



# 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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## Omaha Royals 2009, Where Fun Rules!

### Family FUN Days

Enjoy clowns and face painting! Kids get to run the bases after the Royals game!

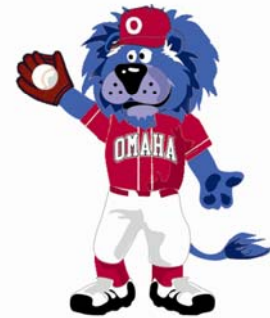
### Coca-Cola Fun Zone

The Coca-Cola Fun Zone is available for kids before and throughout the game! Kids can play all game long for \$1.50.

### Subway Kids Club

A new season is upon us here at Rosenblatt Stadium and we are gearing up for an incredible 2009! Here at the Omaha Royals, we pride ourselves on providing affordable entertainment in a family-friendly atmosphere at one of the most historic parks in America. We offer several programs for the young... and the young at heart! Our 2009 Subway Kids Club is back in a big way this season. For a \$10 investment, your Subway Kids Club member will be a member of the Omaha Royals family. Subway Kids Club benefits include:

- Admittance to all Sunday and Wednesday games
- Sunday/Wednesday Fun Zone Passes
- Catch on the Field on Wednesdays
- T-shirt
- Pennant
- Member card
- Discount at the merchandise shop
- Birthday card
- E-Newsletter
- End of season party with the O-Royals players, staff and mascots



### Group Outings

An Omaha Royals game is the perfect place to hold your group outing in 2009. Bring your company, team, church, civic club, family or friends out to catch all the fun-filled action. See the Major League stars of tomorrow and experience a night of entertainment and fun that you will never forget. Your group of 20 or more will enjoy the following benefits:

- Discounted tickets
- Seats together in the best possible area
- Group name displayed on the largest video board in Minor League baseball
- Recognition over the public address system
- Dedicated ticket sales executive to assist you
- Group leader gift

For more information on any of these programs, please contact Lesley Crutcher at the Omaha Royals, 402-738-5109 or [lesley.crutcher@oroyals.com](mailto:lesley.crutcher@oroyals.com)

***Thank you, Omaha Royals, for hosting ECCOA on Sunday, April 19  
to kick off Week of the Young Child!***

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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, May 9  
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When: Tuesday, May 19 \*CPR Only  
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, May 30  
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
(Meadows Community Center, 13939 Meadow Ridge Rd)

When: Saturday, June 6  
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 ARC Health and Safety Registration (402) 343-7730



## INFANT CPR/ FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICES

When: Saturday, May 9  
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)  
\$30 Members

Instructor: Tammy J. Green tgreen@heartlandfamilyservice.org  
Call (402) 457-7766 to register.

## INFANT CHILD CPR/ PEDIATRIC FIRST AID

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

When: Saturday, May 9  
Where: The Salvation Army; 3612 Cuming Street; Omaha  
Cost: CPR 8:30 a.m. to Noon (\$40)  
First Aid 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (\$30)  
Both (\$50)

Instructor: Rhonda Case, call 1-800-764-4335 to register.  
Upcoming classes: June 6, July 11

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

### INFANT/CHILD CPR/AED & 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, May 2  
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, May 16  
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, May 18 (First Aid) and  
Wednesday, May 20 (CPR AED)  
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

Infant/Child First Aid Training: \$40  
Infant/Child CPR/AED Training: \$45  
Both: \$59

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

### INFANT/CHILD/ADULT CPR/FIRST AID

SPONSORED BY: MIDWEST CHILDCARE


When: Saturday, May 30  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Midwest Childcare  
7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha, NE 68114

Cost: MUST PREPAY  
\$45.00 First Aid/CPR

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

## Safe Kids Safety Tip

 Children's skin burns at lower temperatures and more deeply than that of older children and adults. A child exposed to 140-degree Fahrenheit liquid for three seconds will sustain a third-degree burn. Set your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Consider installing water faucets and shower heads containing anti-scald technology.

## Safe with You Workshops Two Training Opportunities

In 2006, the Nebraska State Legislature passed LB 994, 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

Child abuse and neglect unfortunately happens in Nebraska. Child care providers need to know about child abuse and neglect, how to make a report, ways to strengthen families, and how to prevent child abuse in their own child care program.

### Shaken Baby Syndrome

Everyone is at risk of shaking a baby. When a baby is shaken, the shaking can cause brain damage, cause life changing disabilities, and even death. This is one childhood injury that is preventable.

