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Important News and Tidbits of Information:



- **NEW DEADLINE FOR QRS GRANTS-** Due to 4th quarter budget cuts with empowerment, the deadline for QRS quality improvement grants is now May 1st. Funds will not be available after this date, so turn in your application soon. Funds will be disbursed on a first-come-first-serve basis! Centers and preschools are eligible for \$1,000 grants and child development homes are eligible for \$500 grants if they have applied or plan to apply for a QRS rating by June 30th.
- **ON-LINE MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE REPORTER TRAINING:** Did you know that there is now an option for MR on-line? To locate this training go to the Healthy Child Care Iowa website <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/events.asp> We suggest you download the instructions handout to aid in getting to the correct internet link. Upon completion of the 2 hour course (which includes a post-test) you will be sent a certificate. This course is currently offered at no charge.
- **IAEYC GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS:** Iowa AEYC has a number of membership grants and scholarship opportunities that are available to members and others in the Iowa early care and education workforce. The deadlines are fast approaching so check these out on the website <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/grants-and-scholarships.cfm>
- **RESOURCE LIBRARY-** Are your children feeling the winter blahs? Check out items from our new resource library. This is a great way to add a new item and spark interest during those long winter or rainy months. We sometimes can deliver!
- **COMPLETE UPDATES:** Our office is currently working on our annual complete updates. PLEASE be prompt with getting this information returned to us. We need to have current information, including rates, for all our Jasper County programs. Help us be the best possible resource to families looking for care, school-age care or preschool!
- **NO SMOKING SIGNS:** Do you have your "No Smoking" signs posted? Please call Marcia if you need signs for your program or vehicles. (641) 792-5437
- **APRIL 30TH DEADLINE FOR SO MANY REWARDS-** The deadline for So Many Rewards is fast approaching! If you took ChildNet this fall and haven't cashed-out yet, please call our office. If you just finished FCCERS, please call our office to see how you can participate. If you work in a center, preschool, or other early childhood program, are you tracking your training hours? Applications can be turned in anytime between now and April 30th.
- **JASPER COUNTY EMPOWERMENT BOARD MEMBER?-** The Jasper County Empowerment Board is seeking new board members. Please see enclosed insert. This is a great opportunity to get involved.
- **DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS?** Due to increased cost of mailings and trying to save some trees, we are doing more correspondence and some training reminders by email. We don't want you to miss out on something, so send Marcia a quick email from your current email address so we know we have the most current one for our database. Help save time and trees!

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March/April
Newsletter

February 26th, 2009

To Update Your Vacancies:

- ☺ Call 641-792-KIDS
- ☺ Email Marcia at vrankin@iastate.edu
- ☺ Send an update card to CCR&R at
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Lending YOU
a Helping Hand

Upcoming Training

(ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT DMACC UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

March: (WATCH WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONS/CHANGES, & MORE DETAILED CLASS DESCRIPTIONS)

- 2nd IPTV Provider Book Club: 6:30-8:00 pm (ISU Extension Office, Room 119A)**
This 8 session training was made available by a grant through Iowa Public Television. Participants will use the Every Child Reads strategies to teach new words and backgrounds when speaking and reading to children; learn how to limit the time children use the media and how to select and use the media as teaching tools. Participants will receive resources at each session. Need to have attended one session in the fall in order to be eligible to continue with the series. The Provider Support Group meeting follows.
- 2nd Provider Support Group: 8:00 pm (ISU Extension Office, Room 119A)**
The Child Care Provider Support Group will meet following the Provider Book Club. Please come, check it out and join in for some adult conversation, fun and support.
- 9th CPR: 6:30-9:30 pm (DMACC)**
Get certified in Infant/Child/Adult CPR. This training will certify you for 1 year. There is a fee of \$20.00 for this training, payable at the door.
- 17th Growing in the Garden: 6:30-8:30 pm (DMACC)**
Children discover their world through curiosity, imagination, and experimental, hands-on learning. Growing in the Garden is a curriculum developed by ISU Extension to teach children about a wide range of topics such as agriculture, natural resources, food and people.
- 26th Universal Precautions/Exposure Control Plan: 6:30-7:30 pm (DMACC)**
Health and Safety information to help prevent the spread of sickness and disease. (\$5 fee, payable at the door).
- 26th Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training: 7:30-9:30 pm (DMACC)**
Participants will be certified with the Department of Human Services for five years. There is a \$5 fee for this training, payable at the door. (free, if you came earlier to the Universal precautions training)
- 30th Child Care Information Meeting: 6:00-8:00 pm (ISU Extension Office)**
If you are thinking about providing child care, or if you're already providing care, now is the time to attend this FREE workshop to learn what is new. We'll also discuss State Registration, the federal food program, training opportunities and more. Come for great information and training credit!

