



Early Childhood Consortium of the Omaha Area

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Spotlight on ECCOA Partner: Building Bright Futures Early Childhood Services



Beginning in 2006, over 150 volunteer community members began meeting regularly to create the Building Bright Futures *Making the Most of Early Childhood* Task Force. The purpose of the task force was to design and draft goals and recommendations on how to best serve children and families in the earliest years. The dedication and commitment of the task force was unlike

anything Omaha has ever seen. Over the last two years, the task force goals have come to life in the form of the office of Early Childhood Services (ECS), led by Executive Director, Fawn Taylor. ECS is now hard at work developing new and innovative partnerships while utilizing existing community resources to truly make the most of early childhood. The work of ECS includes but is not limited to the following task force goals (in bold):

Enable parents to be their child's first effective teacher through home visitation and family support services provided prenatally to age one.

The leaders of Child Saving Institute, Lutheran Family Services, Nebraska Children's Home Society, Visiting Nurse Association, and Heartland Family Service have established a collaborative and integrated strategy utilizing ECS as the central point of intake and referral to connect babies born into families of low income with targeted services and supports. This collaboration also focuses on serving low income male and female teen parents that have not yet graduated from high school by providing free intensive support services and parenting education. ECS is now accepting referrals of pregnant and parenting teens in need of services and support. Contact Bridget Cannon-Hale, Director of Health and Family Support Services, for more information at b.cannonhale@buildingbrightfutures.net or call Elaine Adams at 402-559-1077 to make an immediate referral.

Provide effective early learning experiences through high quality early care and education programs.

ECS is partnering with eight existing private child care providers to enhance and support the quality of care for 500 children. Providers receive individualized support through ECS coaching specialists as well as existing community resources that offer program and child outcome evaluation assessments, professional development, mental health consultation and post-secondary scholarships. ECS, alongside ECCOA, the Early Childhood Training Center, Munroe-Meyer Institute, and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nebraska, a project of NeAEYC, are striving to meet this goal. Contact Penny Gildea, Director of Early Childhood Education, for more information at p.gildea@buildingbrightfutures.net



Promote healthy growth and development of children at risk through comprehensive health care.

ECS is working in coordination with health care providers and Healthy Futures on the School-Based Community Health Centers to ensure that children from birth to 5 years of age from families of low income have access to appropriate comprehensive care that meets their vision, hearing, oral health, behavioral, medical health and nutritional needs. ECS is also working in close partnership with Kid Squad to support parents, child care providers, and other early childhood professionals who are seeking help with the social, emotional, and behavioral issues of early childhood.



Enhance opportunities for children through strong partnerships between schools and families and between schools and community based early childhood programs.

Readiness for school is not just about children being ready to learn, but also about families, professionals, communities and schools being ready for children. Such partnerships can serve to connect parents and guardians with resources that meet family needs and provide information regarding the promotion of a child's development to maximize learning opportunities.

The Early Childhood Consortium of the Omaha Area (ECCOA) is the professional development partnership supporting training, technical assistance and consultation for those who work with children ages birth through age eight in Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. ECCOA is supported in part by a grant from federal CCDF and other federal and state funds administered by the Nebraska Department of Education.

ALL CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION

INFANT & CHILD CPR/FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: AMERICAN RED CROSS

Designed for childcare providers, teachers, parents and others who care for children, this course teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children up to 12 years of age and First Aid skills.

All American Red Cross classes are held at American Red Cross Headquarters; 2912 S. 80th Avenue (located off West Center Road, turn south at 80th Avenue, 1/2 block) unless otherwise noted.

When: Saturday, November 6
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, November 20
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Infant & Child CPR + First Aid-\$50 (6.5 Hours)
REGISTRATION: 343-7730



You must register for Red Cross classes at least one week in advance or be subject to a \$10 late fee. Classes are available in English and Spanish. Certificate: CPR -1 yr; FA-3 yrs.

For more information contact ARC Health and Safety Registration (402) 343-7730

INFANT/CHILD CPR/ FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICE

When: Saturday, November 13
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 4
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Heartland Family Service North
6720 N 30th St, Omaha, 68112

Cost: \$50 for both (CPR \$40; First Aid \$20)

Pre-registration is required. Call Mandy Gregory (402) 457-7760.