### Nothin’ But Baby - Safe Sleep for Infants



Do you know how to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and prevent accidental suffocation? Do you know the safest way to put a baby to sleep? Do you have a safe sleep policy? If you answered NO to any of these questions, this workshop is for you.

The Safe with You workshops will be offered:

When: Saturday, May 16  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Tri Community Methodist Church  
6001 Fontenelle Blvd

Cost: \$20 (4 hours of inservice credit)

**Registration must be received by May 12.** To receive a registration form, contact Jennifer at [jhaggart@esu3.org](mailto:jhaggart@esu3.org) or 597-4991.

When: Thursday, May 28  
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter  
11620 M Circle

Cost: \$20 (4 hours of inservice credit)

**Pre-registration by May 26 is required and space is limited.** To register, contact Mike Novak at 896-0454.

## Child Abuse and Neglect It Could Happen to You

When: Tuesday, May 19  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Where: Midwest Child Care  
7701 Pacific Street #200  
Cost: \$10.00 - Must prepay - Member FREE  
Speaker: Janet Herzog

Child abuse and neglect unfortunately happens in Nebraska. Child care providers need to know about child abuse and neglect, how to make a report, ways to strengthen families, and to prevent child abuse in their own child care program. This two hour workshop was developed by the Early Childhood Training Center and meets the requirements of Nebraska State Statute 43-2606. As a result of this workshop, child care providers will:

- Learn the signs of child abuse and neglect
- Know the how and who to report all suspected child abuse and neglect
- Understand the Nebraska law that requires them to report all suspected cases of child abuse and neglect
- Learn ways to support and strengthen families
- Identify ways they could be at risk of being perpetrators of abuse and neglect
- Create a Personal Prevention Plan

## Eating for the Health of It

When: Thursday, May 7  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office  
8015 W Center Road  
Cost: \$12.00  
*Pre-registration is required!* To register, call Mary at 444-7804.

This program will train providers to take charge of their food program and to help children eat well. At the end of the session each participant will be able to identify new ideas to:

- Create healthier meals and snacks based on MyPyramid guidelines.
- Promote positive meal environments and eating attitudes in children.
- Enhance efficiency, organization and safety of meal preparation.
- Increase movement activities with preschool children.
- Foster social and emotional development in children through learning activities



## Core Competency: Learning Environments

### Changing Spaces

When: Tuesday, May 19 OR Wednesday, May 20  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office  
8015 W Center Road

Cost: \$10.00

*Pre-registration is required!* To register, call Mary at 444-7804.

Participants will learn:

- How child care is set up influences the day to day operation
- How to protect children's play
- Learn how design influences traffic patterns
- Ideas for improving child care spaces
- Bring pictures of your space to discuss suggestion for improvement



## Core Competency: Planning Learning Experiences and Curriculum

### Natural Science Through Stories and Play

When: Monday, June 1  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Child Saving Institute  
4545 Dodge Street

Cost: FREE for Omaha AEYC members  
\$5 for non-members



Join Omaha AEYC for a wonderful evening of exploring natural environments and learning how favorite children's books can serve as resources for teaching science.

The evening begins with a "hands on" exploration of the Nature Explore® Outdoor Classroom at Child Saving Institute. Then join Kate Murphy, Educator at Fontenelle Nature Association, as she shares numerous activities for teachers to use when teaching science .

To register, complete the form and return with payment to:

Omaha AEYC  
PO Box 641906  
Omaha NE 68164

Natural Science Through Stories and Play Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

OAEYC Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Core Competency: Planning Learning Experiences and Curriculum

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### 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 Central 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   |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| May 9   | Mathematics                     | <b>May 6</b>  |
| June 13 | Health and Physical Development | <b>Jun 10</b> |
| July 11 | Creative Arts                   | <b>Jul 8</b>  |

For more information, contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator at 402-597-4991 or [jhaggart@esu3.org](mailto:jhaggart@esu3.org).

To register for the Second Saturdays 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:

May 9                      Jun 13                      Jul 11

## Cause for Action, Not Alarm

Also Core Competency: Child Growth and Development

This FREE training is for home and center based child care providers and staff and will cover:

- Developmental milestones for children birth to age 5,
- Red flags that may indicate a possible problem or delay,
- How to talk with parents about development concerns,
- What to expect when talking to parents and
- Getting connected with Early Intervention Services.

Participants in the training will receive *Born Learning* resource materials and an inservice certificate for two hours of training on: principles of child growth and development and strategies to establish productive relationships with families.

