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Oregon's Quality Indicators Program

Oregon has created a new type of system to measure the quality of child care. The Oregon Quality Indicators Program evaluates the quality of child care programs based on key structural indicators which are research based and proven to improve child outcomes.

The structural indicators of quality are: 1) Adult to Child Ratio, 2) Group Size, 3) Education of the Provider or Teacher, 4) Training of the Provider or Teacher, 5) Provider or Staff Retention, 6) Accreditation, and 7) Compensation (used only for child care centers).

Research confirms that higher quality child care leads to greater cognitive, language, and social skills which are the key measures of children's readiness to enter school. Also, parents are much more likely to gain and sustain employment when they know their children are in quality care settings.

Quality Indicators began as a pilot project in 2006 in Multnomah, Coos and Curry counties. In January of 2009, QI rolled out to all certified centers and certified family providers state-wide. In January 2010, registered family providers will be brought into the program.

All of the data needed to produce a Quality Indicator report comes from the provider or director by way of the renewal application process and through a renewal visit with CCD Licensing Specialist.

Every licensed child care program will receive a QI report. It is currently the provider's choice to make their report public. Information about releasing their report is included when the provider receives the report in the mail. The QI report is private and not viewed by anyone before the provider receives it in the mail.

What is the role of the QI report? It is all about providing access to information on quality indicators that will help parents, providers, the community, and ultimately our children.

Parents will have more information in making their child care choices. They will be able to use quality indicator reports to compare the different characteristics that affect child outcomes.

Child care providers will be able to compare themselves to others on these quality indicators. They will identify areas in which they are outstanding and others in which they want to improve. As such, it's a strategic planning, marketing and fundraising tool.

Community members and funders will have increased levels of accountability. Areas in need of investment will be clearer, and impacts of investments can be measured. The community will invest in child care facilities with increased confidence that outcomes will improve.

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Greetings from the Child Care Division!

Changes Effective January 1, 2010

As a result of actions by the state legislature, the Child Care Division will be implementing several changes that will become effective January 1, 2010.

Following is a brief overview of the changes:

- The name of the Division's criminal background check form will be changed from the *Criminal History Registry* to the *Central Background Registry*. We are updating all of our current forms and applications to reflect this name change.
- The Division has been given the authority to impose fines on certified child care centers and certified family child care homes for serious or continuing non-compliance with child care rules. This is similar to the authority the Division has in order to impose fines on registered family child care homes.
- Providers who have had their license suspended, revoked, closed or denied for cause, will no longer be able to do some types of exempt care; such as: 1) care for three or fewer child care children, 2) care for children from one family, 3) care for children on an "occasional" basis, or 4) care for children in a pre-school setting four hours or less per day.

If you have questions regarding any of these changes, please contact the Division's Central Office on Salem at 503-947-1400 or 1-800-556-6616.

Child Care Division, Central Office

NeighborImpact Child Care Resources has 60 Gift cards of \$150.00 each

Child Care Resources has partnered with Deschutes County Commission on Children and Families to encourage exempt providers to become registered family providers. We have 60 Lakeshore Learning gift cards of \$150.00 each.

These will be provided to Deschutes County family providers who are exempt and become registered (Step 1 on the Oregon Registry), or those who are Registered and move from Step 1 to Step 2 on the Oregon Registry.

Once you become registered at a Step 1 or move up to a Step 2 on the Oregon Registry, you'll need to provide Child Care Resources with a copy of your certificate and Registered Family license number.

If you are interested in receiving a gift card make sure you act fast. They will be distributed first come first serve, so don't delay.

*For more information call Bonnie at
(541) 548-2380 ext. 121*



Welcome New Providers

Providers we added to our database
From October 1st Through December 3rd

*Candace Anderson *James Sam * Carol Owens
*Janey Vershoor * Cub Corner *Adrienne Young
*Krista Tyner *Charlotte Hinton *Raymond Burnett
*Katrina Mulholland *Marian Doan *Cynthia Johnson

WHERE ARE THE CALLS COMING FROM?



Parent calls were received from the tri-county area between September 2nd & December 3rd 2009 . Here is the break down by zip codes.

97701- 44	97702-24	97707-3
97734-2	97739-3	97741-8
97754- 8	97756-32	97759-2
97760- 9	97761-0	97753-0

Requests from parents regarding care for infants /toddlers, part time care and for care on rotating schedules account for many of the calls. Numerous calls were also received regarding night care and 24 hour care as well as a few requests for weekend care. Keep in mind that many families in our three counties work in the retail, tourism and medical industries

Books Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers & School-Agers Love.

