



Early Childhood Consortium of the Omaha Area

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ECCOA Has a Full Time Coordinator

Welcome, Jennifer Haggart, as the new full time Early Childhood Professional Development Coordinator for ECCOA! Jen comes to ECCOA/ESU #3 with many years of experience in child care center administration. Her most recent position was Education and Training Coordinator at Creche Child Care Center. She has also worked for a corporate sponsored center in Charlotte, North Carolina and Westside Early Childhood Centers.

Many of you may know Jen from her consultant work through the Early Childhood Training Center in HeadsUp! Reading and Nothin' But Baby Safe Sleep. She is also actively involved with Omaha AEYC and Nebraska AEYC, serving on the Board for both organizations.

In addition to her passion for early childhood, Jen's interests include sports, especially the NFL and NASCAR, listening to music and reading. The "child" in her is a big fan of Winnie the Pooh and his buddies! Jen and her husband, Jim, are the proud parents of three "kids" (aka: dogs), Brittny, Ruger and Buster.

Penny Gildea, who has been serving as ECCOA's part time Coordinator, will still be around. She will be returning to her responsibilities with the Early Childhood Training Center on a full time basis. Please take a moment in the next few months of transition to thank Penny for all of her efforts on behalf of ECCOA.

Jen can be reached at 402-597-4991 or by e-mail at jhaggart@esu3.org. Please join us at the Douglas/Sarpy Cooperative Extension Office on Tuesday, February 27 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments to welcome Jen and to hear more about what it means to have a full time coordinator. RSVP to Penny at 597-4824 or pgildea@esu3.org by February 23.

What exactly is the Early Childhood Consortium of the Omaha Area (ECCOA)?

ECCOA is the regional Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership for the Omaha area working to support professional development for early childhood caregivers and teachers in home, center and school based programs. The mission of the Early Childhood Professional Development Partnerships is *to build an effective, coordinated system for preparing, supporting, and recognizing the early childhood care and education workforce in order to provide high quality programs for young children and their families.* Grant funds are provided to assist collaborative efforts to promote high quality, affordable, accessible training for all those who work with young children and their families.

ECCOA partners include a broad representation of the early childhood field: family child care, center based child care, Head Start, community agencies, higher education, professional organizations, child care support groups, early intervention teams and businesses. Partners may be involved in ECCOA in a number of ways including attendance at meetings, helping with conferences, sharing professional development opportunities, and advocating for young children and their families.

Involvement in ECCOA provides opportunities to participate in the early childhood leadership community, strengthen local, state, and national early childhood initiatives, promote quality and share early childhood professional development opportunities and information including through the monthly newsletter and an electronic distribution list. You are invited to get involved! For more information, please contact Jen Haggart (see "Welcome, Jen" above).

PEDIATRIC CPR & FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL,
GREATER OMAHA CHAPTER

All National Safety Council Classes are held in the Lower Level,
11620 M Cir., Omaha, NE 68137

When: Saturday, March 3

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR)

When: Saturday, March 10

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR)

When: Saturday, March 24

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR)

When: Monday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 14
(Monday/First Aid; Wednesday/CPR)

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: (402) 896-0454, Ext. 445 or (800) 592-9004,
Ext. 445 or fax (402) 896-6331 or e-mail:

jbeamis@safenebraska.org

CERTIFICATE: CPR 2 YEARS, First Aid 3 YEARS

First Aid Training: \$35, CPR Training - \$40, Both - \$50

NSC-GOC can provide classes at the client's site for extra convenience. (There is a \$.35 per mile extra charge is for instructor's mileage.)

CPR/ FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICES

When: Saturday, March 17

Where: 6720 N. 30th Street

Time: 8:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Cost: \$50 for both
CPR \$40 First Aid \$20

Instructor: Tammy J. Green

Call 1-(402) 457-7766 to register.

Future Date: April 21, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



CPR/ FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: SALVATION ARMY & PROVIDER'S
NETWORK FOOD PROGRAM

When: Saturday, March 24

Where: The Salvation Army; 3612 Cuming Street; Omaha

Time: CPR 8:30 a.m. - Noon at a cost of \$40

First Aid 1:00-3:30 p.m. at a cost of \$30; \$50 for both

Instructor: Rhonda Case

Call 1-800-764-4335 to register.

