

Arkansas Early Childhood Newsletter

July-August 2008



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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

CHANGES TO GRANT ELIGIBILITY AND PROCEDURES

CPR/FIRST AID

- ◇ ABC- Arkansas Better Chance (fully or partially funded by ABC) programs are not eligible for this CCDF grant, but may apply under the ABC program.

CDA ASSESSMENT

- ◇ ABC- Arkansas Better Chance (fully or partially funded by ABC) and Head Start programs are not eligible for this CCDF grant program.

ENHANCEMENT/IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

- ◇ ABC- Arkansas Better Chance (fully or partially funded by ABC) programs are not eligible for this CCDF grant program, but may apply under the ABC enhancement grant program.
- ◇ Priorities for funding include assisting programs in achieving Quality Approval and the correction of licensing deficiencies.
- ◇ Child Care Family Homes can apply for a maximum of \$1000 with a total of \$15,250 available each quarter.
- ◇ Child Care Centers licensed for less than 65 can apply for a maximum of \$2500 with a total of \$25,500 available each quarter.
- ◇ Child Care Centers licensed for 65 or more can apply for a maximum of \$4000 with a total of \$40,500 available each quarter.

All grant funding is made possible by federal funds and are based on the availability of CCDF (Child Care Development Funds). **Please note that grants are available throughout the year until funds set aside by the Division are expended.**





Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education



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June 16, 2008

Dear Providers

Due to the federal funding constraints with the Child Care Development Funds, the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education will implement several changes to our Child Care Assistance program effective July 1, 2008.

Income eligibility will return to 60% of the State Median Income (SMI). Previously the income limit was set at 85% SMI which means several families who were previously eligible will no longer be eligible for childcare assistance.

The Division will also implement a lifetime limit of five years per family for total services. DHS will calculate the total months of combined services of TEA, Extended Support Services (ESS), and Low income. If a casehead has reached a combined total of 60 months, he or she will no longer be eligible for low income childcare assistance.

Households above 40% of SMI will be assessed a co-pay for child care based on a sliding fee scale. Clients who previously did not have a co-pay could now be assessed a co-pay.

Clients receiving childcare assistance were notified regarding these changes to their case. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact your case worker or visit our website at www.arkansas.gov/dhs. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope you all understand these changes are designed to allow continued service to as many Arkansas children as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ivory Daniels".

Ivory Daniels, Program Administrator
Division of Child Care and Early Education, Department of Human Services

VOUCHER CLIENT FEE CHART at 60% OF STATE MEDIAN INCOME

Family Size	Monthly Income Up To	Monthly Income Up To	Monthly Income Up To	Monthly Income Up To	Monthly Income Up To	Monthly Income Over
1	\$1,059.60	\$1,192.05	\$1,324.50	\$1,456.95	\$1,589.40	\$1,589.40
2	\$1,357.93	\$1,527.68	\$1,697.42	\$1,867.16	\$2,036.90	\$2,036.90
3	\$1,508.07	\$1,696.58	\$1,885.08	\$2,073.59	\$2,262.10	\$2,262.10
4	\$1,796.80	\$2,021.40	\$2,246.00	\$2,470.60	\$2,695.20	\$2,695.20
5	\$2,026.80	\$2,280.15	\$2,533.50	\$2,786.85	\$3,040.20	\$3,040.20
6	\$2,256.80	\$2,538.90	\$2,821.00	\$3,103.10	\$3,385.20	\$3,385.20
7	\$2,486.80	\$2,797.65	\$3,108.50	\$3,419.35	\$3,730.20	\$3,730.21
8	\$2,716.80	\$3,056.40	\$3,396.00	\$3,735.60	\$4,075.20	\$4,075.20
9	\$2,946.80	\$3,315.15	\$3,683.50	\$4,051.85	\$4,420.20	\$4,420.20
10	\$3,176.80	\$3,573.90	\$3,971.00	\$4,368.10	\$4,765.20	\$4,765.20
11	\$3,406.80	\$3,832.65	\$4,258.50	\$4,684.35	\$5,110.20	\$5,110.20
12	\$3,636.80	\$4,091.40	\$4,546.00	\$5,000.60	\$5,455.20	\$5,455.20
13	\$3,866.80	\$4,350.15	\$4,833.50	\$5,316.85	\$5,800.20	\$5,800.20
14	\$4,096.80	\$4,608.90	\$5,121.00	\$5,633.10	\$6,145.20	\$6,145.20
15	\$4,326.80	\$4,867.65	\$5,408.50	\$5,949.35	\$6,490.20	\$6,490.20
	Income-eligible with NO CO-PAY	Income-eligible with 20% CO-PAY	Income-eligible with 40% CO-PAY	Income-eligible with 60% CO-PAY	Income-eligible with 80% CO-PAY	NOT ELIGIBLE

