



Early Childhood Consortium of the Omaha Area

Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership *building connections*
in Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties

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Project Harmony

Project Harmony exists to protect and support children, collaborate with professionals and engage the community to end child abuse and neglect.



Project Harmony was created in 1996 to provide immediate service and sensitive support to child abuse victims and their families. Project Harmony brings together a multidisciplinary team composed of law enforcement, child protective services, medical and advocacy professionals who work together to protect the child and prosecute the offender.

Project Harmony provides:

- *A child friendly environment* - Reception, interviewing and medical exam rooms are specially designed for children.
- *Forensic interviews with Child Interview Specialists* - Professionals are trained in child development and court-approved questioning techniques.
- *Interview observation by law enforcement and child protective services* - Repetitive interviews are prevented to reduce the child's trauma.
- *Medical exams with a pediatrician and nursing staff specially trained in child abuse assessment* - Exams for physical and sexual abuse are conducted with an overall wellness exam. Exams are available for children who are placed in foster care.
- *Child and family advocacy services* - Professionals assess the needs of children and parents, and provide supportive counseling along with referrals for therapy, support groups, and other resources as needed. Follow-up contact ensures that victim's and family's needs are being met.
- *Team case staffing and review* - Meetings are regularly conducted to review cases, coordinate services, and work together to improve reporting and investigation of child abuse.
- *Triage center* - A welcoming center for children in immediate need of refuge where they are greeted by professionals and volunteers. Children are provided with a meal, clothing, and medical exam as needed. Most importantly, they are in a child-friendly environment.
- *Training and community education* - Specialized training is available for law enforcement, medical, education and child welfare professionals as is community education for schools, day care providers, churches, and other youth-serving organizations.



On Wednesday, March 11, 2009, Project Harmony is hosting its second annual Speaking of Children event at the Qwest Center. This event is an extraordinary day to inspire and inform the community in the fight against child abuse.

Training Session: Dr. Bruce Perry, child psychiatrist, co-founder of the ChildTrauma Academy, and co-author of *The Boy who was Raised as a Dog*, will conduct an educational seminar about the impact of violence and trauma on children and the importance of treatment in surviving violence.

Luncheon Keynote: Mr. Antwone Fisher, author, screenwriter, and film producer, whose story of abuse and subsequent treatment is told in the 2002 film, *Antwone Fisher*.

To register for the Speaking of Children event, please download the invitation on the Project Harmony website at www.projectharmony.com. For information about other training opportunities at Project Harmony, contact Dr. Debra Anderson, Director of Training and Education at danderson@projectharmony.com or 402-595-1326.

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INFANT & CHILD CPR/FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: AMERICAN RED CROSS

Designed for childcare providers, teachers, parents and others who care for children, this course teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children up to 12 years of age and First Aid skills.

All American Red Cross classes are held at American Red Cross Headquarters; 2912 S. 80th Avenue (located off West Center Road, turn south at 80th Avenue, 1/2 block) unless otherwise noted.

When: Saturday, February 7
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, February 14
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When: Wednesday, February 18
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When: Wednesday, February 21
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, March 7
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CPR ONLY

When: Wednesday, February 11
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Infant & Child CPR - \$40 (4.5 Hours)
Infant & Child CPR + First Aid-\$50 (6.5 Hours)
REGISTRATION: 343-7730

You must register for Red Cross classes at least one week in advance or be subject to a \$10 late fee. Classes are available in English and Spanish.

CERTIFICATE: CPR - 1 yr. F.A. - 3 yrs.

For more information contact Erin, ARC Health and Safety Registration (402) 343-7730

INFANT CHILD CPR/ PEDIATRIC FIRST AID

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

When: Saturday, February 7
Where: The Salvation Army; 3612 Cuming Street; Omaha
Cost: CPR 8:30 a.m. to Noon (\$40)
First Aid 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (\$30)
Both (\$50)

Instructor: Rhonda Case, call 1-800-764-4335 to register.

