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High Plains Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership

May 8 is Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

It is estimated that there are nearly 2.8 million child care providers in the United States and that nearly 12 million children under age 5 are in their care. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents.

"By applauding the dedication of child care

providers on May 8, we remind our communities of the importance of high-quality child care, and let providers everywhere know that we recognize and value their important work," said Linda K. Smith, Executive Director of the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), the lead sponsor of Provider Appreciation Day. "It is important that the care a child receives during the first five years of life be of high-quality because 90 percent of brain devel-

opment occurs during those years."

In recent years, local governments across the United States have joined many Governors in proclaiming this day of recognition. Around the globe, Department of Defense installations celebrate Provider Appreciation Day by recognizing those who care for the children of military parents living both at home and abroad.

The celebrations each year promise to carry on and strengthen Provider Appreciation Day.



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!



High Plains Early Childhood Providers,

Thank you for your hard work & dedication to the field of child care and education! I appreciate

all your time & efforts in caring for & educating the children of our communities. You do make a positive difference! Keep up the great work!

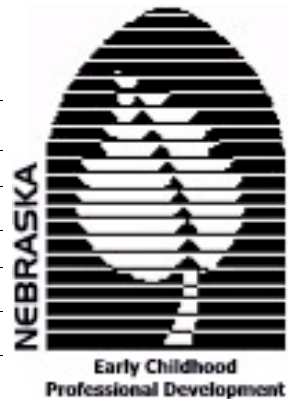
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Early Childhood Satellite Session in North Platte & McCook

Core Competency Areas: Planning Learning Experiences & Curriculum Level: 1

May 14, 2009

“Sparking Kids’ Curiosity”

What’s so great about curiosity? How to help kids to grow curiosity. Clever materials to spark children’s creative thinking and learning.

Better Kid Care Satellites
Penn State University

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. CT

2 hours of in-service from HHS

Free Training

Please pre-register:

North Platte Community College

(308) 535-3714, (308) 535-3715,

1-800-658-4308, Ext. 3714 or 3715

McCook Community College

(308) 345-8122, 1-800-4348 Ext. 8122



HPECPD Monthly Distance Learning Training: “Safe With You”

Core Competency Area: Health, Safety, and Nutrition Level: 1

In order to offer the “**Safe With You**” series free of charge before NE Statute 43-2606 goes into effect, the series will be offered at our four distance learning sites. In the future it will be offered as face-to-face workshops around our High Plains area and will cost \$20.

May 21, 2009

Topic: “Safe With You”

**Shaken Baby Syndrome
&
Safe Sleep For Infants**

June 18, 2009

Topic: “Safe With You”

**Child Abuse & Neglect
It Could Happen To You**

Both nights:

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. MT

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. CT

Directions to the four distance learning sites:

Ogallala: ESU 16 Distance Learning Room, 314 West 1st. Enter through the door marked Distance Learning.

North Platte: ESU 16 Distance Learning Room, 1221 West 17 Street. Enter through the middle door on the west side of the building (facing Adams Street).

McCook High School: Use the drive between the Junior and Senior High School. Park in the back of the building and enter the double doors marked with the letter “I”. These are the doors farthest north (by the band room).

Dundy County High School: 400 9th Avenue West, Benkelman, NE

This training is free of charge.

Each participant will receive a training certificate that will count for two hours of in-service training for each night attended.

REGISTRATION

DEADLINES:

May 15 & June 12

(No registration will be accepted after these dates so register early.)

Please call Deb Frates:

(308) 284-8481 or email dfrates@esu16.org to reserve your spot for this training.

Seating is limited so register early and contact Deb if you decide not to attend after being registered so someone else can take your place. Thank you!

Attendance recorded at each site will determine future sites chosen.



Early Learning Guidelines Training in Ogallala

Core Competency Area: Planning Learning Experiences & Curriculum Level: 4



Two Tuesday nights in Ogallala

3 hrs. each night

June 9 & 16

Host Site:

Kidz Construction Preschool
& Learning Center
419 East 5th St.
Ogallala

Time: 6:15 p.m.– 9:15 p.m. MT

Domain: Science

Goal: To provide information to support young children's learning in the area of science.

