

EARLY LEARNING TODAY

Summer 2004

Serving Early Care & Education Professionals, Communities & Families of Southeast Missouri

Child Care Resource & Referral • Workshop On Wheels

IT'S CDA CLASS RECRUITMENT TIME!

CCR&R will once again be offering a limited number of scholarships for individuals interested in completing the CDA credential and receiving college credit toward an early childhood degree at the same time. Recruitment for the college-credit CDA classes will begin in July. Also, this fall, CCR&R will offer a CDA Renewal Class for those of you needing professional development CEU's to renew your credential.

INFORMATION AND RECRUITMENT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

THUR, JULY 15 6:30 PM	CCR&R CONFERENCE ROOM	620 NORTH FOUNTAIN CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO
MON, JULY 19 6:30 PM	BOOTHEEL EDUCATION CENTER	MALDEN, MO

Please call Kristen at 573-290-5595 or 800-811-1127, ext. 3 to pre-register for these meetings or if you have questions.

Making Connections With Families

One of the most important characteristics of a high quality child care program is having strong relationships with families. When families are involved with their child's early care and education program, the learning experience is enriched for the child and caregivers feel more connected to the family system. Offering families a variety of ways to communicate with the teacher and the child care program makes it easier to build connections. Some suggestions include: Create a form asking about family talents/interests, the names of important extended family members and family traditions; ask parents to teach you their child's favorite songs, bring in a favorite book and describe family play activities; be sensitive to differences in cultural values around issues like toileting, etc. Taking time to connect with families can enrich your program and help you plan for activities and field trips. It's definitely worth the effort!

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Summertime Fun

Provider Appreciation Brunch

Our fourth annual Early Care & Education Provider Appreciation Brunch was held on Saturday, May 8 in Dempster Hall Atrium with over 40 attending. Entertainment was provided by the Suzuki class at Southeast Music Academy. There were LOTS of door prizes and recognition for all who attended. If you were unable to attend, we missed you and hope you will be able to join us next year.