April:

- 2nd Conflict Resolution: 6:30-9:00 pm (DMACC)**
Conflicts are inevitable when children are active. Turn conflicts into opportunities for children as they learn how to resolve them by thinking about the other's point of view, suggesting solutions, and finding one that satisfies both parties. Participants will focus on how to help young children learn to resolve conflicts non-violently and negotiate with one another.
- 6th IPTV Provider Book Club: 6:30-8:00 pm (ISU Extension Office, Room 119A)**
See above description for March 2nd.
- 6th Provider Support Group: 8:00 pm (ISU Extension Office, Room 119A)**
The Child Care Provider Support Group will meet following the Provider Book Club. See above description.
- 20th First Aid: 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm (DMACC)**
This training will certify you in first aid for 3 years. There is a fee of \$10.00, payable at the door.
- 21st Baby Signs: 7:00 -9:00 pm (DMACC)**
Babies have a lot to say... even before they can actually speak. With Baby Signs, babies and toddlers can communicate what they need and even how they feel by using simple easy-to-do sign for words like "Eat", "Milk", and "More". This 2-part series gives caregivers the ability to identify needs, wants and feelings of children before they have developed the motor skills necessary for verbal communication! Learn tips for incorporating signs into your child care program and sign within daily routines. Door Prizes!
- 23rd Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development: 6:30-8:30 pm (DMACC)**
Is it abnormal or is it a part of learning and curiosity? What is typical behavior and what behavior warrants interventions or referrals? Join this class to discuss the sexual development of children and learn how to respond to children's sexual behaviors and questions to promote healthy development.
- 27th Child Care Information Meeting: 6:00-8:00 pm (ISU Extension Office)**
See above description for March 30th.
- 28th Baby Signs: 7:00-9:00 pm (DMACC)**
See above description for April 21st. *This is a 2-part series.*



Upcoming Training Calendars

* All Trainings require pre-registration. Call 641-792-6433 or 800-711-7081 to sign up and for location information.

Training calendars can also be accessed at:

www.centraliowachildcare.org

You may also call Denice with your training ideas.

March 2009



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 -IPTV Book Club -Support Group	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 CPR	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Growing in the Garden	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 -Universal Pre. -Man. Reporter	27	28
29	30 Child Care Information Mtg.	31				

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			1	2 Conflict Resolution	3	4
5	6 -IPTV Book Club -Support Group	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Week of the Young Child →	20 First Aid	21 Baby Signs (Level 1)	22	23 Nurturing Healthy Sexual Dev.	24	
26	27 Child Care Information Mtg.	28 Baby Signs (Level 2)	29	30		

CPR and First Aid Expired??

We have received numerous calls from providers who have let their CPR or First Aid expire, or need to make up hours of training in a short amount of time before they can renew their registration. We are enclosing the "Child Care Provider Training Requirements" form in order to assist providers in tracking the expiration dates of their training and track how many hours they need yet for the year. Reminder, home providers need 12 hours every year or 24 for the 2 year registration timeframe. Feel free to copy this form so you have it each year. Remember to keep copies of training certificates for yourself and then send copies to DHS!

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**Congratulations to SHARE Preschool for 30 years of service to the
Newton area! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!**



Chris Dunham, Lisa Marston, Ann Buch, Cindy Pollastrini

Do you have something to celebrate?
We would love to celebrate with you, so let us know!