* The co-pay is the share of the total cost of care that a parent is expected to pay.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 State Median Income

THE ARKANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWSLETTER



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Compliance Reminders

Plan for inclement weather billing: DHS Inclement Weather Policy allows providers to bill for those operational days lost due to severe weather conditions; however, the policy may only be applied when public schools in the provider's area have been forced to close or whenever other extraordinary weather related conditions exist. "Extraordinary weather related conditions" exist whenever it can be demonstrated that clients were unable to reach the premises or the Provider could not open due to circumstances beyond the control of the Provider. This does not mean that a provider must close when local schools close.

Providers are not allowed to charge voucher clients extra for transportation. The provider agrees to accept reimbursement received from DHS as payment in full for all services, which includes transportation (if available) to and from the day care facility, covered by the DHS9800 Agreement except the collection of fees expressly authorized by DHS.

School aged children should not be billed full days after they return to school in August 2008.

Arkansas Small Business Development Center - UALR 2008 Training Seminars

Starting a Business in Arkansas

July 22, 2008	August 7, 2008	August 22, 2008
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	9:00 am – 12 Noon	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Reynolds Business Center – UALR, Room 350

Speaker: ASBDC Representative

Cost: \$30

This seminar prepares you for the intensive business planning process, identifies major steps crucial to starting a business, discusses key issues that affect the success of your business, and discusses start-up requirements and common pitfalls that you will face as an entrepreneur. Free New Business Guide and Feasibility Workbook!

Attend this seminar and "How to Write a Business Plan" on the same day and receive a discount, plus a boxed lunch.

How to Write a Business Plan

August 7, 2008

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Reynolds Business Center – UALR, Room 350

Speaker: ASBDC Representative

Cost: \$35

No matter how large or small, all businesses must have a business plan! A business plan will help you define your concept, evaluate your competition, determine risks, and estimate your costs. This seminar will explain and illustrate the business plan format.

Attend this seminar and "Starting a Business in Arkansas" on the same day and receive a discount, plus a boxed lunch.



Arkansas Has It All – excellent educators, inquisitive students and beautiful natural resources.

The **Arkansas Has It All** conference for educators brings hands-on experiences to education. It's sponsored by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Participants may choose from several classes, which include information about:

- ◆ (HOFNOD) Hooked on Fishing – Not on Drugs K-12
- ◆ Boating Education 5-12
- ◆ Watchable Wildlife K-12
- ◆ Shooting Sports and Hunter Education 5-12
- ◆ National Archery in the Schools Program 5-12
- ◆ Stream Team 5-12
- ◆ Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design) K-12
- ◆ Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) K-12, Project Learning Tree K-12
- ◆ Schoolyard Habitat Program K-12
- ◆ Underwater Arkansas 5-12
- ◆ Outdoor Photography (Technology) K-12
- ◆ GIS/GPS (Technology) 5-12

Teachers will be amazed by the benefits of learning in an outdoor classroom while they earn six hours of professional development at **Arkansas Has It All**.

For more information, call (501) 223-6375 or visit www.agfc.com.

C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center

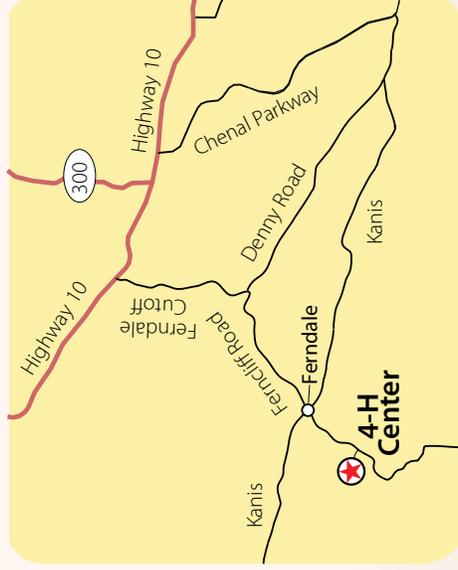
Directions:

From I-430:

Take the Cantrell/Highway 10 exit and travel west. Follow Highway 10 for 8.5 miles. Turn left onto Ferndale Cutoff (West Pulaski Fire Department will be on the right). Follow Ferndale Cutoff 5 miles to stop sign in Ferndale. Travel another 1.1 miles on Ferndale Cutoff. The 4-H center will be on the right.