The Snowman	<i>by Raymond Briggs</i>
Mrs. Toggel's Zipper	<i>by Robin Pulver</i>
Gingerbread Baby	<i>by Jan Brett</i>
The Mitten	<i>by Jan Brett</i>
The Biggest, Best Snowman	<i>by Margery Cuyler</i>
Snow	<i>by Uri Shulevitz</i>
The Polar Express	<i>by Chris Van Allsburg</i>
The Hat	<i>by Jan Brett</i>
Froggy Gets Dressed	<i>by Jonathan London</i>
Snowballs	<i>by Lois Ehlert</i>

The titles above are available at the Deschutes Public Library
www.dpls.or.us



DHS Information



DHS Enhanced Rate Program

The DHS Enhanced Rate Program is a program that pays providers a higher reimbursement rate because they have met the requirements for Step 1 on the Oregon Registry: Pathways to Professional Recognition in Childhood Care and Education.

The Oregon Registry is a voluntary, statewide program to document and recognize the professional achievements of people who work in the childhood care and education profession.

In order to receive the Enhanced DHS Rate, a provider needs the following:

- Current Infant & Child CPR Certification
- Current First Aid Certification
- A current Food Handler's Card
- Attended a 2-hour class on Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

If you would like to find out more on how to become a DHS Enhanced Rate provider, please call us at 541-548-2380 X121.

Training Program for Family, Friends and Neighbor Providers

Do you receive payment from DHS for caring for the children of a family, friend or neighbor? There is a child care provider orientation available for providers that are not required to be licensed. Come learn about the DHS listing and billing process. You will also find out how you can earn a higher reimbursement rate from DHS, and learn about other supports and resources. You can receive a free tool kit of resources to help the children you care for be ready for school. Come meet other providers and bring questions you have about DHS Child Care.

For more information, please call Bonnie at 541-548-2380 X121.

A new Statewide Program aimed at improving the education of Oregon's young children will give money to child care providers and early educators working with children and who achieve levels of training on the Oregon Registry. Workers can earn incentives- which range from \$50-\$500 by passing Oregon Registry milestones.

Heading your way!
Money for Oregon Registry
Participants



For more information on the Oregon registry you can go to the Center for Career Development website:

www.centerline.pdx.edu

If you need assistance with applying or need help with certificates as an individual or in a group call Denise Hudson at 541-548-2380 X 118 to set up an appointment.

WORKSHOPS 2010

Children are not allowed at trainings. Please find care for your little ones before coming to class. Thank you.
You must pre-register for each class you want to attend.

Effective January 1, 2010 we will charge a \$5.00 fee for lost certificates.

Overview Class

Required to become registered

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond Fee: FREE

Date: 1/25/2010 Time: 9am-12pm
 2/22/2010 4pm-7pm
 3/15/2010 9am-12pm

Trainer: D. Hudson

Description: Interested in becoming a Registered Family Child Care Provider? The Overview class is required by the Oregon Child Care Division to become a registered Family Child Care Provider. This is a FREE class.

Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect

Required to become registered

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Dates: 1/06/2010 Time: 2pm-4pm
 2/02/2010 2pm-4pm
 3/09/2010 2pm-4pm

Fee: \$10.00 Presenter: B. Reyes

Description: This is a two hour required one time class required for registration through the Child Care Division. Learn definition and indicators of abuse. Also learn about mandatory reporting requirements for child care providers.

First Aid / CPR 2 yr card

Required to become registered

Location: Redmond-NeighborImpact

Dates: 1/09/2010 Time: 9am-2:30pm
 2/06/2010 9am-2:30pm
 3/13/2010 9am-2:30pm

Fee: \$50.00 Presenter: K. Prow

Description: This is a comprehensive training program in emergency care designed for child care. This training meets the requirement for CPR and First Aid training. The program covers child, infant and adult care skills. Care for immediate and minor first aid. It also covers illness and injury prevention. Bring a sack lunch Please note that FA and CPR will no longer be offered separately*

Certified Family Overview

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 2/17/2010 Time: 6pm-8pm Fee: FREE

Trainer: A. Adams

Description: Interested in becoming a Certified Family Child Care Provider? This overview will answer all your questions and set you on the certification path.

Creating a Respectful Anti-Bias Early Childhood Learning Community

Location: Deschutes Children's Foundation-Bend

Date: 2/06/2010 Time: 9am-12pm Fee: \$25.00

Trainer: R. Lopez-Melton CKC: Diversity

Description: Young children are bombarded with biased messages that inhibit them from reaching their full potentials. As early childhood professionals it is our responsibility to provide a caring and respectful environment that supports the cultures and values of all of the children, families and staff in our programs. In this interactive workshop we will examine our own values, cultures and biases and learn to create an anti-bias learning community. This is a new training.