Upcoming classes: March 7, April 4, May 2

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 Circle, Omaha, NE 68137

When: Saturday, February 7
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR AED)

When: Monday, February 9 (First Aid) and
Wednesday, February 11 (CPR AED)
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, February 21
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR AED)

When: Saturday, February 28
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(8:00 to 11:00/First Aid; 11:30 to 2:30/CPR AED)

REGISTRATION: (402) 896-0454, Ext. 445 with Mike Novak, National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter First Aid-CPR Program Coordinator or via e-mail at mnovak@safenebraska.org
CERTIFICATE: CPR 2 YEARS, First Aid 3 YEARS
First Aid Training: \$35 - CPR Training: \$40 - Both: \$50

INFANT CPR/ FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICES

When: Saturday, February 21
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where: 6720 N. 30th St.; Omaha, NE 68112
Cost: \$50 for both (CPR \$40; First Aid \$20)

Instructor: Tammy J. Green tgreen@heartlandfamilyservice.org
Call (402) 457-7766 to register.
Future Classes: March 14 at 302 American Parkway; Papillion

INFANT/CHILD/ADULT CPR/FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: MIDWEST CHILDCARE

When: February 17 – First Aid – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
February 19 – CPR – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Midwest Childcare
7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha, NE 68114

MUST PREPAY
Cost: \$ 35 - CPR
\$20 - First Aid

For more information: contact Jan Henderson at jhenderson@midwestchildcare.org or by phone 551-2379
To register send your name, address, phone and payment to:
Midwest Childcare; 7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha NE 68114

ALL CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION

Don't Give Kids a Tummyache

When: Thursday, February 26; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Where: Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office; 8015 W Center Rd
 Cost \$10

Presented by Cindy Brison, Extension Educator Food & Nutrition for UNL Extension Services, this is a food safety training program covering the basics of:

- Handling and cooking food safely
- Food poisoning symptoms
- How food poisoning is transmitted
- How to avoid food poisoning

For more information, contact Jennifer Haggart, 597-4991 or jhaggart@esu3.org. To register, please complete the registration form and return it with payment (checks payable to ESU #3) by February 18 to: ECCOA - Don't Give Kids a Tummyache!
 6949 S 110th Street
 Omaha NE 68128

Don't Give Kids a Tummyache! Registration

Name: _____

Where You Work: _____

Address: _____
 work or home (circle one)

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ work or home (circle one)

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Safe with You Workshops

When: Friday, February 20
 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Where: ESU #3, 6949 S 110th St
 (110th & Harrison)
 Cost: No Charge*
 Registration: **By February 12:** 402-597-4991 or jhaggart@esu3.org

In 2006, the Nebraska State Legislature passed a bill requiring licensed child care providers to complete training that "shall be designed to meet the health, safety and developmental needs of children...and shall include information on sudden infant death syndrome, shaken baby syndrome and child abuse and neglect" (Nebraska State Statute 43-2606).

Once the child care regulations are revised and disseminated, all licensed child care programs will need to meet these requirements. The Departments of Health and Human Services and Education, including the Early Childhood Training Center, have worked together to develop these courses:

- Child Abuse and Neglect - It Could Happen to You
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Nothin' But Baby - Safe Sleep for Infants

*This training is being offered free by the Early Childhood Training Center and ECCOA as part of a Training of Trainers. If you are interested in becoming a Safe with You trainer, please contact Jennifer Haggart, jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991 for application materials.

Core Competency: Planning Learning Experiences Curriculum

Scientific Thinking: WORMS (Where Our Reading Meets Science)

When: Saturday, February 21; 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Where: Omaha Children's Museum, 500 S 20th St
 Cost: No Charge

WORMS is a program consisting of several workshops designed to give both early childhood educators and parents the tools necessary to nurture inquiry-oriented science and facilitate the skills necessary to achieve literacy learning. Join us at Omaha Children's Museum for the second in this series of free workshops that will inspire you to make science come to life in your center or home.

Participants will have an opportunity to meet Douglas Wood, the author of 24 books including the award winning "Old Turtle." Mr. Wood will talk about his books, teaching opportunities and share his music about nature. This workshop will accommodate 60 adults and is made possible by a grant from the Qwest Foundation. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. You will receive a certificate for in-service hours.