Providers are encouraged to attend the training at the location and/or on the date that works best for their schedule. During the month of May, raining will be offered:

Mon, May 11 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Loving Hands, 324 N 5th, Plattsmouth



Thu, May 14 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Son-Shine Child Care, 400 West G St, Elmwood  
(located in St. Paul United Methodist Church)

Sat, May 16 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
South Omaha Library, 2808 Q St, Omaha

Thu, May 28 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Children's Respite Care Center NW, 2010 N 88th St, Omaha

Sat, May 30 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
Washington County Extension Office, 597 Grant St, Blair

To register for one of these FREE trainings, please contact Jennifer Haggart, Early Childhood Professional Development Coordinator, at [jhaggart@esu3.org](mailto:jhaggart@esu3.org) or 402-597-4991 at least one week prior to the training you want to attend.

## Early Development Network Contact Numbers

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

## Library Corner

Florence Branch, 2920 Bondesson

**Preschool Storytime**  
10:30 -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, May 6 and Thu, May 7 C is for Cinco de Mayo

**P.J. Storytime**

Tue, May 19; 6:30 – 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**

Sat, May 2; 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.

**Florence Days Crafting**

Thu, May 7; 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Would you like to be part of the Florence Days parade? Come to a special meeting where we'll make posters and hats for the parade. Refreshments will be served.

**Florence Days Parade**

Sat, May 9; 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Show your Florence spirit and come ready to walk in the Florence Days Parade. We'll meet at Miller Park at 12:30 p.m. Parade begins at 1 p.m. Must bring a signed permission slip to walk in the parade. Everyone who walks in the parade for the Library can join us afterwards for root beer and other activities at the Library.

**Willa Cather Branch, 1905 S 44th St**

**Storytimes**

**New!! Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.**

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.

**Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**

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 a.m.**

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.

*See the back cover of this newsletter for information about the Omaha Public Library Summer Reading Program!*

## Core Competency: Partnerships with Families and Communities

### Omaha Children's Museum Summer Camps

Omaha Children's Museum Summer Camps offer fun-filled days of learning and activity for kids. Focusing on everything from science and art to dinosaurs and Muppets, there is something for every child's interest. Every camp is taught by an experienced museum educator, guaranteeing a top-notch experience.

Last year, Omaha Children's Museum received "Best Day Camp for Little Kids" recognition from Nickelodeon Parents' Picks. This year's camps will be as amazing and exciting as ever!



#### Camp Descriptions

Camps are listed by age, starting with camps for our youngest campers. All campers must meet the age requirement for the camp they are attending by May 1, 2009.

All 2009 Camp information is below. Make reservations for camps by calling, 402-342-6164 x. 424 or emailing groups@ocm.org. Many camp sessions fill quickly, call or email to make your reservation today!



**Ages:** 4-5 yrs.

**Dates:** June 8-12 (This camp is full); **(New!) June 1-5**

**Times:** 10 a.m.-Noon

**Cost:** By April 1 - \$80 member; \$100 non-member

After April 1 - \$95 member; \$115 non-member

**Max Enrollment:** 15 kids per camp session

Are you ready for a week on Sesame Street? As a compliment to the museum's blockbuster summer traveling exhibit, Sesame Street Presents: The Body, Camp Sesame will be filled with days exploring healthy choices with active play times full of diverse learning fun. Kids will love spending time in the special exhibit and doing a number of other activities. At the end of camp, Elmo will visit and spend time with each camper.

**Ages:** 4-5 & 6-7

**Dates:** June 22-26; July 6 - 10

**Times:** Ages 4-5, 10 a.m.-Noon; Ages 6-7, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Cost:** By April 1 - \$80 member; \$100 non-member

After April 1 - \$95 member; \$115 non-member

**Max Enrollment:** 20 kids per camp session

Back by popular demand is Raptor Rangers Camp where children can explore the world of dinosaurs with exciting and fun kid-centered activities! Investigate the mysterious disappearance of these great giants through science experiments, art projects and more. Children will think creatively and learn to work together as a fossil "dig team." Join Raptor Rangers this summer and live your dream of becoming a Paleontologist!

**Ages:** 5 years old entering Kindergarten THIS fall

**Dates:** July 27 - 31; August 3 - 7

**Times:** 10 a.m.-Noon

**Cost:** By April 1 - \$80 member; \$100 non-member

After April 1 - \$95 member; \$115 non-member

**Max Enrollment:** 15 kids per camp session

This day camp is especially for Kindergarteners entering school in the fall! Children will have a great time in a classroom environment reviewing the alphabet, numbers, colors, and shapes. And, everyone will practice writing their name, learn classroom etiquette, sing songs, play games, and much, much more. Plus, there's no better place for a break than the museum's permanent exhibits! In Camp Kindergarten, getting ready for school is 1-2-3-4-5 days of fun!