INFANT & CHILD CPR/FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: AMERICAN RED CROSS

When: Saturday, March 3

Where: Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce;
701 Center St. (Elkhorn)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

When: Saturday, March 10

Where: Meadows Community Center; 13937 Meadows Ridge Rd.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

When: Saturday, March 17

Where: Adams Community Center; 3230 John Creighton Blvd.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

When: Wednesday, March 21 (CPR ONLY)

Where: American Red Cross Headquarters

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CPR + First Aid = \$44 CPR ONLY = \$40

REGISTRATION: 343-7730

***You must register at least one week in advance for Red Cross classes or be subject to a \$10 late fee.**

Classes available in English and Spanish.

CERTIFICATE: CPR 1 year, First Aid 3 years

INFANT/CHILD/ADULT CPR/FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

When: Saturday, April 28

Where: Quality Kids Childcare;
1504 J.F. Kennedy Drive, Bellevue

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:30-12:30 CPR; 12:30-2:30 First Aid)

Cost: Child/Infant: \$25 First Aid/\$35 CPR/\$50 Both
Child-Infant-Adult: \$25 First Aid /\$45 CPR/\$60 Both

REGISTRATION: Contact Quality Kids Childcare at 293-5437.
You may also schedule a CPR class at your location. Minimum participants required.

CERTIFICATE: CPR 2 years, First Aid 3 years.

**ALL CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES
REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION**

Licensing Information

Orientation Training for Family Child Care Home I and Home II Programs

- You must attend this one-hour training before you will be issued a provisional license.
- You must pre-register before attending the training. **Call 595-3343 or 595-2133 to pre-register.**
- Four trainings are provided each month (with the exception of December)-two trainings are scheduled on each of the days listed. You must attend either an a.m. or p.m. class.
- Each training session is one hour long but may run longer depending on group questions.
- Morning classes begin at 10:00 a.m. **PROMPTLY.**
- Afternoon classes begin at 1:00 p.m. **PROMPTLY.**
- Be at least 5 minutes early. If you are not on time, the training will have already begun and you will be required to reschedule.
- An orientation certificate will be issued at the end of each class. You will need to send a copy of this certificate with your initial licensing paperwork.
- Please do not bring children as the classroom has limited space.
- Orientation is held at:
Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure
1801 N. 73rd Street (73rd & Blondo); Omaha, NE 68114
- WHEN: Wednesday, March 7 or Thursday, March 22
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- FACILITATOR: Child Care Licensing
- COST: None
- Registration is REQUIRED - Contact Child Care Licensing at (402) 595-3343.

***If you have any further questions, please call Child Care Licensing at 595-3343 or 595-2133.**

Orientation training sessions are also held in Blair at the Public Library. For more information contact Diana Richardson 402-727-3231

ECCOA

Tuesday, February 27; 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office;
8015 W. Center Rd.; Omaha

For more information about ECCOA contact:

Jen Haggart, Early Childhood
Professional Development Coordinator

402-597-4991

jhaggart@esu3.org

Center for Creative Play Workshops

Play Environments for Everyone:

Designing for Autism & Beyond

Play is important for EVERY child, and children should not be deprived of play opportunities because of barriers in the built environment. This hands-on and interactive workshop will teach participants how to modify and enhance their environment to encourage inclusion. Participants will learn about Universal Design, as well as the importance of considering hidden disabilities (e.g. autism) in the planning and development of play environments.

I Can Play: Play as a “Fun-damental” Experience for Every Child

Play is a life long activity and the foundation for all formal education. Play environments must support and encourage the emotional, physical, cognitive, and social development of *every* child. When planning play opportunities it is important to take into consideration a wide range of abilities and to consider “hidden” disabilities (e.g autism). Participants will learn why it is important to integrate a variety of play experiences into the lives of all children, as well as suggestions for enhancing play for children of all abilities.

