE YOU?

A NOTE FROM KRISTEN...

Thank you to those who completed and returned the training survey that went out this past spring. A lapel pin and children's book will go to Karen Carron of Karen's Kids Day Care in Ste. Genevieve. Her survey was drawn from the stack of returned surveys.

"Winning Teams" Training is Back for 2005

Winning Teams is a course that instructs early childhood teachers and parents to team as partners in the care and education of children from birth to six. Winning Teams offers three 9-hour series, Nurturing the Young Learner, Guiding Behavior, and Learning to Read and Write.

February 8, 15, 22

Guiding Behavior brings to life effective strategies for working with challenging behaviors while increasing adults' confidence and competence in guiding the behavior of young children.

March 1, 8, 15

Nurturing the Young Learner focuses on understanding developmentally appropriate practices, which in turn helps children start school ready to learn.

April 5, 12, 19

Learning to Read and Write is based on the latest research in early childhood development, which shows that the process of learning to read and write actually begins at birth. The series will help parents and teachers learn how to support the development of early literacy skills in young children both at home and in child care settings.

All trainings will be broadcast from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, followed by a one-hour workshop. Watch your training calendar for more information and locations.

- Kristen Foltz-Schlegel

Assistant Director of Training & Professional Development

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S FALL!

Before we know it, this year will be over! I hope all of you are preserving memories by taking pictures and either posting them on a wall for children and parents to see, or placing them in a scrapbook. Those inexpensive holders that Wal-Mart sells at their photo counter, are perfect for infants and toddlers to hold. Several of you are filling your entry walls with photos.

One of the overlooked holidays in the fall is Thanksgiving. Halloween and Christmas seem to crowd it out. We need to teach our children to be thankful. Take a fall walk, and come back and list the things you saw that you are thankful for. Trace a child's hand, and create a turkey (thumb is the head). Write a different item the child is thankful for on each feather (finger). Or make an Indian headband with feathers naming different items.

At a recent seminar I heard the presenter emphasize the importance of manners. It just takes a minute to have children say "please" and "thank-you". It is a good way to briefly interact with them. This fall, remember to give thanks each and every day.

- Judith Perkins

Child Care Liaison



GREAT NEWS!

We have just received renewal of our Accreditation Project Grant and Quality Technical Assistance Grant. The Accreditation Project Grant will allow us to provide technical assistance for programs pursuing accreditation. This grant tracks the facilities progress through environmental rating scales administered on the facility, as well as established goals that the consultant and provider work on together.

HOW ABOUT MAKING SIDEWALK CHALK?

For great sidewalk art, you don't have to wait for great weather. A little drizzle can turn the children's sidewalk art into 'impressionist' art when the rain blurs the edges of the 'painting'. See what kind of art the children can invent. Here's an easy recipe for making your own sidewalk chalk. (Recipe from the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal by Kathy Antoniotti) The older 4 and 5 year old children will enjoy the experience:

Gather the supplies:

- Cardboard tubes (i.e. toilet paper rolls), cut into 6" lengths
- Wax paper, duct tape, aluminum foil, disposable plastic bowls, measuring spoons & cups
- Plaster of Paris, water
- Wooden craft sticks to stir with
- Powdered tempera paints in assorted colors
- A container, such as a cardboard box, in which to stand the chalk upright until it dries

To make your own chalk, get started by preparing your molds. Loosely slip a piece of wax paper inside each paper tube to prevent the chalk from sticking to the cardboard.

Place a piece of duct tape over one end of the mold. Tightly wrap the body of the mold with aluminum foil. Leave one end of the tube uncovered.

Prepare a separate container for each color chalk you want to make. Making one color at a time, pour ½ cup warm water into a container. Sprinkle the plaster of Paris in a little at a time, mixing with a craft stick until the chalk has the consistency of thick pudding.

Add 2-3 tablespoons of powdered tempera paint. Adjust the consistency of the mixture with either more powder or water at this time. Pour the mixture into the tube's end. Lightly tap the sides of the mold to release air bubbles in the plaster.

Stand the tubes upright and place inside a container with a flat surface to dry. Allow 4-5 hour or longer to dry.

Remove the aluminum foil, and tear off the cardboard tube.

You can see more recipes for sidewalk chalk by going to www.recipegoldmine.com on the web. It really is a recipe goldmine with directions for all kinds of crafts and cooking with kids. Check it out!

THANK YOU for calling us about your vacancies. We really do appreciate this small favor. Congratulations to **Margot Tighe** in Imperial, **Angie Rose** in Desloge, **Sherry Bollinger** in Scott City, and **Laura Criddle** in Cape Girardeau, the July, August and September winners. Remember, when you let me know of vacancies, I will mention you specifically to the families seeking child care in your area. **Keep those calls coming in.**

Remember, children learn through play! Happy playing!

- Karen McDougall
Referral Coordinator

Each child care facility has an opportunity to earn up to \$750 in Constructive Playthings gift certificates, \$200 in mini grants to help pay for self-study materials, as well as have the opportunity to compete for TEACH scholarships.

The Quality Technical Assistance grant is for programs that aren't quit ready to pursue the accreditation process but would like additional training to help enhance the learning environment. To participate in either of these grants you must meet the following requirements: must have 25% of capacity subsidized, must not have received any current Missouri Preschool Project Funds, and must be a licensed program. For a complete list of programs currently within the two grant projects please check our website at www5.semo.edu/ccrr and click on Accreditation or for more information on either of these grants, please call Heather Fisher at 1(800) 811-1127, ext. #8.

I would like to congratulate Linda Holt and her staff at Oak Ridge Preschool on their recent achievement of accreditation! Linda Holt, director of the preschool started the accreditation process through Missouri Accreditation in 1999. The program was granted accreditation in August 2004. Congratulations on all your hard work! Oak Ridge Preschool is one of the two programs accredited through Missouri Accreditation in Southeast Missouri. ABC 123 Learning Center in Cape Girardeau is also accredited through Missouri Accreditation.

- Heather Fisher
Professional Development Specialist

