

EARLY LEARNING TODAY

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

Child Care Resource & Referral • Workshop On Wheels

YOUR PATH TO PROFESSIONALISM!

On September 29th 2007 we held our annual Early Childhood Fall Seminar: Brain Development. Over 100 providers attended. I would like to thank all of the attendees for filling out the evaluations for the sessions. This feedback is vital in preparation for future seminars! A special thank you to Christian School for the Young Years & Community Day School for assistance in sponsoring the St. Louis Teacher Recycle Center. Everyone had the opportunity to fill up a bag full of goodies. Thank you to the United Way & Success by 6 for bringing in our keynote speaker, Dr. Lise Elliot.

Thank you to those that filled out training surveys, we are in the midst of compiling to better meet your training needs. These surveys will be divided out by counties to determine what trainings to schedule in your area.

After a break over the summer, the Directors/Owners Formation Group in Cape Girardeau has started meeting again. These meetings are designed for directors and owners to have the chance to network and discuss current issues going on within their centers in which they may need solutions for. The meeting is open to anyone that would like to attend. Please check the training calendar for future meeting dates.

Christy Colyer and Carrie Barnes have a new set of trainings they will be offering to child care facilities. The trainings are based on the Strengthening Families Initiative & Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect. If you are interested in these trainings please give them a call at 1-800-811-1127, ext.8



NEW ARRIVALS



Reese Marie was born July 24 to Christy Colyer, CCR&R Accreditation Coordinator



Gage Basil was born August 24 to Cari Barnes, CCR&R Early Childhood Specialist

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a childcare program in your area that has received an MPP grant, they may have community set aside dollars for you to access? Check out our website at www5.semo.edu/ccrr and follow the following instructions:

- ☺ Click on "grants and loans"
- ☺ Click on "department of elementary and secondary education"
- ☺ Click on the "department of elementary and secondary education" website link
- ☺ Under "Programs" click on "Missouri Preschool Project"
- ☺ On the right hand side, click on "MPP awardees."

These sites are required to give 10% of their grant back to the community. They do have specific guidelines as to what they can use it for so keep this in mind as you request assistance.

- Heather Fisher
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