INFANT/CHILD CPR/FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: MIDWEST CHILDCARE ASSOCIATION

When: Saturday, November 6
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Midwest Childcare Association
7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha, 68114

Cost: \$45.00 for both; \$35 CPR; \$20 First Aid MUST PREPAY

For more information: contact Joni Mengler at 402-551-2379 or jmengler@midwestchildcare.org To register send your name, address, phone and payment to: Midwest Childcare; 7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha NE 68114

INFANT/CHILD/ADULT CPR/AED & FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: OCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

When: Saturday, November 20
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (8:30-11:30 CPR only)

Where: Quality Kids Childcare
1504 J. F. Kennedy Drive, Bellevue
(Behind Godfathers Pizza on Galvin)

Cost: \$45 CPR/AED ; \$25 First Aid; \$60 Both
American Heart Association Certificate 2-year CPR
REGISTRATION: 293-5437 or bobbie@qk.omhcoxmail.com

INFANT/CHILD CPR/AED & FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL, GREATER OMAHA CHAPTER

All National Safety Council Classes are held in the Lower Level, 11620 M Circle, Omaha, NE 68137

When: Saturday, November 6
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR AED)

When: Monday, November 15 (First Aid) and
Wednesday, November 17 (CPR AED)
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, November 20
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR AED)

When: Saturday, December 11
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR AED)

Infant/Child First Aid Training: \$45
Infant/Child CPR/AED Training: \$50
Both: \$59

REGISTRATION: (402) 898-7369 with Mike Novak, National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter First Aid-CPR Program Coordinator or via e-mail at mnovak@safenebraska.org

CERTIFICATE: CPR 2 YEARS, First Aid 3 YEARS

My Kids Won't Eat That!

When: Tuesday, November 16; 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Midwest Childcare Association
7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha, 68114

Cost: \$10 MUST PREPAY

It has been shown that eating fruits and vegetables is important to overall health and that **more** can make a difference. In other words, *when it comes to fruits and vegetables more matters!*

To register send your name, address, phone and payment to:
Midwest Childcare; 7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha NE 68114

Child Abuse & Neglect: It Could Happen to You

When: Tuesday, November 16; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office
8015 W Center Road, Omaha, 68124

Cost: \$10

Call Mary at 444-7804 to pre-register (required)



As a result of this workshop, families and child care professionals will:

Learn signs of abuse and neglect; Know the process of reporting all suspected child abuse and neglect; Understand the Nebraska law for mandatory reporting; Learn ways to support and strengthen families; Comprehend the process when a provider/teacher is reported to the Child Abuse Neglect Hotline; identify ways providers/teachers could be at risk of being perpetrators of abuse and neglect; and create a personal prevention plan.

This two hour workshop was developed by the Early Childhood Training Center and meets the requirements of Nebraska State Statute 43-2606.

Core Competency: Health, Safety & Nutrition

Safe with You Workshops

In 2006, the Nebraska State Legislature passed LB 994, a bill requiring licensed child care providers to complete training that “shall be designed to meet the health, safety and developmental needs of children...and shall include information on sudden infant death syndrome, shaken baby syndrome and child abuse and neglect” (Nebraska State Statute 43-2606). Once the child care regulations are revised and disseminated, all licensed child care programs will need to meet these requirements. The Departments of Health and Human Services and Education, including the Early Childhood Training Center, have worked together to develop these courses:

Child Abuse and Neglect - It Could Happen to You (2 hours)

Child abuse and neglect unfortunately happens in Nebraska. Child care providers need to know about child abuse and neglect, how to make a report, ways to strengthen families, and how to prevent child abuse in their own child care program.



Shaken Baby Syndrome (1 hour)

Everyone is at risk of shaking a baby. When a baby is shaken, the shaking can cause brain damage, cause life changing disabilities, and even death. This is one childhood injury that is preventable.

Nothin' But Baby - Safe Sleep for Infants (1 hour)

Do you know how to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and prevent accidental suffocation? Do you know the safest way to put a baby to sleep? Do you have a safe sleep policy? If you answered NO to any of these questions, this workshop is for you.

When: Saturday, November 13 (register by Wed, Nov 10)
8:00 am. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 11 (register by Wed, Dec 8)
8:00 am. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Learning Center at Bellevue University
(next to Student Center)
1000 Galvin Road, Bellevue, 68005

Cost: \$20 (4 hours of inservice credit)

For more information, contact Gina Ewing at 402-214-6774. Space is limited. **Pre-registration by date noted is required.** You may register for all or any of the three training classes above.