From I-30:

Take the Congo Road exit (in Benton) and travel north. Turn left at the stop sign in Salem. Take a right at the "Y" of Mulberry Road and Congo Road. Take a right at the "Y" of Steel Bridge Road and Congo Road. Continue to the 4-H center, which is on the left. Total distance from I-30 is 17 miles. Watch for signs.



Deadline to register is July 7.

Registration is limited to 500 on a first-come, first-registered basis.

When and Where:

C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center
Little Rock, Ark.
Wednesday, July 30
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Arkansas Has It All Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

School _____

School District _____

School Address _____

School Phone _____

Educator (grade) _____ Administrator

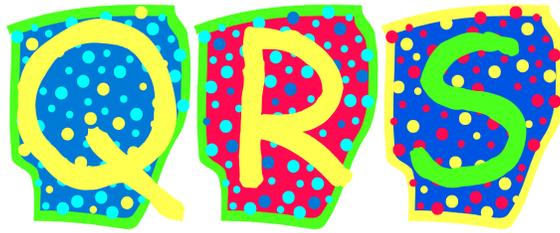
Select four classes from these twelve. Prioritize your top 4 choices

- ___ HOFNOD
- ___ Boating Education
- ___ National Archery in the Schools Program
- ___ Hunter Education/Shooting Sports
- ___ Watchable Wildlife
- ___ WILD, Schoolyard Habitat Program
- ___ WET, Project Learning Tree
- ___ Underwater Arkansas
- ___ Stream Team
- ___ GIS/GPS
- ___ Outdoor Photography
- ___ Schoolyard Habitat Program

Your application and other details.

The application fee is \$20. Lunch will be provided. Make your check payable to Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Scholarship Fund. Mail your check and application to:

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Education Division
2 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205



Have you heard about it yet? QRS stands for Quality Rating System.

The current Arkansas Quality Approval accreditation will be expanded and become the Quality Rating System. QRS consists of three levels. Each level contains indicators that recognize a program's accomplishments and the quality of services to children and families.

Want to know more? Plan to attend one of the information meetings listed below (registration is not required and no training certificates will be provided).

Arkadelphia

October 15, 12:30-2:30
Community Family Enrichment Center
301 N. 23rd Street

Benton

October 9, 12:30-2:30
First United Methodist Church
615 Main Street

El Dorado

September 10, 12:30-2:30
St. Paul United Methodist Church
700 W. 8th

Fayetteville

August 14, 12:00-2:00
The New School
2514 New School Place

Fort Smith

October 29, 11:30-1:30
Fort Smith Public Library Com.
Rm.
3201 Rogers Ave.

Jonesboro

September 19, 12:00-2:00
ASU Childhood Services
615 University Loop East

Little Rock

October 14, 12:00-2:00
In His Image
5705 W. 65th

Lonoke

October 28, 12:30-2:30
First United Methodist Church
Center & Pine

Mountain Home

July 29, 5:30-7:30
Baxter County Library
424 W. 7th

Osceola

September 16, 6:00-8:00
Osceola Public Library
320 W. Hale Ave.

Rogers

September 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Central United Methodist Church
2535 W. New Hope Rd.

Russellville

October 28, 12:30-2:30
First United Methodist Church
304 S. Commerce Ave.

Searcy

September 17, 12:00-2:00
ASU Main Building, Room 308
1800 E. Moore

Texarkana

September 4, 12:30-2:30
Sugar Hill United Methodist
Church
1621 Sugar Hill Rd.

West Memphis

September 16, 12:30-2:30
MidSouth Community College
Magruder Hall 104, South Campus
2000 W. Broadway

For more about QRS, go to
www.arkansas.gov/childcare.

FEEL LIKE

SIZZLING?

