

LOANS AVAILABLE FOR CHILD CARE BUSINESSES

First children's Finance – Missouri provides loans and technical assistance to child care business throughout the state. Loan amounts range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 for licensed family providers and up to \$75,000 for licensed child care centers or other early education programs. Loans can be used for start-up costs, cash flow, facility improvement, playground equipment, addition/expansions, egress windows, fences, computers, toys and other equipment or child care related projects. *Applicants must be serving, or willing to serve, children from households whose incomes fall within the Missouri Subsidy Childcare Assistance Program guidelines.*

First Children's Finance – Missouri understands the importance and the challenges of running a child care business and wants you to succeed. As part of the lending process, competent and caring staff members help child care business owners work on the business side of their child care programs with technical assistance.

First Children's Finance – Missouri is a program of the Development Corporation for Children, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, whose mission is to help children thrive and learn by forging relationships that bring economic power and viability to the business of child care. One way the Development Corporation for Children fulfills that mission is to bring public and private resources together and connect providers with these resources.

Well managed child care businesses are more likely to provide stable, quality care for children. First Children's Finance – Missouri focuses on the often overlooked business side of child care, understanding that it is not an area of expertise for many child care business owners. It is the goal of First Children's Finance – Missouri to help each loan applicant strengthen their child care business.

For more information on First Children's Finance – Missouri, call 1-866-562-6801.

A WORD FROM KAREN

The 2007-2008 Provider Updates continue to come in. It is important that we have new documentation on each licensed facility each year. Thank you for your compliance.

For your information, the publication **Everyday TLC** (teaching, learning, caring) is now on line. If you have been a print subscriber, the first year on line is free, but you must sign up at www.everydaytlc.com. Then, just follow the instructions. Click on the print subscribers button and type in the code `tlc2007`. By subscribing to the online publication, you will have access to a community bulletin board, a blog for sharing ideas and activities with others, discounts on books and CDs and a monthly e-mail with age-appropriate activities. Each issue includes a CDA training module. Even if you have not subscribed to this publication, you can sign-up on line. The subscription is \$9.95.

When your enrollment is at capacity, remember to tell families that call you seeking child care about our website 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 Yellow Pages' child care 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 I.

THANK YOU for calling us about your vacancies. We really do appreciate this small favor. Congratulations to home provider **Kim Stinson (Kim's Kids)** in Dexter, **Susan Todt (Big Stuff Preschool & Child Care)** in Jackson, and **Sandra Wills** (Sandra Wills Day Care) in Kennett and **Patty Pulliam (Patty's Day Care)** in Cape Girardeau our October, November, December 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

At the recent Provider Appreciation Brunch, Kindermusik was the entertainment. Some of you asked for the information regarding this program to pass to your parents in the Cape Girardeau surrounding area. Here it is:



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Cape Girardeau, MO
573-334-8623
Janet K. Presson, BME, MA
www.kindermusik.com

Music Lessons
Kindermusik for 16 months to 5 years
E-Z keys piano for 4 to 5 years
Keyboard/piano for 5 years to adult

Also they have their annual musical in July – Beauty and the Beast. Check website for performance information.

Johnson's Shampoo – daycare Parent's Pack

We are delighted to send you our **FREE Parent's Pack Day Care** program for the parents of your day care children ages 18-36 months. This program includes Johnson's Baby Shampoo literature and a high-value coupon.

Please distribute one literature/coupon to the parents of your day care children ages 18-36 months within the next two weeks of receiving the program. Thank you for your cooperation!

Questions? Call our Education Department toll-free at 800-281-0924 or email us at freesamples@eurorscg.com.

REMINDER: All facilities who have received accreditation, remember to send (or fax) to 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!)

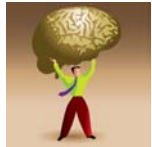
Your Path to Professionalism...



We are rolling out a new and revised Infant Toddler Child Care Orientation Training (ITCCOT) this year. Our trainers have been trained and updated on the best techniques to provide the best quality of care for infants and toddlers. We will no longer be passing out the Infant Toddler Creative Curriculum with the training. I do have a few of them left that I will be giving out as door prizes at upcoming ITCCOT's. Watch your training calendar for upcoming dates.



Time To Call.....if you are interested in pursuing your CDA for college credit hours, now is the time to call and get your name on the list. We are awaiting our funds to start our next class, it should begin sometime in September. For more information on the CDA credential, please visit www.cdacouncil.org or call me at 1-800-811-1127, ext#3.



Boost Your Brain Power!! Our Early Childhood Fall Seminar is set for Saturday, September 29th in Cape Girardeau. Thanks to funding provided by the United Way/Success By 6, we are able to bring in Dr. Lise Elliot. Dr. Elliot will present a keynote session on **"Brain Development as a Guide to Early Learning"** and a break out session on **"Pink Brain, Blue Brain: The Truth About Sex Differences in Cognitive and Emotional Development."** The following are the additional break out sessions to choose from:

- ☺ Bridget Jackson: "Conservation Seeds"
- ☺ Charla Myers M.A.: Promoting Children's Success: Social Emotional Teaching Strategies
- ☺ Janice Jones: All About the Environmental Rating Scale Assessment
- ☺ Dr. Matt Stoelb: "Introduction to Autism"
- ☺ Becky Stull: "Beyond Bouncy Seats, Appropriate Infant/Toddler Environments"
- ☺ Susan Blanford: Respecting & Safeguarding Children's Right to Play in and Age of Accountability!
- ☺ Dr.Lise Elliot: Pink Brain, Blue Brain: The truth about sex differences in cognitive and emotional development.

The first 100 paid registrations will receive a backpack tote! In addition, each paid participant will receive a coupon for free five pounds at the Cape Girardeau Teacher Recycle Center!! YEAH!!

- Heather Fisher
Assistant Director of Training & Professional Development

Cape Girardeau Teacher Recycle Center



Do you like **FREE STUFF!!** Then come visit us!! Thanks to funding by **Christian School for the Young Years and Community Day School**, we are excited to announce that we now have a **Cape Girardeau Teacher Recycle Center** located here at Child Care Resource and Referral!! The best part about it is that it is **FREE!** Stop by and fill a bag a full as you can get it, weigh it, and you are on your way! We are excited that we now have this in our area to offer. Many of you attended the seminar last year and filled a bag full of goodies, now you can access those goodies at anytime! We are asking individuals to share their ideas or pictures of the kids using the stuff so we can share the great ideas that come from the materials! If any of you have businesses in your area that would like to donate materials to the recycle center, please have them give me a call! Thanks to Kim Clauser of Fredericktown, she sought out two business in Fredericktown and brought up hundreds of Clorox bleach samples and sanitizing wipes! Come for a visit, we can't wait to see you!

See photos below ...