****Please Inquire About Continuing Education Credits****

Sponsored by Omaha Children’s Museum; 500 S. 20th Street; Omaha, NE (for directions to the Omaha Children’s Museum please visit www.ocm.org or call 402-342-6164)

Completed registrations can be mailed to:

Kate Reilly; Center for Creative Play; 1400 S. Braddock Ave.; Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Direct additional questions to Kate Reilly (kate@cfcp.org) or 412-371-1668, ext 1011

*****Registration Form*****

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I will be attending the following workshops at the Omaha Children’s Museum:

___ I Can Play April 14, 9am-12pm \$50**

___ “Sense-ational” World: An Introduction to Sensory Integration in Everyday Life April 14, 1-4pm \$50**

****Participants who attend both workshops can subtract \$20 from their total.****

I have enclosed a check or money order for the following amount \$ _____



The care and education of young children is complex and demanding. Educated and trained teaching staff provide more developmentally appropriate, nurturing, and responsive care and educational experiences. The NAEYC Accreditation Standard on Teachers highlights the importance of teacher education and training.

Join Omaha AEYC for *Quality Matters – Teacher Education and Professional Development*. Training topics include defining what all early childhood professionals must know and be able to do to provide children and families quality service and the specific requirements for teaching staff in NAEYC Accredited programs.

This training will be held on Thursday, March 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First National Child Development Center (1425 Chicago Street) and repeated on Tuesday, March 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at UNO Child Care Center (6001 Dodge Street). Cost for this training is \$5 for Omaha AEYC members and \$10 for non-members.

To register, send an e-mail with your name, NAEYC Membership number, center name, your position, address, phone number and date of session you will attend (Payment will be expected upon arrival.) to OmahaAEYC@yahoo.com or you can mail the same information and payment to: Quality Matters – Omaha AEYC; P.O. Box 641906; Omaha NE 68164

Home Visitation Training 2007

When: March 13 - 15 and April 17 - 19
 Participants are required to attend all six days
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided each day)
Where: Mahoney State Park (1-80, exit 426; 28500 W. Park Hwy. Ashland, NE 68003)
Cost: \$90 per participant
 For more information: Martha at 597-4830 or via e-mail at mnash@esu3.org

About the Training: Home Visitation Training was developed by the Nebraska Home Visitation Network. It has been well received at various locations across the state. It is for any staff that work in the home with children and/or families.

Who Should Attend: Head Start and Early Head Start Home Visitors and/or social service staff, Social Workers, Nurses, Service Coordinators, Parents As Teachers staff, Even Start staff, Early Childhood Programs, and Home Visitation CDA candidates.

CEUs are available

Please fill out the information below and return to:

ECTC; 6949 S. 110th St.; Omaha, NE 68128-5722

(Registrations will not be accepted without payment or a purchase order, payable to ESU#3)

No refunds will be given after March 9, 2007

_____Registration Form_____

Name: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (with area code) _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please describe your role in home visitation: _____

I have medical dietary needs: _____

Learn to Talk Around the Clock at Childcare

Where: Omaha Hearing School; 1110 N. 66th St.
When: March 15 (third Thursdays through June 2007)
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (dinner provided)
Cost: Free, but you MUST PRE-REGISTER
 For more information: Call Omaha Hearing School for Children at (402) 558-1546

Challenging Behaviors

Tips for Handling Challenging Behaviors in Young Children

When: Tuesday, April 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 (2 clock hours/.2 CEUs certificates will be provided)
Where: Child Saving Institute; 115 S. 46th St.; Omaha, NE
Cost: Free with advanced registration
 For more information or in case of inclement weather, contact Martha at 597-4830

This training is intended for individuals caring for young children. It is brought to you by Kid Squad. Kid Squad is an Early Childhood Consultation Program offered to child care homes and centers to support the healthy social and emotional development of young children.

_____Registration Form_____

Please fill out the information below and return to:
 Tips for Handling Challenging Behaviors in Young Children;
 ECTC; 6949 S. 110th St.; Omaha, NE 68128-5722

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (with area code) _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Registration Deadline is April 11, 2007





When: March 23-24, 2007 (7 hours of in-service)
 Where: Country Inn and Suites, Lincoln, NE
 Cost: \$25 for NFCCA members, \$35 for non-members
 For more information, contact: Patricia Longcrier at lplongcrier@cox.net

Speaker: Tom Copeland, Director of the Redleaf National Institute
 Download registration information at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ECH/nfcca.html>

HeadsUp! Reading

Where: Educare; 2123 Paul, Omaha Nebraska
Time: 5:45 Feedback time, 6-8 p.m. Broadcast, 8:15 wrap-up
Cost: Free, but you MUST pre-register!