That's what you're doing when **you don't cover up in the sun.**

Why?

Because the OZONE LAYER — the Earth's protective shield against the sun's harmful UV rays — is thinner today than it was 25 years ago.

Why is that dangerous?

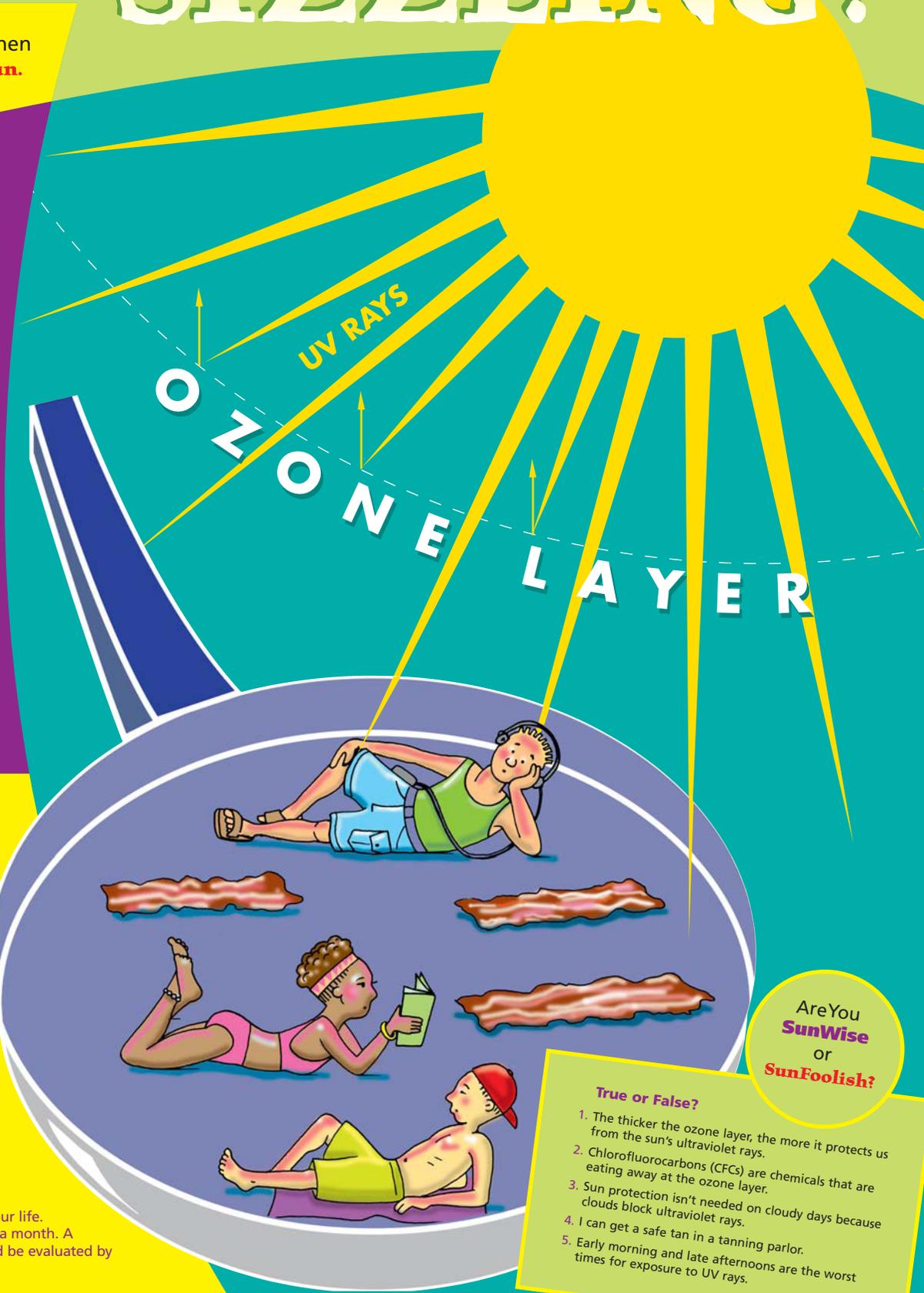
Because today's more intense UV rays can cause:

- Skin cancer (which can kill you)
- Premature wrinkling
- Eye damage
- Weakening of the immune system (which keeps us from getting sick).

