

INCLUSION NEWS

Child Care Plus

- Are you unsure about how to serve children with special needs in your program?
- Do you know the law concerning serving children with special needs in childcare programs?
- Do you need more information about how to adapt your classroom and materials to better serve children with special needs?
- Do you feel unsure about talking with parents of children with suspected special needs?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Child Care Plus is for you! Child Care Plus is an interactive, informative training designed to help providers serve children with special needs in their programs.

We are excited to be offering the first four modules again, as well as adding modules 4-8 in the coming months. See the enclosed registration form for more information on upcoming trainings.

If you are interested in hosting a Child Care Plus training session in your area, please contact Amy Franklin, Inclusion Specialist, at 1-800-811-1127 ext. 2. This would involve allowing other providers in your area attend the training at your center. No cost is involved beyond the registration fees for your staff.

- Amy Franklin
Inclusion Specialist



A WORD FROM KAREN

A few of you have not sent in your 2006 Provider Information Updates. If you've lost your form, call 1-800-811-1127 extension 1, and we'll update you over the phone. We are here from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It's really important that we give families accurate information.

Redleaf National Institute (redleafinstitute.org) has several articles you may want to take a look at. One discusses the Importance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Another takes a look at what providers can expect if they are being investigated by a state agency.

Remember to tell families that call you seeking child care about our website when you are at capacity in addition to giving them our 800 phone number. Of course, our 'web address' is listed in the phone book in our ad in the business section. The convenience of the web site does not replace the personal service we are used to providing when a parent or a caregiver calls for referrals. If they want to speak to a referral counselor, they can still call and talk to either Syd or me.

REMINDER: All facilities who have received accreditation, do remember to send (or fax) CCR&R a copy of your Accreditation Certificate. We will not indicate your accreditation to families seeking accredited child care until we have a copy of the certificate on file. (Yes, callers are now asking for information about accredited facilities!)

THANK YOU for calling us about your vacancies. We really do appreciate this small favor. Congratulations to home provider **Wiggles & Giggles** in East Prairie, **Tracy Poston** in Jackson, and **Brenda Holman** (Angels in Joyland) in Crystal City and **Little Rascals** in Perryville, our 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



GATHER 'EM UP!
Source: The Mailbox
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Here's a circle-time activity that will have your little squirrels scurrying about. In advance, gather enough brown pom-poms (nuts) so that each child has four. Explain that squirrels can remember where nuts are hidden long after they've placed them there. Then have each student hide four nuts throughout the classroom. Later in the day, remind youngsters of the fact mentioned above; then have them search for the nuts. Could each child find all four? If so, your youngsters have something in common with this bushy-tailed critter!



**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?



**FIT SOURCE: A WEB
DIRECTORY FOR PROVIDERS**

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families announces Fit Source: A Web Directory for Providers to help providers promote nutrition and physical activity in child care and after school providers to a wide variety of physical activity and nutrition resources. You will find links to activities, lesson plans, healthy recipes, information for parents, and many other downloadable tools that can be used to incorporate physical activity and nutrition into child care and after school programs.

- Kristen Foltz-Schlegel
Program Director

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

Accreditation is a sign of high quality. To become accredited, a program must meet standards of quality child care practices that exceed licensing requirements. Accreditation standards are based upon developmentally appropriate practice.

Accreditation benefits everyone in your community. Child care programs that are accredited receive a **20% increase per child per day** in the money they are given by the state to care for low-income children.

We currently have **OPENINGS** in our Accreditation Project! The Accreditation Project provides thorough consultation through the self study manuals and process. Programs in the project will receive \$200.00 per year to be used to purchase self study manuals, materials, and equipment. Programs will also receive incentive gift certificates to Constructive Playthings!

To learn more about accreditation please call Christy at 1-800-811-1127 ext 8 or (573) 290-5572.

Achievement of accreditation says to the world "This is a high quality program", which offers recognition for the hard work professionals do each day!

From: Developmentally Appropriate practice in Early childhood programs, revised edition; Sue Bredekamp and Carol Copple, Editors

- Christy Colyer
Professional Development Specialist

The following is a web link that shows the location of sex offenders in specified areas.

www.familywatchdog.us



AUTUMN ACTIONS
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This movement idea invites youngsters to pile on the fun! To prepare, make a large tree cutout and post it in your group area. Then make a class supply of leaf cutouts and label each one with a different movement command, such as "Jump three times" or "hop on one foot." Attach the programmed leaves to the tree, making sure they're within student reach. Invite a child to remove a leaf from the tree; then read aloud the command and ask all the youngsters to perform the action. After attaching the leaf to the bottom of the tree, play another round of this fun fall game.