- 3/5 Orientation - Course overview. Introduction to distance education. Definition of early literacy. Connection between early experience & reading success.
- 3/12 Curriculum B - A continuum of effective teaching strategies to support children's literacy learning. Scaffolded instruction.
- 3/19 Assessment B - Setting literacy goals for all children. Assessing children's progress. The realities of cultural and linguistic diversity. Involving families.
- 3/26 Talking B - How rich curriculum supports language development. Supporting language and literacy for 2nd language learners.
- 4/2 Playing B - The connections between play, literacy-learning, curriculum, and the teacher's role in play. How play supports learning about narrative.
- 4/9 Reading B - Defining & promoting print awareness & book handling skills. Developmentally and culturally appropriate books and software. Using the library. Involving parents.
- 4/16 Writing B - How writing supports print awareness, alphabet knowledge and phonemic awareness. Engaging children in different forms and functions of print. Using technology to promote writing.
- 4/23 Learning the Code B - Alphabetic principle and strategies to teach it. Using code learning throughout the day & across the curriculum; cultural and linguistic diversity.

Send registration form to: ECTC - HeadsUp! Reading, 6949 S. 110 St
 Omaha NE 68128 Fax (402) 597-4828

*****Registration Form*****

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Series A	Circle One	YES	NO
Series B	Circle One	YES	NO
Series A & B	Circle One	YES	NO

Second Saturdays

WHERE: ESU #3; 6949 S. 110 Street; Omaha NE 68128
WHEN: Second Saturday of the month,
 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)
COST: \$15 for each individual session or
 \$60 for the whole series

For more information contact Penny at 597-4824

This is a brand new, exciting series being offered in Omaha for the first time! ECCOA is sponsoring an Early Learning Guidelines series the second Saturday of the month. Each Saturday, the workshop will be on a different topic area of the Early Learning Guidelines.

What you will receive: 6 in-service hours or .6 CEUs for each workshop; Door prizes related to the topic will be given away at each workshops; 2 Early Learning Guidelines (Birth to Age 3 and Age 3-5 year) books.

If you complete the whole series you will receive: A Certificate of Achievement, recognition in the ECCOA newsletter, poster, Early Childhood Gift Bag.

- 3/10 Social & Emotional Development of Young Children
- 4/14 Approaches to Learning in Early Childhood
- 5/12 Language & Literacy Development in Children
- 6/9 Healthy Physical Development for Young Children
- 7/14 Mathematics Learning for Young Children

To register for the Second Saturday Series send the following information to ESU #3 (at the address listed above):

*****Registration Form*****

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Enclose check payable to ESU #3.

Circle the dates you are registering for (registering for the rest of the series is a savings of \$15)

3/10	4/14
5/12	6/9 7/14

Provider Support Groups/Meetings

CONCERNED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

March 17 (third Saturday of the month), 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Heart Ministry Center, 2222 Binney St.
CONTACT: Mary Lou Agee Bryant at 968-4982

EASTERN CASS COUNTY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

March 26 (fourth Monday of the month), 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Loving Hands Day Care, 324 N. 5th St., Plattsmouth
CONTACT: Lori Post at 298-8894

GRETNA AREA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

March 27 (fourth Tuesday of the month), 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Gretna Public Library, 736 South St., Gretna
CONTACT: Alicia Fechtmeister at 332-3472

MILLARD AREA PROVIDERS

March 5 (first Monday of each month)

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. social time; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. speaker

WHERE: St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 17007 Q Street
CONTACT: Susan Turner 492-9546; sturner2283@cox.net
TOPIC: Physical Fitness & Kids
SPEAKER: Mike Stanner from KIDS Body Shop

MORMAN TRAIL CHILD CARE SUPPORT GROUP

March 13 (second Tuesday of the month); 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Florence Elementary School, 36th & King St.
CONTACT: Barb Spiker at 451-3037

NORTH SIDE QUALITY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

March 15 (third Thursday of the month); 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: All N One Restaurant ; 3246 N 72nd
CONTACT: Deb Nared at 455-2442

OMAHA AREA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

March 12 (second Monday of the month Sept.-May)

6:30 p.m. One hour of in-service

WHERE: Ralston Baright Library, 5555 S. 77th St.
COST: \$3 for non-members
CONTACT: Carol Hansen 331-1187
TOPIC: Week of the Young Child

THE CHILD CARE CONNECTION

March 22 (last Thursday of the month); 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Atonement Lutheran Church
4530 N. 85th St.
COST: \$10 for non members
Membership info: Lori Clapp 561-9338
CONTACT: Michele 572-1958

The Magic of Music

How and Why to Incorporate Music in Child Care

Every day, teachers and child care providers use music as part of their programs. But what is so magical about music? Why is it so powerful?

