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Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education



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Arkansas Children's Week
April 13-19, 2008

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child abuse and neglect**

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE

**Much
More
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PLUS!

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DRESS FOR WEATHER

Children need the chance to run, jump, and get exercise every day. Unless there is rain or severe weather, children should play outside each day. Parents should dress children for outdoor play.

Let your child wear comfortable play clothes to school. Children like to dig in the dirt and roll in the grass. They need clothes that can get dirty and be washed. Shorts or pants and pullover shirts are most comfortable.

One way to prevent injury is to buy shoes that fit and protect the foot. Closed shoes with rubber soles, such as sneakers, are best for young children. Sandals and open shoes, or shoes with slick soles, can cause your child to trip and fall. Going barefoot is not safe because children may step on broken glass, nails, or wires, or be bitten by bugs or snakes.

Children can get blisters if the shoes rub their skin. You can help prevent blisters by getting shoes that fit and tie securely. Wearing socks also helps prevent blisters.

Children can play outside, even when it is cold. Dress your child in layers of clothes, including a jacket, which can be removed if he or she gets too warm. Although it may be cold outside, children can get hot while running and playing hard.



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Feel free to copy this poster courtesy of Healthy Childcare. For information on Hip on Health, call 877-258-6178.



✓ **Mark Your Calendars!**

2008 Arkansas Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

"Partnering to Protect Children: Setting the Pace for Better Practice"

- **Nationally-recognized speakers**
- **Experience in multiple areas of child welfare**
- **For Law Enforcement, CPS Workers, MDTs,
Child Advocates, Domestic Violence Advocates,
Prosecutors, Teachers, School Counselors,
Child Care Providers, Mental Health Providers**



**April 9-11, 2008
Hot Springs, Arkansas
Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa**

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Be safe this winter!





Name of Product: Performance Fleece-Lined boys' jackets

Retailer: Old Navy LLC, of San Francisco, Calif.

Hazard: The jackets have a waist drawstring with a toggle that could become snagged or caught in small spaces or doorways, which can pose an entrapment hazard to children.

Description: The performance fleece-lined shell jackets are hooded, zip in the front, and have a drawstring at the waist. The jackets were sold in black or blue in multiple children's sizes. "Old Navy" is printed on a label at the neck. Style number 507907 is printed on a white label sewn into the side seam of the jacket.



Name of Product: Collectible Mini Helmets

Importer: Bell Racing Co., of Santa Cruz, Calif.

Hazard: Surface paints on the recalled helmets contain excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

Description: The recalled products are six-inch tall, collectible, miniature helmets, modeled after helmets worn by several race car drivers. The following models are included in the recall: Terry Borcheller helmet, part number 2005740; Kurt Busch helmet, part number 2001368; and Vitor Meira helmet, part number 2001381. The part number is located on the product's package with the UPC.



Name of Product: TKS-brand children's pants

Importer: E.S. Sutton Inc., of New York, N.Y.

Hazard: The recalled pants have a ribbon belt at the waist that can pose an entrapment or entanglement hazard to children.

Description: The recalled pants were sold in two styles. The first style (model numbers 62240 and 62254) is denim with a brown ribbon belt on the waistband. These pants have a sewn-on patch and an embroidered butterfly. They were sold in infant sizes 12 months, 18 months and 24 months and toddler sizes 2T, 3T and 4T. The second style (model number 62226) is khaki with a fabric belt on the waistband. They have two cargo pockets, one with an embroidered heart. The cuffs have buttons and plaid trim on the underside. They were sold in toddler sizes 2T, 3T and 4T.



Name of Product: Basic Editions-brand girls' clothing sets

Importer: Millennium Apparel Group, of New York, N.Y.

Hazard: The recalled pants have a drawstring at the waist that can pose an entrapment or entanglement hazard to children.

Description: The recalled two-piece clothing set has olive-colored knit pants with a fully-tunneled waist drawstring and a pink short-sleeved top with necktie. The set was sold in the following girls' sizes: 4/5, 6/6X, 7/8, and 10/12.



Name of Product: Personal Identity-brand V-neck sweaters with hood

Importer: A & R Knitwear, of New York, N.Y.

Hazard: The recalled sweaters have a drawstring through the hood, posing a strangulation hazard to children.

Description: The recalled sweaters have a V-neck, hood and kangaroo pocket. The sweaters are either pink with charcoal stripes or blue with white stripes. They were sold in the following girls' sizes: small, medium, large, and extra large.



Name of Product: The First Years 3-in-1 Flush and Sounds Potty Seats

Importer/Distributor: RC2 Corp., of Oak Brook, Ill.