You say this doesn't apply to you?

YOU'RE WRONG.

It doesn't matter what your skin color is — everyone needs protection.



Here's what you can do:

- ☀ Do Not Burn
- ☀ Avoid Sun Tanning and Tanning Beds
- ☀ Generously Apply Sunscreen
- ☀ Wear Protective Clothing, Including a Hat, Sunglasses and Full-Length Clothing
- ☀ Seek Shade
- ☀ Use Extra Caution Near Water, Snow and Sand
- ☀ Watch for the UV Index
- ☀ Get Vitamin D Safely

Early detection of melanoma can save your life. Carefully examine ALL of your skin once a month. A new or changing mole in an adult should be evaluated by a dermatologist.

Are You **SunWise** or **SunFoolish?**

True or False?

1. The thicker the ozone layer, the more it protects us from the sun's ultraviolet rays.
2. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are chemicals that are eating away at the ozone layer.
3. Sun protection isn't needed on cloudy days because clouds block ultraviolet rays.
4. I can get a safe tan in a tanning parlor.
5. Early morning and late afternoons are the worst times for exposure to UV rays.

Answers: 1-T, 2-T, 3-F, 4-F, 5-F

Don't Wait 'Til It's Too Late -

Be SunWise NOW

www.epa.gov/sunwise



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Arkansas Children's Week

CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE STATE

From Texarkana to Paragould, from Magnolia to Monticello, from Hot Springs to Deer and at more than 100 stops between, the week of April 13-19, 2008 was filled with activities and events in celebration of Arkansas Children.

HOT SPRINGS EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION - HOT SPRINGS

With the support of area agencies, businesses and early care programs, over 193 children and 225 adults participated in Family Play. This represented 25 early care programs from five counties. Fifty children received vision screenings, twenty children received speech screenings and all families received health and nutrition information. Several of the playday stations at First United Methodist focused on safety, "Trooper Mike and the talking bike" was a hit with the children and Cadets from the Sheriff's Department completed 120 child ID kits with families. Hot Springs ECA led the way for the 6th year in Celebrating ACW!



Terri Helms (left), President, Hot Springs Early Childhood Association, Kalani Sarver and Dot Brown, Co-chairs of Family Play Day from 2003 to 2008, display a quilt made by Terri Helms. The six tee-shirts featured in the quilt represent the six years that Hot Springs Early Childhood Association has sponsored Family Play Day in Hot Springs in celebration of Arkansas Children's Week.

BENTON HIPPI PROGRAM - BENTON

All home based educators wore their ACW t-shirts on home visits and distributed information on "Activities to Promote Learning!"

SCHOOL OF THE 21ST CENTURY - PARAGOULD

Kidz Kraze an event held each spring by Junior Auxiliary was a great collaboration in the Paragould area. Over 800 children came through the event and each received a free book and healthy snack from the "Farmers Market" set up by S21C. Three learning stations were manned by staff, dramatic play was equipped with a grocery store and cash registers, a large block area with different types of blocks and props with a third area for puppet shows and reading.

HEAD OF THE CLASS - MONTICELLO

Parents and staff celebrated by hosting a fun day for children with bowling, face-painting, bug-in-the-spoon races, jump rope, lemonade and snow cones and story time. Over 175 children and their parents participated.

JEFFERSON COUNTY - PINE BLUFF

The Pines Mall was the location for 696 children and adults to participate in learning activities, pony rides and visits from the Fire Department with a fire truck. Each family was given a passport that provided a skill synopsis that was stamped at each of the numerous learning stations. Collaborators included: HIPPI, Parents As Teachers, Faith based programs, early care programs, AR River Education Cooperative, Head Start, Regional Medical Center, family child care and the lead agency JCCSI ChildCare Links, the CC Resource and Referral Agency for SE AR.

MAINSTREET KIDS - SHIRLEY

All parents were invited for breakfast and a Family Play Day. Parents enjoyed circle time and time in learning centers and outdoor play. A great ACW event for parents and grandparents.

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CARE - WEST FORK

Lots of visitors during ACW, a storyteller, park ranger, West Fork Beginner Band and all the children got to visit the fire, police and ambulances vehicles. Mayor Jeff Baker proclaimed the week ACW in West Fork.