Language and Literacy Development: Baby Sign Language

WORKSHOP BY "KELLY'S LITTLE SIGNERS, L.L.C."

When: Saturday, February 21
 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Where: Living Hope Lutheran Church
 4823 S. 168th St. (Just north of "Q" on 168th)
 Cost: \$40

Learn how to use simple sign language to understand what preverbal infants and toddlers are thinking! During this workshop, we will cover the following lessons: First Signs, Snack & Mealtime, Bath & Body, Changing Diapers, Clothes & Dressing, Bedtime, & Favorite Animals.

Each participant will receive 4 in-service training hours for attending the workshop.

To register or for more information, contact Kelly Robson at (402) 210-4464 or krobson1@cox.net. **Seating is limited, so register today!**

2009 Second Saturdays Early Learning Guidelines

When: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)
 Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office
 8015 W. Center Road, Omaha
 Cost: \$25 per session

Registration must be received by date listed!



ECCOA is sponsoring an Early Learning Guidelines series the second Saturday of the month. Each workshop will be on a different domain of the Early Learning Guidelines. The Early Learning Guidelines were created to provide early childhood caregivers/teachers and other adults with information about supporting the learning and development of young children.

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 workshop; 2 Early Learning Guidelines books (Birth to 3 and 3 to 5).

		Register by
February 14	Social and Emotional Development	Feb 6
March 14	Science	Mar 6
April 4*	Language and Literacy Development	Mar 27
May 9	Mathematics	May 2
June 13	Health and Physical Development	Jun 5
July 11	Creative Arts	Jul 1

* April's session will be the first Saturday due to Easter

For more information, contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator at 402-597-4991 or jhaggart@esu3.org.

To register for the Second Saturday Early Learning Guidelines workshops, complete the registration form and send **by the registration due date** with a check or money order payable to ESU #3 to:

ECCOA Second Saturday Series
 6949 S 110th Street
 Omaha NE 68128

***** Second Saturdays Registration Form *****

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

Circle the date(s) you are registering for:

Feb 14 Mar 14 Apr 4
 May 9 Jun 13 Jul 11

Social & Emotional Development, Level 3: The Power of Nice

When: Saturday, February 7
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Where: Rainbow Factory Preschool/First United Methodist
 7020 Cass Street
 Cost: This is a FREE Workshop
 To register, please contact 402-597-4991 or
jhaggart@esu3.org

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.2 (Relationship Empowerment for Students, Parents, Educators & Community through Theatre) and Westside Community Schools work collaboratively to teach early education students to practice using the "The Power of Nice." Jan Carman, early education facilitator for Westside Community Schools, and professional actor-educators from the research-based, non-profit organization R.E.S.P.E.C.T.2 will present the highly interactive play "The Power of Nice," focusing on sharing, using nice words, and respect for people and animals geared toward early education students. The play and the following discussion will teach participants the power of role-playing as a vital problem-solving tool for normal conflict that arises while students are exploring their peer relationships and friendships.

For more information about R.E.S.P.E.C.T.2, visit respect2all.org

Child Growth and Development Infant and Toddler Ideas

When: Saturday, February 21; 9:00 a.m. to Noon
 Where: Midwest Childcare; 7701 Pacific Street #200
 Cost: \$10.00
 Presenter: Jana Deaver

We will explore what activities and ideas will help you entertain and stimulate the growth and development of infant and toddler brain and physical self. You will be given ideas and suggestions for these special members of your child care.

For more information: contact Jan at 551-2379 or
jhenderson@midwestchildcare.org

Infant and Toddler Ideas

To register, please send this form and **\$10 payment** to:
Midwest Childcare Attn: Jan
7701 Pacific Street #200
Omaha, NE 68114

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

Core Competency: Planning Learning Experiences Curriculum

Blair Child Care Conference

Celebrating the Joys of Working with Young Children

When: Saturday, February 28
8:00 a.m. to Noon

Where: Arbor Park Intermediate School
1717 Adams St, Blair

Cost: \$15 includes Breakfast and two workshop sessions!