Hazard: Decorative plaque inserted into the back of the potty seat could have orange paint that contains excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

Description: The recall involves the First Years 3-in-1 Flush and Sounds potty training seats. Each seat has either a yellow chair with a green removable seat and a purple lift out-pot or a blue chair with a white removable seat and green lift out-pot. The words "100 Acre Wood" are molded on the chair back. The plaque inserted into the back of the seat contains molded Winnie the Pooh and Tigger characters.



Name of Product: Children's Sunglasses

Importer: FGX International Inc., of Smithfield, R.I.

Hazard: Surface paint on the sunglasses can contain excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

Description: The recall involves 15 styles of children's sunglasses. The style name is printed on the product inside the left temple arm. The name "Foster Grant" may also appear on the temple arm of some styles. The styles included in the recall are:

| | | | |
|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Balloon | Bullseye | Encompass Jr. IK | Lily |
| Bond | Buzz | Fade IK | Outer Space |
| Boom | Conqueror Jr. | Gadget IK | Pluto |
| Bubble Gum | Curly Q | Iceman | (No other styles are recalled) |



Name of Product: Cordless Air-Powered Hockey Tables with Rechargeable Battery

Distributor: Gamenamics Inc., of Elgin, Ill.

Hazard: The hockey table's wires can overheat or melt, posing a burn hazard to consumers.

Description: This recall involves cordless air-powered hockey tables with a rechargeable battery. The table can be folded and moved on attached wheels. The tables are 72-inches long and 38-inches wide and have a predominantly white surface with a bright blue aluminum rail. The playing surface contains the words "Jet Fan Hockey". The recalled items have the numbers SG-504-6c and 73058 printed on the product's carton.



Awareness Benefits Consumers



of Toy Safety

AWARENESS

- CPSC is the agency for consumer product safety
- Leading causes of toy-related fatalities include choking and aspiration of toy parts
- Deteriorating lead paint in older homes is the greatest risk for lead poisoning—not toys

BENEFITS

- Inspections of toys is at an all time high
- Companies are finding and reporting problems to CPSC
- China is working to meet US safety standards

CONSUMERS

- Make smart purchases based on ages, ability, and interest level of a child
- Read and heed label warnings
- Be informed by signing up for safety information at www.cpsc.gov



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

CPSC hotline: 800-638-2772
and 800-638-8270 (TTY)



Sign up to receive free NSN safety alerts and posters at

www.cpsc.gov

NSN-07-7





GOVERNOR BEEBE CREATES TASK FORCE TO STUDY AFTER-SCHOOL, SUMMER PROGRAMS

LITTLE ROCK – In January’s State of the State Address, Governor Beebe pledged to search for the best ways to involve Arkansas students in after-school and summer programs. Beebe has now signed an executive order creating a task force to do just that. Over the next year, the Governor’s Task Force on Best Practices for After-School and Summer Programs will seek the most effective ways to make such opportunities available to as many Arkansas students as possible.

"Good after-school programs can further enrich a student’s education while providing safe and well-organized afternoon activities," Beebe said. "The same can be said for summer programs, which can keep young minds actively learning during the months between school years."

The Task Force, comprised of parents, teachers, school administrators and Department of Education leaders will work to draft potential after-school and summer-program legislation for the 2009 session. The members of the Task Force are the following:

- Dr. Darlene Baker, Bryant
- Dr. Jay Barth, Little Rock
- Senator Shane Broadway, Bryant
- Carol Brown, Wynne
- Lynn Donald Carver, Springdale, Co-Chair
- Dee Cox, Bryant
- Cindy Doramus, Little Rock
- Joe Fisher, Bryant
- Rev. Kevin Kelly, Little Rock
- Chuck Lange, Mayflower
- W.J. Monagle, Little Rock
- Maxine Nelson, Pine Bluff
- Joe Paslay, Warren
- Marty Sellars, Melbourne
- Daniel Watson, Magnolia
- Brad Williams, Little Rock
- Dr. Diana Gonzales Worthen, Springdale
- Patricia Wright, Arkadelphia, Co-Chair
- Elisabeth Wright-Burak, Little Rock



The Task Force will expire on December 31, 2008.

Arkansas has also received a \$10,000 grant from the National Governor’s Association Center for Best Practices to hold a governor’s summit next year to explore expanded learning opportunities. The summit will contribute additional ideas and feedback toward the work of the Task Force.