ACORNS TO OAKS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL - CHARLESTON

An exciting week with children participating in a Trike-a-Thon to support St. Jude's Hospital. Parents grilled hot dogs and made homemade ice cream and the local radio station did a live remote broadcast. What Fun!!!

KID'S KASTLE CHILDCARE - TEXARKANA

A 1950'S theme with poodle skirts, spiked hair and rolled up blue jeans. The center created a malt shop for their 6th annual celebration.



OZARKS UNLIMITED COOPERATIVE DEER ABC - DEER

The Deer ABC program held a Luau with parents, children and resource staff from the school to talk with parents about the learning centers.

WALDRON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER - WALDRON

The Mayor and County Judge both proclaimed ACW at the Waldron Child Development Center; an art display was available at the Scott County Court House to share the work of our young artists.

MAGNOLIA EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION - MAGNOLIA

A community wide play day was held on Saturday, April 19, involving children, families and businesses though out the area.

HAPPYLAND CHILD CARE CENTER - ARKADELPHIA

Arkansas Famous Readers joined in on the fun and chose their favorite books and read to children. The planned cook-out was rained out, but moved inside for a fun time, with parents and even grandparents.

GREAT BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE AND ENRICHMENT CENTER - GURDON

Special events were held each day of ACW, with a proclamation by the Mayor, a mini-health fair, nature presentation by a Ranger from the Corp of Engineers, and a Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude's, with an open house and brunch on Friday.

KIDDIE KASTLE - EL DORADO

Each day of the week there was a different theme from pajama day to hat day, sunglasses day, red shirts day and Mix/Match day.



Head of the Class Childcare and Learning Center of Monticello celebrates Arkansas Children's Week with many activities including face painting and story time.

Licensing and Accreditation is concerned about hand washing.

Due to recent media attention on **STAPH** infections, Licensing wants to ensure that child care facilities and homes are aware of the hand washing requirements found in the Minimum Licensing Requirements for Child Care Centers, Pub-002 (Rev 2-2006), Pg 30, Section 1102 and 1102.10. We consulted with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the information below is from their website:

http://www.bam.gov/sub_yourbody/yourbody_buzzonscuzz.html

The Buzz on Scuzz

HOW?

You can't just rub your dirty hands on your clothes or rinse them with water to get rid of the germs. Here are some facts to help keep you clean!

- Water by itself is not enough to get rid of all of germs. You've gotta get some soap involved! Why? Your skin naturally produces oils that germs can stick to. Soap helps to break down that oil, which makes it harder for germs to stay on your hands.
- Just running your hands under water with a little soap doesn't count — give it some oomph! Rubbing your hands together creates friction that helps to loosen and remove the dirt and germs that stick to your hands. Put some muscle into it!
- Wash your hands for about **20 seconds**. Just how long is that? Try singing the chorus to your favorite song while you scrub. Just for good measure, sing it again.
- You probably don't think much about your fingernails when washing your hands, but you should. Dirt and germs can easily get stuck under there. Use the fingernails of one hand to clean under the nails of the other.
- Antibacterial "soaps" and gels aren't any better than alcohol-based gels for killing bacteria. If you can't get to soap and water right away, try carrying an alcohol-based gel in your backpack to use in the meantime.
- Don't just wipe those wet hands on your clothes! Drying hands thoroughly after washing is important. If you have a choice, use a paper towel instead of a cloth to prevent the spread of germs to others who might use the same towel. Toss the paper towel once you're done.



**WASH YOUR
HANDS
FOR ABOUT
2 soap SECONDS**

Hand Washing How-to's

- 1** Take the plunge. Wet your hands under warm running water and apply some soap.
- 2** Lather up! Rub your hands together hard to build up lots of soapy bubbles. They'll help scrub dirt and germs away.
- 3** Don't forget. Washing your palms isn't enough — make sure you wash hands front and back, get between your fingers, around your wrists, and under your nails for 20 seconds. Sing your favorite tune for 20 seconds to get the timing right.
- 4** Rinse well in warm water. A good rinse will get any last stragglers off your hands and down the drain!
- 5** Dry your hands completely. Wipe your hands with a paper towel and throw it away after you're done.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your Child Care Licensing Specialist.

CHECK YOUR CHILD CARE CENTER: INSIDE & OUT

PLAYGROUNDS

LOOK FOR SAFE SURFACING ON INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAYGROUNDS—This protects against head injuries from falls.