Session One: Get Up and Dance - Music and Movement Throughout the Daily Routine! (Creative Arts, Level 3)

- Techniques for teaching children music and movement
- Exposure to a variety of materials and music to use with young children
- Information on adaptations which can be made to materials so all children can participate

Session Two: Teaching Science to Young Children (Scientific Thinking, Level 4)

Would you like your children to spend more time in the science center? Do you want to learn how to expand a fun "hands-on" science lesson into a meaningful science experience? You will leave with the tools needed to appropriately teach science to your young learners using the scientific method.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, at jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991.

To register, send your registration and payment (check payable to ESU #3) by **February 24** to:

ECCOA Blair Conference
6949 S 110th Street
Omaha, NE 68128

Blair Conference Registration

Name: _____

Where You Work: _____

Address: _____
work or home (circle one)

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____
work or home (circle one)

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Core Competency Area: Professionalism & Leadership

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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.

Where:

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services,
Division of Public Health Children's Services Licensing
1801 N. 73rd Street (73rd & Blondo); Omaha

When:

Wednesday, February 4 OR Thursday, February 19
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Children's Services Licensing

Cost: None

Registration is REQUIRED. Contact Children's Services Licensing at (402) 595-3343.

Upcoming Classes: March 4, March 18

Core Competency: Partnerships with Families and Communities Early Development Network Contact Numbers

ESU #3 (Arlington, Bennington, Blair, Conestoga, DC West, Elkhorn, Elmwood-Murdock, Fort Calhoun, Gretna, Louisville, Plattsmouth, South Sarpay #46, Weeping Water)	597-4936
Bellevue Public Schools	293-4941
Millard Public Schools	715-8302
Omaha Public Schools	557-2364
Papillion/LaVista Public Schools	537-6222
Ralston Public Schools	597-4936
Westside Community Schools	390-6472

Core Competency: Partnerships with Families and Communities

Library Corner

Florence Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Listen to stories, flannel board stories, songs and fingerplays. Each child will receive a storytime sheet listing fingerplays, songs, suggested books, Spanish Word of the Week, Sign Language Word of the Week and an early literacy tip. Each week the stories will center on a letter of the alphabet and an alphabet sheet will be provided to take home. A take-home craft or coloring sheet may be included.

Wed, Feb 4 and Thu, Feb 5	T is for Teeth
Wed, Feb 11 and Thu Feb 12	V is for Valentine's Day
Wed, Feb 18 and Thu, Feb 19	K is for Kindness
Wed, Feb 25 and Thu, Feb 26	P is for Polar Bears

P.J. Storytime - Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

This storytime is offered on the third Tuesday of the month. Wear your p.j.'s and bring a stuffed "friend" to experience a variety of stories, flannel boards, songs and other activities. Enjoy milk and cookies, too!

Magic Tree House Book Club - Saturday, February 7, 11:00 a.m.

Let's explore with Jack and Annie and explore all of the places they go through the Magic Tree House! We'll select the books the month before and then discuss them at the book club. Enjoy snacks and a craft relating to the book, too. Grades 2-4.

Willa Cather Branch Library

Storytimes

Thursdays, 10:30 - Baby and Me Storytime

Bring your babies and toddlers for a storytime made just for them! Each storytime will feature stories, songs and activities geared toward our youngest library users.

Fridays, 10:30 - Preschool/Toddler Storytime

Stories, flannel board stories, songs and fingerplays and more! Each storytime will feature early literacy tips and a simple craft based on the stories.

All ages are welcome at all storytimes. Groups of 10 or more, please call ahead.

Homework HotSpot. Wednesday and Thursday 3:00 - 6:00.

Students can enjoy a nutritious snack, do some homework, or have fun taking part in educational games and activities. Tutor.com will also be available during this time for homework help. It is FREE!

Coffee, Crafts, and Keys to Early Literacy Feb. 17, 10:30 – 11:15

Join us for a special storytime! Learn important aspects of teaching literacy to your young one while they participate in a craft. Then watch Miss Mary demonstrate those skills as she presents a storytime.

