

INCLUSION CORNER

Sharing Your Concerns

Are you concerned about a child in your care? Do you worry that the child may have developmental delays or behavior concerns? Are you anxious about sharing your concerns with the child's family? While no child care provider looks forward to discussing difficult issues with parents, sharing our concerns about a child is one of the most important aspects of working with children and families. However, concerns should only be shared when you have documented observations of the child's behavior or have documentation of your concerns about the child's development. When sharing concerns, a conference should be scheduled when both the parent and provider can give undivided attention to the meeting. The provider should also have a list of possible resources available for the parent at the meeting. If you would like additional information or training regarding how to share concerns with parents or how to document your concerns, please contact Amy Franklin, Inclusion Specialist, at 573-290-5590 or 1-800-811-1127 ext 2.



HEAR YE... HEAR YE... HEAR YE ALL CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THE MONTHLY 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 do not answer the telephone, just leave a message on my voice mail.

Every month we will enter the name of each provider who calls with fee or vacancy information 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 YOU BE ONE?**

WHAT IS NAFCC ACCREDITATION?

National Association for Family Child Care

Who is eligible?

- Must be at least 21 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Provide care to children for a minimum of 15 hours a week
- Be the primary caregiver, spending at least 80% of the operating hours actively involved with the children.
- Have at least 12 months experience providing childcare in your home
- Be in compliance with licensing regulations

What are the benefits?

- Increases your self esteem
- Recognizes you as a professional in the field
- Stay excited about your work
- Encourages ongoing training
- Become a leader in the field
- Gain national recognition
- Increase in pay for sate pay children – receiving state subsidy
- Achievement of accreditation says to the world **“This is a high quality program”**.

For assistance with the accreditation process or questions please call Christy Colyer (573)290-5572 or 1-800-811-1127 ext. 4.

YOUR PATH TO PROFESSIONALISM.....

Did you know! You can register for your trainings online now!

Please visit our statewide training calendar at

www5.semo.edu/ccrr and click on the training opportunities link! You can create an account and register online for training. To confirm your registration you will need to send in payment and the registration form.



Upcoming Seminars:

- New Madrid County
March 14, 2009
New Madrid Family Resource Center
.4 C.E.U.'s
- Dunklin County Seminar
May 30, 2009
Bootheel Youth Museum, Malden
.4 CEU's (pending approval)
- Early Childhood Fall Seminar
Saturday, September 19, 2009
Southeast Missouri State University,
Cape Girardeau, MO
.5 C.E.U.'s (pending approval)

Week Of The Young Child Kick Off Event!



Messy Morning will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Show Me Center to kickoff the

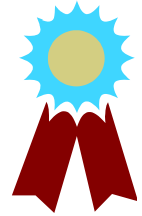
Week of the Young Child. The event was sponsored by Child Care Resource and Referral, The University Child Enrichment Center, Educare, Cape Girardeau Parents as Teachers, Sikeston Child Development Center, Godwin Center for Math and Science, Community Day School, Christian School for the Young Years and Southeast Missouri State University! The event consisted of area businesses and agencies that came together to provide information to parents while the children engaged in Messy Fun!



Interested in CDA? We are in the midst of our CDA college credit classes, if you are interested in pursuing your CDA for college credit; please call 1-800-811-1127, ext. 3.

Outstanding Early Childhood Award & Provider Appreciation Brunch

In the past we along with United Way & Bank of Missouri have offered the Outstanding Early Childhood Award in the counties of Cape Girardeau & Scott City. After much discussion it has been decided to use the money allocated for the award towards more door prizes at the provider appreciation brunch. This will allow all providers in the 20 counties we serve to benefit at the brunch. We will continue to give out appreciation certificates at the provider appreciation brunch which is scheduled for May 16th in Dempster Business Building at Southeast Missouri State University.



"Bring Communities Together for Children— Children Bring Communities Together" Week of the Young Child: April 19-25, 2009

Week of the Young Child is an annual event celebrated nationwide. The purpose is to focus attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we – as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families. Week of the Young Child serves as a time to reaffirm our commitment to ensure that every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote learning.

How can you participate? There are many ways to celebrate Week of the Young Child. Events may be planned by individuals or with community organizations. Examples include:

Public Awareness: Communicate with local media, such as newspaper and radio, about Week of the Young Child and any events planned to promote it.

Public Policy: Ask the mayor to issue a proclamation recognizing Week of the Young Child.

Literacy: Post children's artwork and writings around local libraries, city/county buildings, and local businesses.

Violence prevention: Organize an event to recognize the victims of child abuse or neglect.

Child Health: Look to your local hospital or health agency to help organize a community health fair with health screenings and immunizations.

Week of the Young Child is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC is the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 100,000 members. NAEYC first established Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.