Participants will...

*identify developmentally appropriate science goals for young children

*recognize the widely held expectations outlined in the Early Learning Guidelines

Science domain

*determine what current research identifies as the attitudes needed to learn science

*conduct activities using the scientific process and its relevance to young children

Targeted Audience: child care providers, preschool staff, para educators, parents, foster parents

Trainers: Lori Poppe & Cheryl Roche

Registration Fee: \$15

ELG workshops are no longer provided for free by the ECTC.

Sponsored by: HPECPD Partnership

Six hours of in-service

Bring your own ELG books for a prize!

ELG books will be provided for those who need them.

Early Learning Guidelines

Registration Form

\$15 registration fee must accompany form to reserve your spot.

Name _____

School/Business _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Send to: Deb Frates

ESU 16

Box 915

Ogallala, NE 69153

308-284-8481/dfrates@esu16.org

Early Learning Guidelines Training in McCook

Core Competency Area: Planning Learning Experiences & Curriculum Level: 4



Two Monday nights in McCook

3 hrs. each night

July 27 & August 3

McCook Community College
McMillen Hall Room 201

Time: 6:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. CT

Domain: Language & Literacy

Goal: To provide information to support young children's learning in the domain of language and literacy

Participants will...

*demonstrate an understanding of the factors that influence literacy

*recognize the importance of oral communication

*appraise the characteristics of the environment that promote literacy

*examine the role of the adult in promoting the development of language

and literacy skills

*identify language and literacy strategies in their own environment

Targeted Audience: child care providers, preschool staff, para educators, parents, foster parents

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Child & Adult Care Food Program Training & Child Care Orientation Training

May 19 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. CT 800-731-2233
CACFP Training @ NPCC, North Campus, 1101 Halligan Dr.

May 15 Orientation/Home I & Home II Programs
Craft State Offices Bldg. 200 S. Silbur, North Platte
Vona Koch 308-535-8256

North Platte Early Childhood Conference

When: Saturday, September 19
Where: North Platte Community College, South Campus

Featuring:

Carrie Gottschalk & Susan Kotas

Gottschalk

Keynote Address & Two Breakout Sessions dedicated to problem solving tips & strategies for challenging behaviors

Carrie is a highly sought after presenter in the Lincoln & Omaha areas for early childhood events!

Peru State College Psychology Instructor, CSEFEL/PBS Trainer &

Coach, Former Boys Town Educator, Former Child Care Provider

Kotas

Closing Session & One Breakout Session based on the books "How Full is Your Bucket?" by Rath & Clifton and "How Full is Your Bucket? For Kids" by Rath,

Reckmeyer & Manning

Susan is the HR&D Coordinator for DHHS.

Break out sessions:

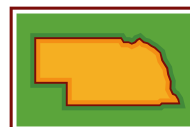
Toddler & Preschool Explorations with Natural & Everyday Items,

Music & Movement, Improving Communication with Parents, Literature, Crafts, and much more!

A TOPS Cupboard will be open to redeem training hours!



SAVE THE DATE!!



Upcoming Nebraska Meetings/Training

June 17

Concordia University Early Childhood Conference

in Seward

Contact: Judy Ripke

ECE@cune.edu

800-535-5494 Ext. 7474

June 17

Annual Early Development Network Conference
Kearney, NE

Sponsors: Nebraska Departments of Education and Health and Human Services

Contact: Pam Kasl,

402-471-4341

August 4

State Funded Early Childhood Grant Program meeting

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites

LaVista Conference Center

Register with Diane

Diane.kvasnicka@nebraska.gov

August 5 - 6

Results Matter

Curriculum Authors

LaVista-Omaha

Registration will be available soon

Contact: Carol Puffer

carol.puffer@nebraska.gov

402-557-6800

September 10 - 11

Writing IEPs & IFSPs

Goal Setting

with Dr. Robin McWilliams

Kearney

Contact: Carol Puffer

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**TWELFTH ANNUAL
KINDERGARTEN CONFERENCE:
PLANTING SEEDS FOR SUCCESS
Holiday Inn
Kearney, Nebraska**