Fun Fridays: February's Fabulous Food!

Please register for the following programs at omahapubliclibrary.org or call 444-4851

- **Cookie Decorating. February 6, 4:00-5:00** Decorate cookies for your sweetheart! Wear clothing that begs to be covered in frosting. Ages 2 – 18. Limit 25.
- **Jell-O Building !?! February 13, 4:00-5:00** What can you make out of jell-o? We have no idea. Let's find out! Ages 5 – 18. Limit 25.
- **Smiling Smoothies February 20, 4:00-5:00** Create your own concoction as you discover the wonder of things smashed by a blender. Ages 10 – 18. Limit 25
- **Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate! February 27, 4:00-5:00** Discover your candy personality; identify the mystery chocolate and more at our chocolate party. Ages 5 -18.

Core Competency: Administration, Program Planning & Development, Level 6

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ECCOA Leadership Series

Program Development & Grant Writing

When: Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3
8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: ESU #3, 6949 S 110th Street
(located two blocks south of 110th & Harrison)
Cost: \$50 Lunch included - **Registrations due February 25**

The course is designed to give participants the practical skills they will need to begin the development of grant proposals. Participants will leave the course with a clear understanding of how to **begin** the grant writing process, where to look for resources, and how to prepare a competitive grant proposal. All participants will be given the *Program Development and Grant Writing Materials* that include all of the information presented at the course. This manual can also serve as a reference guide for participants as they begin to develop their own grant proposals.

Instructor: Ron Mirr, M.S.W., is a master's level social worker who has assisted school districts and health/human service agencies obtain over \$100 million in grant funds since 1989. He is currently the president of RM Consulting located in Iowa City, Iowa.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, at jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991.

Send your registration and payment (check payable to ESU #3) to:
ECCOA Grant Writing
6949 S 110th Street
Omaha, NE 68128

Grant Writing Registration

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____
work or home (circle one)

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____
work or home (circle one)

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Core Competency: Professionalism and Leadership - Save the Dates!

March 7	Omaha AEYC Kaleidoscope Conference
March 27	Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & Twos - A Tune Up!
March 28	Infant Toddler Symposium
April 24-25	NFCCA Provider's Day Out
April 28	Summer Sunations Resource Fair

Core Competency Area: Professionalism and Leadership Provider Support Groups

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CHILDCARE SHARE RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GROUP

An Affiliate of www.Omaha-Childcare.com

**February 19 (the third Thursday of the month)
from 6:45 - 9:00 p.m.**

Where: Atonement Lutheran Church
4530 N. 85th Street
Cost: CCS members free, \$10 non-members
(can be applied to your \$25 a year membership)
Membership: Robyn Birge at 614-8303
Registration: Call JoAnn Fryman at 884-0822
or e-mail joann@childcareshare.net

For more information or to register online:
www.childcareshare.net

Topic: Overview of the Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals

Presented by: Deborah Mabry-Strong

This overview training will provide you with information on the nine knowledge and skill areas of Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals. The training will also give you an opportunity to assess your current level of skills in one of the core competency knowledge and skill areas and an opportunity to identify your strengths and areas where you would like to improve your skills in the coming year. The training will help you identify ways you and your program might use the core competencies to improve your knowledge and skills. Additionally, the training will help you identify a variety of resources that can help you improve your current knowledge and skills in early childhood care and education.

CONCERNED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

**February 21 (third Saturday of the month)
from 3:00 - 5 :00 p.m.**

Where: To Be Announced
Contact: Mary Lou Agee Bryant at 968-4982

EASTERN CASS COUNTY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

**February 23 (fourth Monday of the month)
from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Where: Head Start Building, Plattsmouth
Contact: Lori Post at 298-8894

GRETNA AREA PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS

**February 17 (third Tuesday of the month)
from 7:00 - 9 :00 p.m.**

Contact: Staci McMahan 332-3747
Kathy Carraher 332-3695
gapp.org@gmail.com

The February 17 meeting will be held at Kids Round Up Child Care, 14333 S Highway 31, Gretna (Nebraska Crossing Outlet Mall, exit 432 off I-80).