First Connections Session 5 Guiding Social Behavior

Location: TBA- Prineville

Date: 2/3/2010 Time: 6pm-9pm Fee: \$10.00

Trainer: D. Boswell CKC: Understanding & Guiding Behavior

Description: The roots to the socialization process of very young children include establishing trust, preventing discipline problems, giving infants time to learn, and using appropriate guidance strategies. Caregivers can use socialization techniques to guide children. The caregiver's sensitivity to the child's readiness and need for guidance and socialization will help the child build inner controls and self-esteem.

Tax Time: Child Care Tax Tips

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 1/12/2010 Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm Fee: FREE

Trainer: Marge Hotz CKC: Program Management

Description: Find out what expenses may be deductible for your child care business. It is the perfect opportunity and perfect time to find the answers to all of your child care tax questions!

Health & Safety: Module 4: Healthy Practices

Location: The Cottage

Date: 1/13/2010 Time: 6pm-8pm Fee: \$10.00

Trainer: D. Boswell CKC: Health, Safety & Nutrition

Description: Disease and illness caused by germs and sometimes parasites are easily spread from one person to another in child care settings. The word prevention means stopping something before it happens. Illness in child care settings can be prevented through clean and safe habits.

Central Oregon Community College Early Childhood Education

Do you currently work with young children between the ages of birth through age 8, or would you like to eventually enter the field of Early Childhood Education as a care provider or educator? The Early Childhood Education programs at COCC provide opportunities to increase your understanding of young children's learning and development while earning credit toward a degree. Please contact Amy Howell, ECE Coordinator, at ahowell@cocc.edu for more information.

Next term, we are offering many courses in early childhood. Please note the evening times and Saturday option as well! We only offer ED 269 once per year, so I strongly encourage students to take advantage of this if possible.

<https://oraweb.cocc.edu/2010/201010/ECE.htm>

Discovering Potentials Session 1:1

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 2/23/2010 **Time:** 6pm-9pm **Fee:** \$15.00

Trainer: D. Hudson **CKC:** Human Growth & Development

Description: In the years between ages 5 and 12, children make dramatic changes in development. After looking at an overview of major theories of development, we will begin to form realistic pictures of the needs and "missions" of children in the school-age years. As practitioners, we will begin to know how to support their needs in our programs. *This is the first session in Module One and must be taken first in the series. Set One. Core Knowledge Category: Human Growth & Development, 3 hours.* This is a new training.

Discovering Potentials Session 1:2

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 3/10/2010 **Time:** 6pm-9pm **Fee:** \$15.00

Trainer: D. Hudson **CKC:** Human Growth & Development

Description: Children's brains grow and change in the school-age years. We will look at how the brain develops and its connections to emotional experiences and stress. Practitioners will learn how they can support children in stress. *This is the second session in Module One. Participants must take Discovering Potentials 1.1 before taking this session. Set One. Core Knowledge Category: Human Growth & Development, 3 hours.* This is a new training.

Science & Math Activities

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 1/26/2010 **Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm **Fee:** \$15.00

Trainer: D. Luckett **CKC:** Learning Environments & Curriculum

Description: We know that we want kids to play, play, play in preschool but we also know that they learn through play. The purpose of this class is to give teachers ideas about creating fun activities that will also help your students learn more about math and science. We will even try out a few of the activities in class! This is a new training.

KIT's Opening Doors to Inclusive Program Series

Module 1: Introduction to Inclusion

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 1/06/2010 **Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm **Fee:** \$20.00

Trainer: M. Shea **CKC:** Special Needs

Description: This training is provided as an overview of inclusion. The objective is to provide the participant with a basis of the history of support for children with disabilities (medical model vs. empowerment model), and with a philosophy of inclusion. Person-first language and the benefits of inclusion are also covered. This is a new training.

KIT's Opening Doors to Inclusive Program Series

Module 2: Respectful Accommodations

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 3/31/2010 **Time:** 6:30pm-8:30-m **Fee:** \$20.00

Trainer: M.Shea **CKC:** Special Needs

Description: Making your program accessible to children with disabilities will require creative and responsive accommodations. The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) addresses the necessity of making accommodations for children with disabilities so that they can participate in community programs. This workshop provides an overview of the philosophy of inclusion and insight into what constitutes a "respectful accommodation". Specific examples of accommodations for children who have various types of disabilities are included. This is a new training.

The Affects of Loss on a Child

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 3/3/2010 **Time:** 6pm-8:30pm **Fee:** \$20.00

Trainer: D. Boswell **CKC:** Understanding & Guiding Behavior

Description: In this training you will learn how a child copes with many types of losses such as; divorce, death and economic losses. Also in this training you will learn how we can assist a child through these losses. This is a new training.