WINDOW COVERING CORDS

CHECK THAT WINDOW COVERING CORDS HAVE NO LOOPED CORDS OR CHAINS—This helps prevent strangulation.

CRIBS

PUT BABIES TO SLEEP ON THEIR BACKS IN CRIBS WITH FIRM, FLAT MATTRESSES; NO SOFT BEDDING; NO MISSING AND BROKEN PARTS.

RECALLED PRODUCTS

CHECK THE HIGHCHAIRS, BABY WALKERS, INFANT SWINGS AND OTHER CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS TO SEE IF THEY HAVE BEEN RECALLED.

For more child care center safety tips, go to CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov, www.recalls.gov and New Parents Network Web site www.npn.org.

NEW PARENTS NETWORK®
A nonprofit organization founded in 1988

Each year, more than 200,000 children go to hospital emergency rooms

with playground-related injuries. Most of the injuries occur

when a child falls from the equipment onto the ground.

Many backyard playsets and some public playsets are placed

on dirt or grass—surfaces that do not protect children when they fall.

4 TIPS FOR A SAFE PLAYGROUND

- ▶ Install and maintain a shock-absorbing surface (wood chips, mulch, sand) around the play equipment.
- ▶ Never attach, or allow children to attach, ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, or pet leashes to play equipment—children can strangle on these.
- ▶ Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.
- ▶ Carefully supervise children on play equipment to make sure they are safe.

Top 5 Hidden HAZARDS IN THE HOME

MAGNETS

Small powerful magnets, if swallowed, can attract inside the body and block, twist or tear the intestines. If you think your child has swallowed a magnet, seek medical attention immediately.

RECALLED PRODUCTS

Be aware of the latest safety recalls and get dangerous products out of the home. Sign up for recall notices now at www.cpsc.gov.

WINDOWS

Never place a crib or playpen near a window blind. To prevent strangulation use cordless blinds or install safety devices on blind cords; and install window guards or stops to prevent falls.

TIPPER

Kids will climb. Top-heavy furniture, TVs and stoves can tip over and crush young children. Make them all more stable by installing anchors and brackets.

POOLS AND SPA DRAINS

Suction from a pool or spa drain can be powerful enough to trap a child or adult underwater. Inspect pools and spas for missing or broken drain covers.

Be there, for those who need you KEEP SUMMER FUN, BY KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Supervise

Never take your eyes off children in and around water.

Use Barriers

Fences, self-closing/self-latching gates and secured doors with alarms can prevent young children from wandering into the pool.

Avoid Entrapment

Suction from a pool's drain is so powerful it can trap an adult underwater. Check for broken or missing drain covers.

Learn to Swim

To stay safe in the water, all family members should learn to swim well.

Know How to Respond

Get training in basic water rescue skills, first aid and CPR. Have rescue equipment and a phone by the pool.

Partners in Drowning Prevention



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

For full size posters, please visit: <http://www.cpsc.gov/nsn/nsnposter.html>

Arkansas State University Childhood Services

announces

38th Annual Early Childhood Education Conference

August 4-6, 2008

Arkansas State University Jonesboro Campus

Sponsored by Arkansas Department of Human Services
Division of Child Care & Early Childhood Education

ASU Childhood Services serves as a center for research, curriculum development and professional training. Our work focuses on the learning and development of children, from infancy through age eight. That tradition continues this year as we announce the 38th Annual ECE Conference. Dimensions of the conference include implementing engaging learning opportunities within a high quality curriculum framework; establishing and maintaining warm, supportive relationships among children, staff, and families; and developing visionary leadership.

Who Should Attend the Conference?

- Practitioners and Administrators
- Infant/Toddler/Preschool/School-Age Child Care staff
- ABC Staff
- Head Start staff
- Public schools early childhood program staff
- Family child care providers
- Special needs early childhood program staff
- Anyone who wants to improve the quality of the services they offer children and families!

Conference Facilities

Conference sessions will take place in the Convocation Center and the Fowler Center, adjacent facilities located on the ASU campus in Jonesboro. Participants will have the opportunity to attend several general sessions, as well as choose between over 50 small interest sessions. Topics will reflect the diverse audience represented at the conference.