Boys and Girls Club balloons reach far, wide

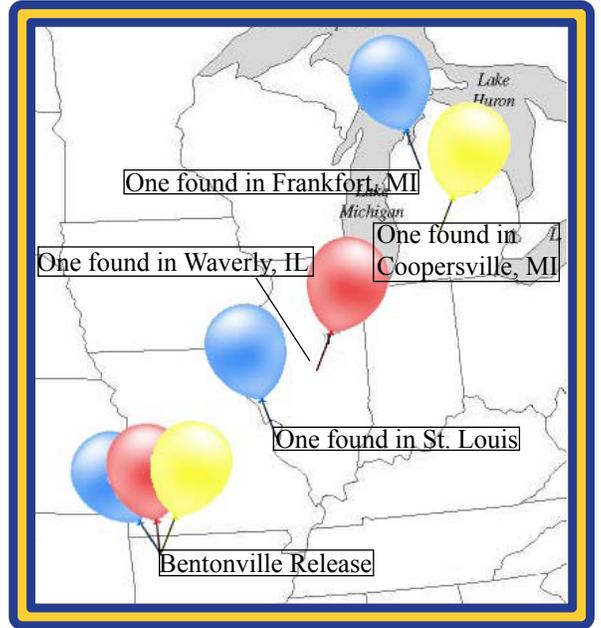
By Tonya Mcklever
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BENTONVILLE - Children at the Boys and Girls Club of Benton County recently participated in celebrating Lights on Afterschool.

The celebration included helium-filled balloons with notes inside explaining why the Boys and Girls Club is important in their lives.

So far, letters have been found all the way to Michigan. What a great celebration for “Lights on Afterschool”!

Courtesy of The Benton County Daily record



Attention Providers:

Due to federal funding limits on the Child Care Development fund, the low income child care assistance program is currently operating at maximum capacity. Effective Sept 1, 2007, the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education is focused on maintaining families receiving child care assistance. Please note that after the time-limited assistance through Transitional Employment Assistance and Extended Support Service has expired, families will be processed in the same manner as any other new family applying for low income child care assistance. The Division will maintain a waiting list for eligible families and as cases close out of the system, and unused funding accrues, new cases will be processed based on priority. Please note that clients could be placed on the waiting list indefinitely pending the availability of funds.

The following are ways that you can assist families:

- Make sure families with whom you have contact turn in their re-evaluation information timely.
- Refer families with eligible children to the Arkansas Better Chance or Head Start programs in your local area. For more information on these programs, please contact your local ABC/Head Start Programs or the Division at (800) 445-3316.

Thanks for your support to young children and families in your community,

Ivory Daniels, Administrator, Family Support Unit





2008 Outstanding Early Childhood Professionals



The Arkansas Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education and the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission are accepting nominations for the OUTSTANDING EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS OF 2008.



We are looking for persons who are making a significant contribution to the early childhood field in Arkansas. Our children deserve the best and because of the fine efforts of the professionals throughout our state they receive the best! *We want to recognize and honor these outstanding persons who care for our children!*



For more information or to request a nomination form you can contact the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education at 1-501-682-9699 or 1-800-445-3316 or visit our website at www.arkansas.gov/childcare.



Arkansas Department of Human Services
Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education



Celebrate!



Arkansas Children's Week



I'm not just playing -
I'm learning!

April 13-19, 2008



Arkansas Children's Week 2008 Workshops

"I'm not just playing—I'm learning"

Time: All workshops will be 5:30-8:30 p m., EXCEPT Harrison, Texarkana, and Hot Springs, which are 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p m.