When: Thursday, November 18 (register by Nov 12)
5:00 pm. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 18 (register by Dec 15)
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter
11620 M Circle, Omaha, 68137

Cost: \$20 (4 hours of inservice credit)

Pre-registration by date noted is required and space is limited. Contact Mike Novak at 898-7369.

Core Competency: Learning Environments

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Messages in Early Childhood Environments

PLV Community Provider Networking Group

When: Thursday, November 18

6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Where: G Stanley Hall Elementary School Library

7600 S 72nd Street, LaVista, 68128

Cost: No fee but pre-registration is required (see below)



Participants will hear a brief presentation then tour two community early childhood programs of their choice. A certificate for 2 hours of inservice credit will be provided.

Registration is required by Friday, November 12

Please send an e-mail to Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, jhaggart@esu3.org subject line PLV Networking. In the e-mail, please include:

- Your Name
- Telephone Number (preferably a cell phone number)
- Choice of Community EC Programs to tour (choose two)
 - Infant/Toddler Classroom in a Child Care Center
 - Home Child Care Program
 - Preschool Only Program

For more information, contact Kristy Feden at 402-537-6273; kfeden@paplv.esu3.org or Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator at 402-597-4991; jhaggart@esu3.org

Can They Do It? Yes They Can!

Building Young Children's Independence Using Adaptations

When: Saturday, November 20

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Where: ESU #3 Calamus Platte Room

6949 S 110th St, 68128 (110th & Harrison)

This FREE training will focus on understanding the history of including children with special needs in natural environments; how to make simple modifications and adaptations to activities and routines to accommodate all children (Cara' Kit); and how to incorporate easy-to-use assistive devices for supporting children with more significant disabilities. All strategies will be modeled and/or practiced and are designed for early childhood programs serving children birth to 5 years of age.



While there is no cost for this training registration by Friday, November 12 is required. To register, contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, 402-597-4991 or jhaggart@esu3.org

Sponsored by area Early Development Network Planning Region Teams and Assistive Technology Project ARRA funds.

Read and Seed

Planting the Seeds of Social Emotional Skills through Children's Literature

When: Tuesday, November 9; 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Dinner 6:00 p.m.
 Training 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Where: Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
 2650 Farnam Street, Omaha, 68131
 Cost: FREE - **Registration by November 5 is required**
 402-504-3613 or aelliott@childsaving.org

This workshop will deepen your bag of tricks to help children develop social emotional skills in your classroom. Fun and creative activities will be demonstrated using children's literature. Come and enjoy this interactive workshop where you will leave with ideas to begin using right away in your classroom!



Sponsored by Kid Squad, a cooperative program supporting the healthy social and emotional development of young children.

Focusing on Nature and Young Children

When: Monday, November 8
 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Where: Rainbow Factory Preschool at First United Methodist Church
 7020 Cass Street, Omaha, 68132
 Cost: FREE for Omaha AEYC members; \$5.00 non-members

- Networking and introducing participants to the benefits of becoming a member of Omaha AEYC
- Take a tour of Rainbow Factory's "Garden of the Senses" and learn about how these outdoor spaces can ignite outdoor science for children
- Find out how to introduce the "Scientific Method" to early learners
- Hands-on nature based ideas that focus on Nebraska's Early Learning Guidelines for science and literacy



Every person attending will take home a bag full of goodies from Oriental Trading Company and a certificate for 2 hours of inservice credit. There will also be plenty of door prizes!

Registration - Must be received by Wednesday, November 3

Members: OmahaAEYC@yahoo.com or 402-541-4718
Non-Members: Complete the form below and return with payment (check or money order payable to Omaha AEYC) to:
 Omaha AEYC Nature Networking Night
 PO Box 641906
 Omaha NE 68164

Focusing on Nature and Young Children

Name _____

Where You Work _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Confirmation of your registration will be sent if an e-mail address is provided.

