

The Family Resource Center



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Child Care Projects Update - May-July, 2009

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROJECTS

These projects provide services to family child care programs, centers, and preschools. Child care consultants and evaluators educate and assist providers in meeting state guidelines, implementing sound business practices, and creating safe, stimulating environments.

The projects are funded by the following Empowerment Areas:

Linking Families and Communities in Calhoun, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties

Partnerships 4 Families in Audubon, Carroll, Greene, and Guthrie Counties.

Building Families in Hamilton, Humboldt, and Wright Counties.

IPTV Book Club

Plan to attend all sessions.

Location: Family Resource Center, Carroll, IA

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Cost: No charge

Contact: Connie at 1-800-999-5101 or 712-792-6440

Dates/Title:

April 18 - Environment

Free Books At Each Session

2009 Calendar Keepers

Our supply of 2009 Calendar Keepers is gone.

You can order a 2009 Calendar Keeper from Red Leaf Press by calling 1-800-423-8309 or go to www.RedleafPress.org and click on the little calendar keeper symbol on the right hand side of the page. The cost is \$15.95 plus shipping.

Product Recalls



You can find information on product recalls on the Consumer Safety Commission's website at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

Also visit <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/recalls.asp> for accurate recall information for:

- Beds, Cribs, and Bedding
- Child Clothing, Shoes, and Accessories
- Equipment (including infant supplies/equipment)
- Furniture Related to Child Care and Early Education
- Toys and Play Related Items.



Linking Families and Communities

Calhoun, Pocahontas & Webster Counties

Class	Date	Time	Location	Cost	Registration Info.
Creative Curriculum For Infants, Toddlers, Twos	4/1, 4/22	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Fort Dodge Upper Des Moines	\$5.00	Mail Registration to Graettinger
ChildNet	4/4, 4/18, 5/2 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Pocahontas Location to be announced	\$25.00	Mail Registration to Graettinger
Provider Support Group	4/7	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Pocahontas AEA	Free	Call Rachel to register 515-576-4088
New Provider Orientation	4/15	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Upper Des Moines Fort Dodge	\$5.00	Mail registration to Graettinger
AEYC Seminar	4/18	To Be Announced	Iowa Central Community College Fort Dodge	TBA	Call Sheri or Renee 515-573-5461
CACFP Food Program	4/22	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Pocahontas Location to be announced	Free if on food program or \$5.00	Mail registration to Graettinger
Creative Curriculum For Infants, Toddlers, Twos	5/7, 5/21	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Fort Dodge Upper Des Moines	\$5.00	Mail Registration to Graettinger
CPR/First Aid	5/11	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Webster County Health Department	\$35.00 both or \$30.00 one	Call Trisha Nichols 515-573-4107
Creative Curriculum For Infants, Toddlers, Twos	6/4, 6/11	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Fort Dodge Upper Des Moines	\$5.00	Mail Registration to Graettinger
New Provider Orientation	6/9	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Upper Des Moines Fort Dodge	\$5.00	Mail registration to Graettinger

Attention Home Child Care Providers in Calhoun, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties

Linking Families and Communities Survey

Linking Families and Communities is beginning the process of assessing child, family and community needs as well as updating its strategic plan. The plan is used as a tool that guides the decisions of the Linking Families and Communities Board and is also shared with other stakeholders. Linking Families and Communities will be surveying different segments of the community from parents to employers. Currently, we are surveying home child care providers (including registered, non-registered and family, friend and neighbor care providers). Please take a few minutes to complete our survey by going to www.linking-families.com and clicking on "Community Surveys" or through this direct link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=y1t7d_2fpVTadJAthDC5TLRQ_3d_3d If you would like a copy of the results, please contact Elizabeth Stanek, Linking Families and Communities, 515-955-5437.



Building Families Hamilton, Humboldt, and Wright Counties

Class	Date	Time	Location	Cost	Registration Info.
FCCERS (Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale)	6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Webster City TBA	Free	Mail to Graettinger CCR & R
ChildNet	4/25, 5/9, 5/23, 6/6, 6/20	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Godfather's Pizza Humboldt	\$25.00	Mail registration & payment to Graettinger
Better Kid Care Sparking Kids' Curiosity	5/14	6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	ISU Extension Hamilton, Humboldt, & Wright	\$5.00	Hamilton Co.-832-9597 Humboldt Co.-332-2201 Wright Co.-532-3453

Conferences and Seminars

Class	Date	Time	Location	Cost	Registration Info.
AEYC Seminar	4/18	To Be Announced	Fort Dodge Iowa Central Community College	To Be Announced	Call Community Day Care in Fort Dodge and talk to Sherri or Renee 515-573-5461
"Make Every Day the Best" Staff Retention training for directors	4/24	Call for information	DMACC Ankeny Campus	Call for information	Lois Kiester at 515-964-6685
"Make Every Day the Best" Child Care Council Spring conference	4/25	Call for information	DMACC Ankeny Campus	Call for information	Lois Kiester at 515-964-6685
"Hands, Heart and Mind The Play Symposium" Iowa AEYC's Annual Spring Leadership training	5/16	Call for information	Kelly Conference Room, Iowa Methodist Hospital 1200 Pleasant Street Des Moines	Members: \$70.00 Non-members: \$85.00	Rhonda at 515-331-8000 Extension 12 Register by May 11
Iowa AEYC	10/2- 10/3	Iowa AEYC	Holiday Inn, Airport Des Moines	To be determined	Rhonda at 515-331-8000 Extension 12
Fall Conference New Opportunities	10/24	Call for information	Carrollton Inn Carroll	To be determined	Katie at 1-800-642-6330