| Place | Date | Site |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Arkadelphia | March 6, 2007 | Community Enrichment Center 301 N. 23 rd (Feaster Park) |
| Batesville | March 6, 2007 | UACCB, Independence Hall Room #104 2005 White Drive |
| Bentonville | March 31, 2007 | Bentonville United Methodist, Hines Hall 201 NW Second |
| Cabot | March 18, 2007 | First Methodist Church, Eaton Rm 2003 South Pine |
| Conway | March 10, 2007 | Adult Education Center 615 E. Robins Street |
| El Dorado | March 11, 2007 | South Arkansas Community College Center for Workforce Development, Rm 121 3698 E Main |
| Fayetteville | February 28, 2007 | Donald W. Reynolds Boys and Girls Club 560 North Ruppel Rd. |
| Fort Smith | March 25, 2007 | Fort Smith Public Library 3201 Rogers Avenue |
| Harrison | 9 30-12 30 March 8, 2007 | First United Methodist, Second Season Room 1100 West Bower |
| Hot Springs | 9 30-12 30 March 15, 2007 | St. Michael's School 1125 Malvern Avenue |
| Jonesboro | April 3, 2007 | ASU Childhood Services 615 University Loop East |
| Little Rock | March 3, 2007 | North Little Rock Community Center 2700 Willow Road |
| Magnolia | March 4, 2007 | Bancorp South, Cal Partee Room 300 North Jackson |
| Monticello | March 25, 2007 | UA Monticello, Library Conference Room A 517 University Drive |
| Mountain Home | April 3, 2007 | ASU Mountain Home, Dryer Hall Room 103 1600 South College |
| Pine Bluff | March 10, 2007 | JRMC Conference Center, Classroom R 1600 West 40 th |
| Russellville | March 13, 2007 | First Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall 304 South Commerce |
| Springdale | March 4, 2007 | Jones Center, St. Louis Room 221 922 East Emma |
| Texarkana | 9 30-12 30 March 1, 2007 | Sugar Hill Methodist 1621 Sugar Hill Road |
| West Memphis | March 3, 2007 | First United Methodist, John Mack Smith Room 215 North Missouri St. |
| Wynne | March 13, 2007 | First United Methodist Church 800 North Falls Blvd. |



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LAST DAY TO ORDER IS MARCH 31st!

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LITTLE ROCK, AR 72215-6698
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www.mandmpromotions.com

T-Shirts for 2008 will be Red with a Royal Blue logo on front.

Customization is available for \$1.50 per shirt, minimum 24 shirts!

| T-SHIRT | PRICE | QUANTITY | AMOUNT |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| TODDLER SHIRT (6-12 mo, White) | \$5.00 | | |
| YOUTH X-SMALL (2-4) | \$3.25 | | |
| YOUTH SMALL (6-8) | \$3.25 | | |
| YOUTH MEDIUM (10-12) | \$3.25 | | |
| YOUTH LARGE (14-16) | \$3.25 | | |
| ADULT SMALL | \$4.00 | | |
| ADULT MEDIUM | \$4.00 | | |
| ADULT LARGE | \$4.00 | | |
| ADULT X-LARGE | \$4.00 | | |
| ADULT 2X-LARGE | \$5.00 | | |
| ADULT 3X-LARGE | \$5.00 | | |
| BIB APRONS (ONE SIZE) – White | \$7.50 | | |
| TOTE BAG (ONE SIZE) - Natural | \$4.50 | | |
| | | SUBTOTAL | (1)\$ |
| SHIPPING/HANDLING: | | You must Include Shipping OR your order will be <u>delayed</u>!!! | |
| Add \$9.00 - Orders \$0 - \$36 | | | |
| Add \$12.00 - Orders \$37 - \$144 | | | |
| Add \$20.00 - Orders \$145 - \$432 | | | |
| | TOTAL SHIPPING/HANDLING | | (2)\$ |
| i.e. Block (1) + Block (2) | SUBTOTAL + SHIPPING/HANDLING | | (3)\$ |
| ***YOU MUST INCLUDE AR SALES TAX*** | | SALES TAX (7.5%) | |
| i.e. Block (3) x 0.075 | | | (4)\$ |
| i.e. Block (3) + Block (4) | TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED | | (5)\$ |

SHIP TO ADDRESS:

NAME _____ CONTACT _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: (Make Check Payable to: M&M Promotions)

Please send only 1 check and 1 order form per facility or your order will be delayed!

CHECK # _____ CHECK AMOUNT \$ _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (Visa/ MasterCard/ American Express)

CREDIT CARD #: _____ Exp. Date _____ Zip Code: _____





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“Holiday Billing Tips”

Holiday billings

- Do you know what your Voucher agreement states about billing during the holiday?
- What days are we allowed to bill for?
- Did you bill for days that your facility was closed?
- Can you bill the day after Christmas?

For all of your questions and concerns, please contact Mr. Mike Saxby at (501) 682-8584 or Mr. Ray Jones at (501) 683-2611.

DHS9800 Section III: L states

Holiday Billing Allowable holidays are:

- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran’s Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

The Provider may bill absentee for the above listed holidays if the holiday falls on a day when the child is scheduled to attend, regardless if the Provider is open or not. Any holiday billed as absentee will count towards the maximum billed absentee days of seven (7) per month. Observed holidays are considered holiday billing. For example, if July 4th falls on Sunday and the state observes July 4th on Monday, billing can occur for Monday instead of Sunday.

Please take note: if a provider is closed the day before a holiday or the day after a holiday, the provider can not bill for those days, even if DHS observes those days as holidays.