

Annual MOCCRRN Summit

The staff of CCR&R/WOW recently attended the 3rd Annual Missouri Child Care Resource & Referral Network Summit on Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st and 2nd held at Lake of the Ozarks. Our staff attended professional development trainings on topics such as Adult Learning Styles, Childhood Disorders, Customer Service, and Promoting the Social Emotional Competence of Young Children. MOCCRRN hosts the summit for all CCR&R agencies throughout the state of Missouri. It is a great learning experience as well an opportunity to network with our sister agencies across the state.



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?

Building Positive Teacher-Child Relationships

Positive teacher-child relationships are important because:

- ✓ They influence a child's emotional, cognitive, and social development
- ✓ They help children develop secure relationships with other adults
- ✓ They help children develop good peer relationships
- ✓ They help reduce the frequency of behavior problems
- ✓ They help children develop positive self-esteem

10 Ways to Build Positive Relationships:

1. Engage in one-to-one, face-to-face interactions
2. Get on the child's level for face-to-face interactions
3. Use a pleasant, calm voice and simple language while making eye contact
4. Provide warm, responsive physical contact
5. Follow the child's lead and interest during play
6. Help children understand classroom expectations
7. Redirect children when they engage in challenging behavior
8. Listen to children and encourage them to listen to others
9. Acknowledge children for their accomplishments and effort
10. Have fun and laugh with children

Source: "Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning", January 2004



The good, the bad, and the included... What makes inclusion work?

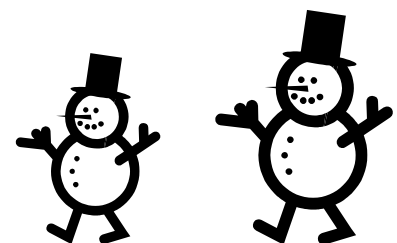
"Inclusion works when teachers believe that all children can learn." Dayle Timmons

- Diversity is valued and celebrated
- The director plays an active and supportive leadership role
- There is a sense of community in which everyone belongs, is accepted and is supported by his or her peers and other members of the center community
- Therapists and other support professionals are welcomed into the center
- Flexible groupings, authentic and meaningful learning experiences and developmentally appropriate curricula are accessible to all children
- Staff have changed roles that are more collaborative
- Parents are embraced as equal partners

(adapted from
www.rushservices.com)

Inclusion doesn't have to be scary. Simple changes can make all the difference for a child with special needs. Contact Amy Franklin, Inclusion Specialist, at 573-290-5590 or afranklin@semo.edu for more information on how to make your center a place for children of all abilities.

- Amy Franklin
Inclusion Specialist



Happy Holidays Everyone!

Exciting News! Child Care Resource and Referral along with Success by Six/United Way will be giving a teacher appreciation award to be given out at our annual Provider Appreciation Brunch which will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006! Three awards will be given in the following categories: Center Director, Teacher and Family Provider. The Cape Girardeau Directors Group will be determining the criteria for the awards as well as the name for each award. Nomination forms will be mailed after the first of the year. Because funding is limited to the area Success by Six/United Way of Cape Girardeau serves, at this time only Cape Girardeau County and Scott City are eligible for the awards. To be eligible for the award you must be employed in a licensed program that is in good standing. More specific criteria will be mailed with the nomination form. We are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity for child care providers. We hope that in the future we will be able to offer this in every county we serve. We urge you to contact area businesses or agencies for possible funding for support of this award in your area!

Upcoming Trainings!

We have set the date for the Early Childhood Seminar: "Developmentally Appropriate Practices: Birth to Five Years" to be held in New Madrid for Saturday, March 4, 2006. Brochures will be mailed out after the first of the year. Look in your training calendar for more information.

Would you like to become more educated on how to offer inclusive child care within your facility? Amy Franklin, MA, our Inclusion Specialist will be hosting a series of upcoming trainings based on inclusion. The training is based out of the "Child Care Plus" curriculum. Watch your training calendar for future Child Care Plus training opportunities!!

- Heather Fisher
Training Coordinator

Paper Bag Reindeer

Supplies needed:

- Paper bags
- Deep red (or another color) construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Optional - googly eyes



Trace two hands on construction paper. Cut them out. These will be the reindeer's antlers.

Fold the two square edges of a paper bag under, to form the reindeer's head.

Glue, tape, or staple the handprints behind the reindeer's head.

Cut out eyes from construction paper (or glue on googly eyes). Using red paper, cut out and glue on a large red nose. Glue them to the reindeer's face. Draw a mouth with a marker or crayons.

Source: www.enchantedlearning.com

Winter

The days are short and often cold and dark. But they can be filled with good things! At your science table, use flashlights and magnets. Where would ice and/or snow melt the fastest? Inside, outside, in the sun or in the shade? What's left when they melt? Flowers that grow from bulbs don't look like anything could be alive inside that bulb. But there is! I've talked before about the fun of watching a giant amaryllis bulb bloom-they grow so fast! There are other bulbs for sale now too that will also add a colorful surprise to your room. Exercise can often be a problem in the winter when it is too cold to go outside. Try skating on paper plates-good exercise that's fun and inexpensive. Put on music from the Nutcracker Suite to skate or dance to. Use chiffon scarves to twirl with as you dance. Hula hoops and jump ropes can be used indoors or out. Inside lighting can also be a problem in the winter. If you have fluorescent lighting, check to see if it is full spectrum. Full spectrum is like sunlight. If it's not, the lighting can make one tired and/or cranky! This has been proven in factories and schools. The bulbs are the same price (at least they were last time I checked). Winter is also a great time to snuggle together and read books! The best thing about winter is that it means spring is coming! Enjoy each day--look for a serendipity, and you'll find one!

- Judith Perkins
Child Care Liaison