The Power of Nice

Dr. Patricia Newman and professional actor-educators from the research-based, non-profit organization R.E.S.P.E.C.T.² will present the highly interactive play, "The Power of Nice," focusing on sharing, using nice words, and respect for people and animals geared toward early education students. The play and following discussion will teach participants the power of role-playing as a vital problem-solving tool for normal conflict that arises while students are exploring their peer relationships and friendships.

MILLARD AREA PROVIDERS

February 2 (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 at 492-9546
sturner2283@cox.net
Topic: Child Safety in Your Home

MORMAN TRAIL CHILD CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting varies each month, call for more information.

Where: Florence Elementary School
36th & King St.
Contact: Barb Spiker at 451-3037

NORTH SIDE QUALITY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

February 19 (third Thursday of the month)

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Meeting

Where: Dunn Deal Café
2310 N 16th Street
Contact: Deb Nared at 455-2442

OMAHA AREA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

February 9 (second Monday of the month) 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ralston Baright Library
5555 S. 77th Street
Cost: \$3 for non-members
Contact: Deb Johnson at 392-1877

Core Competencies Overview Training

This overview training will provide you with information on the nine knowledge and skill areas of *Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals*. The training will also give you an opportunity to assess your current level of skills in one of the core competency knowledge and skill areas and an opportunity to identify your strengths and areas where you would like to improve your skills in the coming year. In addition, the training will help you identify ways you and your program might use the core competencies to improve your knowledge and skills.

THE CHILD CARE CONNECTION

**February 26 (last Thursday of the month)
from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Where: Benson Baptist Church
6319 Maple Street (park in the back)
Cost: \$5 for non members
Membership info: Lori Clapp at 561-9338
Contact: Michele at 572-1958

WASHINGTON COUNTY DAY CARE PROVIDERS

February 24

(last Tuesday of the month, Sept.-Nov. & Jan.-Apr.)

Where: Washington Extension Office
597 Grant Street, Suite 200, Blair
Contact: Sarah Anderson at 426-4023



Early Childhood Consortium of the Omaha Area

Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Service
8015 West Center Road
Omaha, NE 68124

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For changes or deletions, please contact:
Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator
jhaggart@esu3.org
402-597-4991

Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals

Over the coming months you will see changes in Nebraska's early childhood care and education training descriptions. Each training event listed will designate the core competency knowledge and skill areas and levels the specific training will address. The Early Childhood Training Center (ECTC) and Early Childhood Professional Development Partnerships/Regional Training Coalition Coordinators (ECPDP/RTC) will be listing their sponsored training events using **Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals**. The designated core competency knowledge and skill areas and levels can help you better address your professional development plan because you can attend training that addresses the specific skills you want to improve.

ECCOA will be offering several opportunities for early childhood teachers and child care providers to learn more about Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals. This overview training will provide you with information on the nine knowledge and skill areas of *Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals*. The training will also give you an opportunity to assess your current level of skills in one of the core competency knowledge and skill areas and an opportunity to identify your strengths and areas where you would like to improve your skills in the coming year. The training will help you identify ways you and your program might use the core competencies to improve your knowledge and skills. Additionally, the training will help you identify a variety of resources that can help you improve your current knowledge and skills in early childhood care and education.

Participants will receive a certificate for inservice credit and a copy of the *Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals* book. To register for one of these FREE trainings, please contact Jennifer Haggart, Early Childhood Professional Development Coordinator, at jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991.

Date	Time	Location
02/12/09	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Elkhorn Early Childhood Center, 20650 Glenn St, Elkhorn
02/14/09	10:00 a.m. to Noon	Salvation Army Early Head Start, 3612 Cuming St, Omaha
02/21/09	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Tri Community Methodist Church, 6001 Fontenelle Blvd, Omaha
02/23/09	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St, Omaha
03/12/09	6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Bellevue Welcome Center, 1600 Highway 370, Bellevue
03/30/09	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Plattsmouth Early Childhood Center, 902 Main St, Plattsmouth
04/28/09	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Washington County Extension Office, 597 Grant St, Blair

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