



Southeastern Child Care Resource & Referral and Choctaw Nation Child Care Assistance

Child Care Newsletter

September - October 2011



Child Care Conference

The annual child care conference was held on Saturday, July 30, 2011. There were approximately 240 providers that attended the conference entitled *The ABCs of Child Care*. The keynote speaker Lisa Murphy, otherwise known as the Ooey Gooley Lady, was fantastic and funny as she spoke about learning environments. That

afternoon Lisa conducted her famous Ooey Gooley presentation where attendees got to play with paint, ooblick, clean mud, flubber and other various items. Presentations on illness, room arrangement, bullying, lesson plans, and obesity were given during the sessions. There were many door prizes provided by Southeastern Child Care Resource and Referral, CECPD, Oklahoma Child Care Warmline, and Lakeshore and each attendee received a bag full of goodies. Child Care Assistance gave away \$4,500 in mini grants.



We would like to thank everyone who attended the event and helped make this year's conference a success!

Child Care Assistance is Moving

The Choctaw Nation Child Care Assistance program will be relocating sometime in September. Our new location will be 3710 Choctaw Rd, Durant, OK 74701. This is located near the Choctaw Event Center South of Durant on Highway 69/75. Our mailing address of P.O. Box 1210, Durant, OK 74702 will remain the same. Notification will be sent out once an official moving date has been established.

CCRR Extended Office Hours

Due to lack of interest, CCR&R will no longer be open for extended hours on the second Thursday of each month.

We will continue to be open by appointment at any time as long as you call in advance and schedule a time. We realize it is hard for you to come during business hours, so we will be happy to accommodate you!

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Baby Safety Month

September is Baby Safety Month. Baby Safety Month is to increase consumer awareness about safety issues involving juvenile products. This campaign is sponsored by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA). This year's focus is on safely using wearable infant products such as slings and other carriers. For more information on Baby Safety Month please visit www.jpma.org/bsm/2011/. The website will provide you with information on JPMA, safety tips for wearable infant products, information on recalls and much more.



Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is the ability to monitor your emotions and the emotions of others and to use this information to determine your thoughts and actions. This is an important social skill because it can impact how you relate to others and how you communicate your own emotions and needs. The first step in developing emotional intelligence is being able to identify emotions. Child care providers can help with this by using pictures that present a specific emotion. Providers can also have the kids make a face that represents an emotion the provider calls out. Once a child is able to identify emotions, they need to use this information to determine their actions. For example, if a child sees another child who seems lonely they can ask that child to play. Emotional intelligence is a skill that is developed over time. This is not something that is taught in a day. It is, however, important and can benefit a person throughout their life.

Read a Book Day

September 6th is Read a Book Day. Love of reading is a great thing to instill in the children you care for. That is something that can stay with them for a lifetime. On this day take some special time out to read to the children or have them read to you. It is never too early to start promoting literacy. Once you are home you can even try to take some time to read a book of your own.

Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma will hold its annual Labor Day Festival September 2-5 on the capitol grounds in Tuskahoma, OK. The Choctaw Nation Child Care Assistance program will be on the playground conducting an activity and providing water.

Flu Prevention

Flu season is just around the corner and vaccines are already being shipped out. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) flu activity lasts from October to May in the United States. It is recommended that everyone 6 months of age and older get a vaccine. Teach children to cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze and wash hands often. If you would like more information please visit www.cdc.gov/flu/. Here you can find basic information on the flu and flu prevention, find additional information for specific groups such as those with asthma, and additional resources.

Child Care Subsidy Change Delayed

Due to a loss of funding for Department of Human Services, Child Care subsidies are changing. Co-pays are going up approximately 30% and the family income eligibility is going down.

In addition, families will be required to re-qualify every six months rather than annually. If families fail to re-apply before their renewal date, then they will be taken out of the system and be required to re-apply under more stringent rules which may make it more difficult for our families to access child care subsidy supports.

The change in OKDHS child care copayments originally set to go into effect on August 1st has been delayed until November 1, 2011. The DCOL-11-02 mailing that was sent on 6/28/11 is no longer accurate. Parent's previous co-pays will not automatically increase. For additional information, providers and families should call 405-521-3931.

New CCR&R Policies

Effective September 1, 2011

- Lamination will be increasing to 40 cents per foot. This will help cover the cost of laminate and maintenance on the laminator.
- Butcher paper will increase to 20 cents per foot, to help cover the costs.
- **The newsletter will ONLY be sent out by email to those who have an email listed in our database. For those who do not have email, you will continue to get a paper copy in the mail. If you would like to continue getting a paper copy, please contact our office. This will allow us to continue sending out the lesson plans to child care facilities for the remainder of the year, while cutting unnecessary costs.**

Resource Library Winners

Each month, anyone who checks out items from our resource library in person or by mail, will be entered into a monthly drawing.

June Winner Day's Children Center, Atoka

July Winner Kellye Holt, Hartshorne

Who You Gonna Call?

CECPD: 888-446-7608 www.cecpd.org

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Mission Statement

All Oklahoma families have access to quality care and education for their children through community based resources and referral services.

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Call toll free 1-800-522-6170 • M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm

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