North Park Quad, a newly constructed dormitory, will be available to house participants who wish to lodge on-campus. Participants will need to provide their own transportation to conference activities, as the dormitory is not within comfortable walking distance of the Convocation and Fowler Centers. For out-of-town guests who do not wish to lodge in the dorm, several motels are located in the area, including:

- Holiday Inn-- 870-935-2030, 3006 South Caraway Rd.
- Holiday Inn Express-- 870-932-5554, 2407 Phillips Dr.
- Super 8 Motel—870-972-0849, 2500 South Caraway Rd.
- Quality Suites—870-802-3212, 2909 Kazi St.

Meals

Optional breakfast tickets are available for advance purchase for \$4.50 per day. Breakfast will be served in the Acansa Dining Room at the ASU Student Union each day. Participants who do not opt for breakfast tickets may bring non-perishable snack items for their dorm room, and several fast-food restaurants which serve breakfast are located very near campus.

Lunch meal tickets are available for advance purchase for \$8.00 per day; this will include a box lunch each day, Monday through Wednesday. Tickets are available for an optional Welcome Dinner on Monday evening, for \$11.00 each, or you can choose dinner on your own. Dinner will be on your own Tuesday evening. **You must purchase tickets for all meals in advance. No on-site meal tickets will be available.** Again, for those who do not purchase meal tickets, a wide variety of eat-in establishments as well as fast-food restaurants are located in the vicinity of the university.

Featured Conference Speakers

Luis Hernandez, T/TAS Early Childhood Education Specialist, holds an M.A. in Bilingual/Multicultural education from the University of San Francisco. He is active in a number of national organizations that support children and family interests. At NAEYC, he is active in the new accreditation process and developing professional development opportunities. He currently serves on the Board of the Parent Services Project in California, the Advisory Board of the McCormick Tribune Center for Early Childhood Leadership, and the United Way's Center for Excellence in Early Childhood. A regular speaker at national, state, and local conferences, his special interests include early literacy, second language learning, collaboration and partnerships, changing demographics and diversity, adult learning, and ECE management topics.

Brian and Terri Kinder weave together stories and music which stir the imagination with tales drawn from their own lives as well as from the lives of their family and friends. Brian combines his guitar playing talent and his whimsical song writing skills to amuse and entertain children of all ages in a rollicking music show of original songs. Terri joins in and is the icing on the cake of Kindersongs. Brian attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock where he received a bachelor's degree in music education, as well as his master's degree in liberal arts. For nearly 20 years Brian has taught music and fine arts in the Little Rock School District. He also auditioned and was accepted into the Arkansas Arts Council roster of touring artists. Brian's schedule has taken him all over the United States where he has performed at numerous libraries and schools, as well as community festivals. Brian and his wife Terri lived just a few blocks apart in the beautiful historic neighborhood of downtown Little Rock. They met one day while Brian was walking his dog. A few years later Brian asked Terri to marry him, and she said yes. Visit the Kinder family online at www.kindersongs.com!

Lisa Murphy, B.S., has been involved with early childhood education for nearly 20 years. She has taught and worked with children in various environments including Head Start programs, kindergarten, private preschools, family childcare, park and rec centers, group homes and both the St. Vincent DePaul children's center and the Julia Laythrop housing projects while a student at DePaul University in Chicago. Lisa is the founder and CEO of Ooey Gooley, Inc. As the *Ooey Gooley Lady*®, Lisa presents over 150 workshops each year to audiences nationwide on various topics related to early childhood education, specifically how to be more play-based in the classroom. She has been featured in various publications including Child Care Business Exchange, Parents and Pre-K Today. Lisa has authored four books and has created dozens of teacher training DVDs. A highly sought-after keynoter for educational conferences, Lisa uses humor and real life anecdotes to reach and engage her audiences. Lisa's standing room only seminars have become nationally known for their information, humor, inspiration and energetic delivery. Frequently asked if she has ever been a stand up comic, Lisa practices what she preaches and continues to blend the laughter with the learning! Lisa's current project is assisting educators with linking all aspects of a hands-on, play-based, Ooey Gooley® philosophy to state mandated educational standards. She is dedicated to proving that playing is, in fact, "getting them ready" for school! You can read more about Lisa and her adventures at www.ooeygooley.com and www.ooeygooleyplayschools.com.



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