My Program, My Quality

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 2/10/2010 **Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm **Fee:** \$10.00

Trainer: D. Hudson

CKC: Personal, Professional & Leadership Development

Description: Come join other providers to discuss the Child Care Division's six indicators of quality in registered family child care. Identify ways that you, as a professional provider, can use the indicators to build quality for the children you serve. Learn how to use your Quality Indicators Report to talk to children's families about your program. This is a new training.

Creative Arts in a Preschool Classroom

Location: NeighborImpact-Redmond

Date: 2/09/2010 **Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm **Fee:** \$10.00

Trainer: D. Luckett **CKC:** Learning Environments & Curriculum

Description: Looking for ideas on how to utilize music, dance and drama in your classroom? Come to this fun and interactive class with Diane Turnbull Luckett and see what you can do. We will try out some easy to implement drama, dance and music activities for kids from 3-7 years old. And we will explore a variety of resources for expanding your creative arts curriculum after you have tried out a few of the ideas from this workshop. A music compilation CD will be available for an additional \$5.00. This is a new training.

A Great Child Care Provider

- Understands that communication is key to the relationship with each child's family and looks for positive feedback to give parents at the end of every day.
- Is reliable and consistent in his/her business practices.
- Includes families in problem solving and decision making regarding their child.
- Is flexible and puts the needs of children before scheduled activities.
- Is respectful of family diversity (in styles of parenting and ethnic issues).
- Keeps a clean but child friendly atmosphere. This shows that the children are comfortable and able to explore their surroundings.
- Welcomes each child and parent when they arrive in the morning, getting down to the child's level. This individual attention will make the goodbye go smoothly and let the parent know you have a real interest in their child.
- Spends time getting ready for each day; choosing what books you will read, songs you will sing, what activities fit with the interests and developmental level of the children attending that day.
- Addresses financial issues clearly in an orientation to the child care and immediately as they come up so they do not interfere with the communication with parents and the care provided to the children.
- Keeps everything between him/herself and the parent/child confidential.
- Realizes that knowledge is a life long process and therefore is always learning new and exciting things for her business and for the children.
- Understands that taking care of the caregiver is important. Eats nutritiously, gets a good night's sleep, exercises regularly, and makes time for him/herself.
- Keeps her program fresh. Changes equipment around, adds new activities and develops plans to keep the children interested.

Save the Date!

The Central Oregon Chapter of Oregon Association
for the Education of Young Children presents:

One Thing Leads To Another: Critical Connections in ECE Annual Spring Conference

Dates: March 5th-6th 2010

Place: Central Oregon Community College

Highlights: Community College credit available;
vendors and networking; 10 hours of professional
development; NAEYC members benefits and much
more!!

Confirm your dedication as a professional and
become an OAEYC/NAEYC member now! You save
big \$ on conference fees!

Check out :

<http://www.oregonaeyc.org/membership.htm>

for membership options!

6th Annual Bend Area Preschool & Child Care Fair

When: March 13th from 10am-4pm

Where: St Charles Medical Center, Bend OR
Perfect opportunity to showcase and advertise
your preschool business.

**Reserve your space by Jan. 29th for only
\$50.00, \$60.00 after Jan 30th**
Limited space, refreshments provided.

For more information contact Marsha at 389-5475
or info@circleoffriendsbend.com
For a registration form call Patty at 548-2380
Ext. 119 or pattyw@neighborimpact.org



Winter Activities for You and Your Children

Many psychologists tell us that winter can be a depressing time, for both adults and children. Weather considerations often keep people inside during the winter season, or require special clothing or equipment to spend time outside. But many people have found that winter offers great opportunities for together time with children. Activities both indoors and outdoors during the colder winter months can build memories, strengthen relationships, and just be all out fun with your children. Here are some great ideas for outdoor activities that can be simple, fun and don't have to be expensive.



SNOW PAINTING: A GREAT IDEA

Some of our friends have taken up snow painting as a fun family activity. All you need is a few water bottles with a squirt top, some water and food coloring and some snow. Fill each bottle with water and some food coloring and then head outside. A little imagination and some creativity will result in some great works of art.

JUMP SNOW HURDLES

Lightly pack a bunch of basketball-size snowballs and then use them to build a course of hurdles to jump over in a round of follow the leader.

GET ON A ROLL

Pair up for a contest in which the object is to finish with the biggest snowball. The contest ends when the teams can no longer roll their entries or when you run out of snow.

MAKE A SNOWMAN

COLORFUL SNOW FIGHT

Have a good ol' snow fight. Use food coloring to make it a colorful snowball fight. Everybody gets their own color.

MAKE SNOW ANGELS

PLAY A GAME OF SNOW GOLF

Smooth out the snow with your hands, shovel, or butt (or anything else you can find to smooth out the snow) and use a tin can for the cup.

Don't forget to bundle up with your winter coat, stocking cap, gloves or mittens, snow pants, and snow boots before you go out in the cold.



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