

EARLY LEARNING TODAY

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

Child Care Resource & Referral • Workshop On Wheels

BUILDING BETTER FUTURES FOR ALL CHILDREN is the theme for Week of the Young Child 2006.

It is already winter, and it will be spring before you know it. Start planning events now to celebrate Week of the Young Child which is observed April 2-8, 2006. The purpose of this week is to celebrate children and raise awareness of their needs.

Some ideas to get you started:

- Ask local businesses, the library and/or post office to display children's artwork in their windows.
- Prepare a proclamation to be signed by the mayor.
- Have a parade for young children.
- Plan a festival or carnival to celebrate young children.
- Plan an event with the local library.

As you plan your events, visit the NAEYC web site (www.naeyc.org/woyc) for tips, strategies and reports from other organizations about how you can organize a successful Week of the Young Child celebration.

We here at Child Care Resource & Referral / Workshop On Wheels will be planning events to celebrate Week of the Young Child. Join us as we celebrate children April 2-8, 2006.

- Kristen Foltz-Schlegel
Program Director



SEMO CCR&R IS ON-LINE!

Visit our site at www5.semo.edu/ccr to have a look. To really get into it, you will need to complete the required information. During our first month, November, approximately 70 'child care seekers' visited the site (and, that is without advertising). You can tell families that call you seeking child care about the site 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. And, that does not replace the personal service we are used to providing. If they want to speak to a referral counselor, they can still call and Syd or I will be happy to help.

Now that we are in the cold and flu season, I would be remiss if I didn't pass this reminder on to you. In the latest issue of the "Kids Today" from St. Louis Children's Hospital, the number one Infection Protection was highlighted. Do you know what it is? Handwashing is the best protection against diseases and infections.

THANK YOU for calling us about your vacancies. We really do appreciate this small favor. Congratulations **Rhonda Davis** in Quin, **Debbie Eichhorn (TLC For Tots)** in Chaffee, and **Dawn Pehle (Little Wildcats Preschool and Child Care Center)** in Union, **Linda Schumer (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