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All programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status or handicap.*



Partnerships 4 Families

Audubon, Carroll, Greene, and Guthrie Counties

Class	Date	Time	Location	Cost	Registration Info.
Beyond Business Basics Series- Financial Module	See Below				
CPR	4/14	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Family Resource Center Carroll	\$35.00 for one or both	Call 712-792-6440 or 1-800-999-5101
First Aid	4/16	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.			
Business Basics for Home Providers	4/25	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	MATURA office in Creston	\$10.00	Sherry at 888-482-8431
FCCERS (Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale for Child Development Homes)	4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Guthrie County ISU Extension, 212 State Street in Guthrie Center	No charge	Sherry at 888-482-8431
Welcome to School Age Care	See Page 6				
CPR	7/15	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Family Resource Center Carroll	\$35.00 for one or both	Call 712-792-6440 or 1-800-999-5101
First Aid	7/16	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.			

Beyond Business Basics Series

The National Child Care Association has approved this educational program as meeting the criteria for continuing education for the National Administrator Credential

Financial Module - If you have taken Quality Module

All classes are for home providers and center staff.

Session Title	Date	Time	Registration
Professionalism and Communication Skills	3/21	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Call Katie at 1-800-642-6330
PEACE: Policy Enhancement And Contract Enforcement	3/21	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	
Working with Employees	3/21	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
Minimizing your Insurance Risks	4/4	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	
Grant Writing	4/4	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	
Financial Management	4/4	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
Marketing your Child Care Business	4/18	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	
Putting it all Together	4/18	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	

Additional On-line Training Opportunities

CDA training Eager to Learn (considered a group setting)	http://etl.mnchildcare.org/index.html	\$60.00 for 16 in-service hours and \$95.00 for 1.6 CEU's
Care Courses for self study hours	http://www.carecourses.com	Verify upon registration
Child Care Education Institute study	http://www.cceionline.com/index.cfm	Verify upon registration
NAFCC self study courses	http://www.nafcc.org/include/default.asp	Verify upon registration

Families Together Workshops

- Offered by ISU Extension in Audubon, Carroll, Greene, and Guthrie Counties
- Free to all participants (Grant funded by Partnerships 4 Families)
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at each location/date
- Approved for 1.5 CEU's, with a two hour option available
- Contact your local extension office to register:
Audubon County Extension Office - 712-563-4239
Carroll County Extension Office - 712-792-2364
Greene County Extension Office - 515-386-2138

Month/Title	Audubon	Carroll	Greene
April Don't Give Your Child a Tummy Ache	Wednesday, 4/15	Tuesday, 4/7	Thursday, 4/9

Welcome to School Age Care

Session Title	Date	Time	Location	Cost	Registration Info.
Your role as a School-Age Professional	5/11	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Greenfield	\$10.00 for the series	Sherry at 1-888-482-8431
How do we Manage?	5/18	Plan to attend all sessions			
We all Work Together	6/1				
Here's to Your Health	6/8				
Plan to be Busy!	6/15				

Buena Vista, Sac, and Crawford Counties

Class	Date	Time	Location	Cost	Registration Info.
New Provider Orientation	5/12	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 pm	Crawford Co Hospital	\$5.00	Mid-Sioux Opportunity 1-800-859-2025

Online Training Opportunities

Training for Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse

The University of Iowa Learning Management System is now offering an approved online **Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training**. The online course is supported through a partnership of the Iowa Departments of Human Services and Public Health and the Prepare Iowa network at the University of Iowa. The course is approved under curricula # 2401. To locate the training go to the Healthy Child Care Iowa website <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/events.asp>, scroll down to the event titled *ONLINE: Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training for Child Care Providers*.

This may not be the first course listed when you search. Courses are listed alphabetically and there are courses called “CHC- Abuse-Child & Dependent Adult Abuse” and “CHC-Mandatory Reporting of Child & Adult Abuse”. These are **NOT** the courses approved for child care providers in Iowa.

We suggest you download the instructions handout to aid in your getting to the correct internet link. Follow all of the instructions on the Prepare Iowa website for creating your account, login, password etc. Upon the completion of the 2 hour course (which includes a post-test) they will send a certificate. The course is currently offered at no charge.

Health and Safety

Date	Time	Title	Location	Cost	Contact #
Ongoing online	Online	Integrated Pest Management	www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/childcare/home	Free	Registration online
Ongoing online	Online	Playground Supervision for Child Care Providers	www.playgroundsafety.org/training/online/childcare/course_supervision.htm	\$15.00	Registration online
Ongoing online	Online	Playground Maintenance for Front-Line Workers	www.playgroundsafety.org/training/online/elementary/course_maintenance.htm	\$15.00	Registration online

Another Online Training Opportunity

Eager-to-Learn is an innovative, community based, online program of the Minnesota Child Care Resource & Referral Network. Since the courses are designed in a multi-week, standard class format utilizing message board discussions and weekly live chat discussions, they count as training in a sponsored group setting. The *Eager-to-Learn* class format allows students to get an in-depth learning experience by fostering dialogue and relationship-building between instructor to student and student to student. Fees vary by class length. The fee for an 8 hour, 3 week course is \$30. For more information go to www.eagertolearn.org.