Hands On Everyday Early Learning

When: Saturday, December 11
 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (check in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
 Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office
 8015 W Center Road, Omaha, 68124
 Cost: \$25 (includes all materials and lunch)



Treat yourself to a day with Jeff Johnson! Children's inborn drive to play, explore, and discover the world--and how they fit into it--builds young brains and bodies. You will leave this session with early learning toys you constructed during the day and dozens of inexpensive and simple ideas for promoting child-directed, hands-on, play-based early learning that you can implement Monday morning. Come prepared to laugh, flex your creativity, and make something explode!

Jeff has a child care program that focuses on emergent learning in a play based environment. He loves getting up in front of people and talking about his passion - early care and education - and enjoys sharing what he learns from children in his presentations.



For more information, contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991.

Registration deadline is Friday, December 3.

To register, send the completed registration form and check or money order (payable to ESU #3) to:
 ECCOA Hands On Early Learning
 6949 S 110th Street
 Omaha NE 68128

Hands On Everyday Early Learning Registration

Name _____

Where You Work _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Confirmation of your registration will be sent if an e-mail address is provided

Core Competency: Partnerships with Families & Communities

ECCOA Partners Meeting

When: Monday, November 15
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office
8015 W Center Rd, Omaha, 68124

Presentation by Katie Bohn from Nebraska Family Helpline and get an update on Building Bright Futures Early Childhood Services from Penny Gildea.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 12 to Jennifer
jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991.

Parents: Friends or Foes?

When: Tuesday, November 2 OR Thursday, November 4
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office
8015 W Center Road, Omaha, 68124

Cost: \$10.00

Pre-registration is required!

To register, call Mary at 444-7804.



- 📎 What makes parents act the way they do
- 📎 Quality care - parents and providers working together
- 📎 Tips on handling bad feelings

Early Development Network



ECCOA partners with seven Planning Region Teams made up of local school representatives, health and human service agencies, Head Start, families, child care providers and others. If a child's growth or learning is slower than that of other children the same age, it is best to check it out as soon as possible. Many children do not 'outgrow' a problem. They may need extra community services and support to live healthy and successful lives.

When you have questions or concerns about a child's development a good first step is to encourage families to speak to the family physician. Many people do not realize that families should also contact their school district to discuss specific concerns. Contact numbers are below.

ESU #3 (Arlington, Bennington, Blair, Conestoga, DC West, Elkhorn, Elmwood-Murdock, Fort Calhoun, Gretna, Louisville, Plattsmouth, South Sarpy #46, Weeping Water)	1-800-593-3198 or 402-597-4936
Bellevue Public Schools	402-293-4941
Millard Public Schools	402-715-8302
Omaha Public Schools	402-557-2364
Papillion/LaVista Public Schools	402-537-6222
Ralston Public Schools	402-597-4936
Westside Community Schools	402-390-6472

Core Competency: Professionalism and Leadership

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ECCOA Leadership Series

Creating a Program Masterpiece

Understanding Behavior, Communication & Personality Styles

When: Wednesday, November 17; 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: ESU #3 Discover Explorer Room
6949 S 110th St, 68128 (110th & Harrison)

Cost: \$35.00 includes lunch

Imagine having the ability to clearly communicate your thoughts and ideas. Picture yourself having a unique level of insight into the things that motivate you and others. Using Real Colors® Personality Instrument, participants will learn how to:

- Recognize your strengths and the strengths of others
- Build rapport with others
- Speak in the language of your listeners
- Enhance your ability to understand how others process information
- Appreciate the viewpoint of others

For more information, contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, at 402-597-4991 or jhaggart@esu3.org.

Registrations must be received by Wednesday, November 10.

To register for *ECCOA Leadership Series: Creating a Program Masterpiece*, please complete the registration form and send with a check or money order **payable to ESU #3** to:

ECCOA Leadership Series
6949 S 110th Street
Omaha NE 68128

ECCOA Leadership Series Registration Form

Name _____

Where You Work _____

Your Position _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Confirmation of your registration will be sent if an e-mail address is provided

Strengthening Your Core

When: Tuesday, November 16; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office
8015 W Center Road, Omaha, 68124

Cost: \$12 Call Mary at 444-7804 to pre-register (required)

As a result of this workshop, participants will:

- Learn about the nine knowledge and skill areas of the *Nebraska Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals*.
- Assess current skills in one of the core competency knowledge and skills areas.
- Learn to identify strengths and areas where you would like to improve skills.
- Be able to identify resources that can help improve current knowledge and skills in early childhood care and education.