Presenter: Anne Tippetts

WASHINGTON COUNTY DAY CARE PROVIDERS

March 27

(last Tuesday of the month, Sept.-Nov. and Jan.-April)

WHERE: Washington Extension Office
1718 Washington St., Blair
CONTACT: Sarah Anderson at 426-4023

Check out the ECCOA newsletter on-line at:




<http://douglas-sarpy.unl.edu/fl/>

Get the ECCOA monthly newsletter through e-mail!

If interested, please e-mail Rachel at rwright4@unl.edu

SAVE THE DATE!
Infant/Toddler Symposium
Saturday, April 14

March 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 • Quality Matters	2	3 • Baby Sign Language • CPR/FIRST AID (ARC) • CPR/FIRST AID (NSC)
4	5 • Millard Area Providers • HeadsUp! Reading	6	7 • Orientation to Child Care Licensing	8 The start of National Women's History Week	9	10 • Second Saturdays: Social & Emotional Development • CPR/FIRST AID (ARC) • CPR/FIRST AID (NSC)
11	12 • HeadsUp! Reading • Omaha Area Child Care Providers • FIRST AID (NSC)	13 • Mommon Trail Child Care Support Group • Home Visitation Training	14 • Home Visitation Training • CPR (NSC)	15 • Learn to Talk Around the Clock • North Side Providers • Home Visitation Training	16 	17 • CPR/FIRST AID (HFS) • Concerned Child Care Providers • CPR/FIRST AID (ARC)
18	19 • HeadsUp! Reading	20 • Quality Matters	21 • CPR (ARC) First Day of Spring!!! 	22 • The Child Care Connection • Orientation to Child Care Licensing	23 • Provider's Day Out	24 • CPR/FIRST AID (NSC) • CPR/FIRST AID (SA) • Nebraska Family Child Care Conference • Kaleidoscope
25	26 • Eastern Cass County Child Care Association • HeadsUp! Reading	27 • Washington County Day Care Providers • Gretna Area Child Care Providers	28	29	30	31 



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In-Service and Professional Development Opportunities

The Postal Service will **NOT** forward your calendar because it is sent to you as "bulk mail"

KEEP YOUR ADDRESS CURRENT

For changes or deletions, please contact:

Rachel Wright

(402)319-9379

E-mail: rwright4@unl.edu

Kaleidoscope Conference

Kaleidoscope Conference – A Saturday Morning of Laughter and Learning

Omaha AEYC is proud to announce that Sue Baldwin, owner of INSIGHTS Training & Consulting in Stillwater, Minnesota, will be presenting the keynote address "Lighten Up Is Not About Dieting" and a Director's Session "How Can I Idle My Motor When I Feel Like Stripping My Gears?!" at the Kaleidoscope Conference on Saturday, March 24!

"Lighten Up Is Not About Dieting" will encourage everyone to incorporate humor and perspective into their daily lives.

"How Can I Idle My Motor When I Feel Like Stripping My Gears?!" is a special treat for Directors and other leaders in early childhood programs. Sue will be presenting this three hour "super session" offering practical tips for dealing with the daily stresses in our lives.

Sue has been training nationally and internationally on topics related to personal and professional development since 1982. The participants in Sue's training sessions enjoy her sense of humor and informal teaching style. Her methods make it easy for participants to learn how to improve themselves and enhance their careers. Throughout the years she has learned to combine compassion and humor in her relationships with family, friends, colleagues, and pets. Sue's goal is to continue practicing what she preaches by lightening up and living longer. For more information on Sue, visit her Web site at www.suebaldwin.com

Kaleidoscope Conference for Early Childhood Professionals

When: Saturday, March 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Lewis & Clark Middle School; 6901 Burt Street, Omaha, NE

For more info: Effie Swinarski, Kaleidoscope co-chair at eswinarski@mail.unomaha.edu