Conference Registration Brochure by Email Only

July 7

Preconference

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration/Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sessions

July 8

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration/Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sessions

July 9, 2009

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sessions

Keynotes Presented by

Michelle Rupiper, Pam Schiller, and

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.2

Relationship Empowerment for Students, Parents, Educators,
and Community Through Theatre

(Conference is also appropriate for Preschool Staff)

Conference Sponsors: Nebraska Department of Education

• Office of Early Childhood

To obtain a brochure with registration: <http://ectc.nde.ne.gov/>

For more information about the conference contact: Mary Beth Pistillo @ 402-557-6893 or Marybeth.pistillo@nebraska.gov

High Plains Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership Scholarship Guidelines

Requests for scholarships need to be received three weeks before the training date and should be accompanied with a copy of the training brochure.

Priority financial assistance will be given those who request funds to attend trainings sponsored by the High Plains Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership and other trainings in our service area. Financial assistance will be considered for trainings outside of the partnership service area and be considered dependent upon funds available and the amount of the request. There is a limit of \$100 per person per calendar (grant) year.

Funding will be awarded as a reimbursement. After training completion, a claim form with proof of training completion and actual expenses (mileage total, receipts of lodging etc.) need to be submitted to the High Plains Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership in order to receive reimbursement of expenses. Payment will take 30-45 days.

Questions & applications can be directed to:

Lori Poppe
ESU 16
P.O. Box 915
Ogallala, NE 69153
lpoppe@esu16.org
308-289-6109



High Plains Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership
Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date : _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

What type of program are you with: (Circle the appropriate answer)

Family Child Care Home I or II Parent Foster Parent Child Care Center

Preschool or E/C Program Supplemental Education/School Center Other: _____

Title of Training: _____

Date of Training: _____ Registration Cost: _____

Estimated Mileage: _____ (current ESU 16 rate will be used)

Estimated Lodging: _____ Total Amount Requested: _____

Will you be traveling with anyone else to the training? _____

Are you willing to share information learned with groups or individuals in your area upon your return from training/workshop?
YES NO

Have you received a scholarship from our agency in the past? _____

Are you receiving funding from any other source? _____

If you answered yes please list: _____

What Agency is sponsoring this training: _____

Please explain why you would like to attend this training and why you want to be considered for this scholarship.



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

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***"Training is everything."
Mark Twain***

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Our Web Site

<http://webquests.esu16.org:8080/ECPDP/>

CPR/First Aid Training, Provider Health Checks, Infectious Diseases in Child Care Online Resources



Contact your local health department for information regarding CPR/First Aid Training, Child Care Provider Health Screenings, Blood Pressure Checks, Cholesterol Checks, Blood Screenings & Immunizations.

Red Willow County
Health Department

1400 West 5th

McCook

308-345-1790 or 1-877-250-2057

Sandhills District

Health Department & Clinic

55 East River Road #24

Ogallala

308-284-6054 or 1-877-284-6054

West Central District
Health Department

111 North Dewey Street

North Platte

308-696-1201

Online resources for Infectious Diseases in Child Care:

1. **Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools: A Quick Reference Guide, 2nd Edition** (from the American Academy of Pediatrics)

Information about this book and purchase information is at <http://aapredbook.aappublications.org/resources/midsheets.shtml>

2. **Infectious Diseases in Childcare Settings and Schools Manual, Sixth Edition** (from Hennepin County in Minnesota)

This document is online at www.hennepin.us/childcaremanual

3. **Caring for Our Children**, which lists the national health and safety standards, is an on-line resource. You can also purchase the book. (Early Childhood Training Center has copies of this book and others related to this topic, if you would like to check out a copy call 402-557-6885 or 1-800-89CHILD.) Caring for our Children can be accessed at <http://nrc.uchsc.edu/CFOC/>