Provider Support Groups (November meeting dates listed - Contact group for December schedule)

CHILDCARE SHARE RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GROUP

An Affiliate of www.Omaha-Childcare.com

November 18

(third Thursday of the month 6:45 - 9:00 p.m.)

Where: Atonement Lutheran Church
4530 N 85th Street

Cost: Guests: \$10 – **Members Free**

Membership: Call JoAnn Fryman at 884-0822
or e-mail joann@childcareshare.net

For more information or to register online:

www.childcareshare.net

Recordkeeping and Self-Tax Audit Tips Part 2

Description: Guidelines to help child care providers organize, prepare and assemble records in case of an IRS tax audit. Presented by Irene Tryon

- Have fun as we role-play an IRS tax audit and examine a child care income tax return.
- Learning secrets how audits are performed will save you thousands of dollars, eliminate some stress, help you get organized and understand your rights as a taxpayer.

CONCERNED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

(Meets fourth Saturday of the month 3:00-5:00 p.m.)

Where: Washington Branch Library
2868 Ames Avenue

Contact: Mary Lou Agee Bryant at 968-4982

EASTERN CASS COUNTY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

November 22

(meets fourth Monday of the month 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

Where: Head Start Building, Plattsmouth

Contact: Lori Post at 298-8894

GRETNA AREA PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS

November 23

(meets fourth Tuesday of the month 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

Contact: Staci McMahon at 332-3747

Kathy Carraher at 332-3695
gapp.org@gmail.com

MILLARD AREA PROVIDERS

November 1

(meets first Monday of the month 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

Where: St. Thomas Lutheran Church
17007 Q Street

Contact: Kim Morse at 896-5304
kimbob63@aol.com

It's All Food and Games! We will be learning how to take food containers and turn them into storage, crafts and games. Please RSVP to Kim to make sure there are enough materials for everyone.

MORMAN TRAIL CHILD CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting varies each month, call for more information.

Where: Florence Elementary School
36th & King Street

Contact: Barb Spiker at 451-3037

NORTH SIDE QUALITY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

November 18

(meets third Thursday of the month 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.)

Where: Dunn Deal Café; 2310 N 16th Street

Contact: Deb Nared at 455-2442

OMAHA AREA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

November 8

(meets second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.)

Where: Baright Public Library
5555 S 77th Street, Ralston

Cost: \$3 for non-members

Contact: Milissa Vodicka at 991-3755

THE CHILD CARE CONNECTION

(meets last Thursday of the month 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)

Where: Benson Baptist Church
6319 Maple Street (park in the back)

Membership: Lori Clapp at 561-9338

Contact: Michele at 572-1958

WASHINGTON COUNTY DAY CARE PROVIDERS

November 30

(usually meets last Tuesday of the month, Sept.-Nov. & Jan.-Apr.)

Where: Washington County Extension Office
597 Grant Street, Blair

Contact: Sarah Anderson at 426-4023

Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development

The *Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development* training helps providers and parents better understand the sexual development of children and how to respond to children's sexual behaviors and questions in ways that promote healthy development. This training also recognizes the crucial component of nurturing healthy sexual development in protecting children from sexual abuse. Providers and parents will gain an understanding of the scope of child sexual abuse and the relationship between healthy sexuality and child sexual abuse prevention.

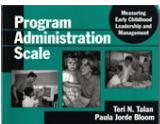
Director Networking Groups

School Age Program Directors
(for those working in before/after school, out of school programs)
When: Tuesday, December 7; 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Early Childhood Program Directors
(for those working in center, Head Start, preschool programs)
When: Wednesday, December 8; Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Where: ESU #3, 6949 S 110th St, 68128
(2 blocks south of 110th & Harrison)

Cost: \$15.00 per session (includes lunch)



Come to enjoy lunch, network and discuss in depth one area of the Program Administration Scale, Center Operations: Facilities Management (safety procedures and maintenance), Risk Management (health policies, emergency drills) and Internal Communications. The Program Administration Scale (PAS) is a reliable and easy-to-administer tool designed for measuring the overall quality of administrative practices of programs. Please bring any resources you use in your work to share with other directors.

For more information, contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 1. To register, send the completed registration form and check or money order (payable to ESU #3) to:

ECCOA Director Networking
6949 S 110th Street
Omaha NE 68128

Director Networking Group Registration

Name _____

Where You Work _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

I will be attending Dec 7 (SA) Dec 8 (EC)

Tax Workshop

When: Saturday, November 20; 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Where: Midwest Childcare Association
7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha, 68114

Do you know the latest tax information concerning your business? This FREE workshop will benefit new providers as well as those who have been in the business for several years. To register send your name, address, phone to: Midwest Childcare; 7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha NE 68114

Licensing Information

- You must attend this one hour training before you will be issued a provisional license. Questions & answers will be accommodated at the end, which you may wish to allow extra time for.
- You must pre-register before attending the training. **Call 595-3343 to pre-register.**
- Three trainings are provided each month. One training class is scheduled on each of the days listed.
- Classes start at the stated time **PROMPTLY.**
- Be at least 5 minutes early. If you are not on time, the training will have already begun and you will be required to reschedule.
- An orientation certificate will be issued at the end of each class. You will need to send a copy of this certificate with your initial licensing paperwork.
- We ask that you please not bring children as the classroom has limited space.

Orientation is held at: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health; **1801 North 73rd Street (73rd & Blondo)**, Omaha, NE 68114

When: Tuesday, November 2	10:00 am
Wednesday, November 10	1:00 pm
Thursday, November 18	10:00 am
Tuesday, December 7	10:00 am
Wednesday, December 15	1:00 pm

If you have taken this Orientation class in the past, please contact us at (402) 595-3343. Applicants who have previously completed this requirement may not be required to repeat it.

Licensing Application Process Home I and II

When: Wed, Nov or Thu, Dec 9 10; 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **OR**
Tue, Nov23 or Tue, Dec 21; 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Department of Health & Human Services
1805 N. 73rd Street (73rd & Blondo), Omaha

Cost: Free **Required registration**, call Jane Bailey 595-1948

- Review the licensing application process
- Identify common reasons for returned applications
- Discuss how to avoid delays in processing

Certificate for 1.5 clock hours of approved training

How to Get Child Care Subsidy & Title XX Payments on Time!

When: Thu, Nov 4 or Thu, Dec 2; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. **OR**
Tue, Nov 16 or Tue, Dec 14; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Department of Health & Human Services
1805 N. 73rd Street (73rd & Blondo), Omaha

Cost: Free

Required registration, please call Jane Bailey 595-1896

Refresher class for current Subsidy providers. Learn to accurately complete billing documents and attendance calendars. Get information you need for provider authorizations and billing postponements. There will also be a question and answer time.

Certificate for 2 clock hours of approved training



Early Childhood Consortium of the Omaha Area

Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Service
8015 West Center Road
Omaha, NE 68124

In-Service and Professional Development Opportunities

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR ADDRESS CURRENT AND NOTIFY US OF DUPLICATE MAILINGS

For changes or deletions, if you are receiving more than one copy of the newsletter at your address or if you would prefer to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail, please contact: Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator; jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991

Please make sure you provide the mailing address along with your name.

Improving Child Care Quality - Exciting Opportunity Soon Available!

Early Learning Connection for Quality Portfolio Process

What is the project about? The network process is one of learning along with others who are also committed to quality programs. The focused learning experiences will lead to reflection and self-awareness, professional development planning, program quality improvements, and attention to attributes needed to effectively serve children in inclusive programs and to partner effectively with families and community service providers. Components of the project include the six workshops, personal visits with a facilitator/coach following each workshop and preparing a portfolio/scrapbook of activities.

Who can participate? Full-time staff that includes directors, teachers, assistant teachers, para educators, family child care home providers and other early childhood staff who commit to improve quality in their child care work, with the limit of no more than five individuals per program. Participation is open to all interested. Each individual who completes the series will receive in-service credit and a variety of professional resource materials.

Recognition to Eligible Subsidy Providers In addition, a cash award of \$1,000 awaits one hundred and fifty child care providers across the state who successfully complete the *Nebraska Early Learning Connection for Quality Portfolio*. This stipend is a recognition for child care providers who work with a program that accepts child care subsidy, join the local network of learners and complete the entire series of six designated workshops and the guided activities of the project, totaling 24 hours of in-service credit. Stipends will be paid in August, 2011.

When does this project happen? These workshops and activities will begin soon and be completed by July 31, 2011.

How do I participate? Contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, (jhaggart@esu3.org; 402-597-4991) to learn more.

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