## Core Competency Area: Professionalism & Leadership

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### Licensing Information

#### Revised 2009 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. Questions & answers will be accommodated at the end, which you may wish to allow extra time for.
- You must pre-register before attending the training. **Call 595-3343 to pre-register.**
- Three trainings are provided each month. One training class is scheduled on each of the days listed.
- Classes start at the stated time **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.
- We ask that you please not bring children as the classroom has limited space.

Orientation is held at:

Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health

**1801 North 73<sup>rd</sup> Street (73<sup>rd</sup> & Blondo)**

Omaha, NE 68114

When:

Tues, May 5 10:00 am

Wed, May 13 1:00 pm

Thu, May 21 10:00 am

*If you have taken this Orientation class in the past, please contact us at 595-3343. Applicants who have previously completed this requirement may not be required to repeat it.*

## Core Competency Area: Administration, Program Planning and Development

### The Four Steps to NAEYC Accreditation

When: Tuesday, May 19; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: ESU #3, 6949 S 110th (110th & Harrison)

Cost: FREE - Please register by Friday, May 15



NAEYC Accreditation is the mark of quality in Early Childhood Education. This session will review the four-step process to NAEYC Accreditation as well as provide a brief introduction to the NAEYC Accreditation Standards and Criteria.

As a result of this training, participants will understand: How the NAEYC Accreditation Standards and Criteria are organized; The Four Steps to NAEYC Accreditation; The tools for Self Study and Self Assessment; How to create a road map for earning NAEYC Accreditation at your program

To register, please send an e-mail to OmahaAEYC@yahoo.com or leave a message at 541-4718.

# 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](http://www.Omaha-Childcare.com)*

**May 21 (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: Call JoAnn Fryman at 884-0822  
or e-mail [joann@childcareshare.net](mailto:joann@childcareshare.net)  
For more information or to register online:  
[www.childcareshare.net](http://www.childcareshare.net)

Topic: Protecting Your Most Important Asset...You!  
Presented by: Jeff Fryman  
This overview training will provide you with general information relating to Fire Insurance, Life Insurance, Health Insurance, Car Insurance, Disability Insurance and Retirement Planning. This training will also give you an opportunity to evaluate your current situation relating to your family, Child Care business and help you identify areas needing attention, such as: Protecting your home and its contents against loss. Protecting yourself financially against costly claims, lawsuits and loss of income due to disability or death. Additionally you will learn to make informed decisions relating to transfer of risk from yourself to an insurance company resulting in your ability to quickly recover from damages and losses.

## CONCERNED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

**May 16 (third Saturday of the month)  
from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Where: Washington Branch Library  
Contact: Mary Lou Agee Bryant at 968-4982

## EASTERN CASS COUNTY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

**May 25 (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

**\*\*Notice date, time and location of May Meeting\*\***

**Thursday, May 28 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
(normally third Tuesday of the month)**

Where: Benson Baptist Church  
6319 Maple Street (park in the back)  
Contact: Staci McMahon 332-3747  
Kathy Carraher 332-3695  
[gapp.org@gmail.com](mailto:gapp.org@gmail.com)  
Topic: **Getting Yourself Organized!**  
Storing (and then finding) everything you need when it comes to the paperwork of managing a child care business can be challenging! Come learn strategies for getting...and keeping...yourself organized.

## MILLARD AREA PROVIDERS

**May 4 (first Monday of each month)  
6:30- 8:30 p.m. (speaker)**

Where: St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
17007 Q Street  
Contact: Susan Turner at 492-9546  
[sturner2283@cox.net](mailto:sturner2283@cox.net)  
Topic: Nothin' but Baby Safe Sleep Tips for Infants and Shaken Baby Syndrome  
Speaker: Betty Neil

## 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

**May 21 (third Thursday of the month)  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Meeting**

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

## OMAHA AREA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

**May 11 (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

## THE CHILD CARE CONNECTION

**May 28 (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  
Topic: **Getting Yourself Organized!**  
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## WASHINGTON COUNTY DAY CARE PROVIDERS

No Meeting - See you in September!

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

Contact: Sarah Anderson at 426-4023

## Being the Best You Can Be!

Friday, June 19, 2009

8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Westside Community Conference Center

A day of training and motivation for child care providers featuring Patricia Dischler, author of From Babysitter to Business Owner. Topics Patricia will cover:

- Turning the Job You Love Into the Career You'll Keep!
- Building Partnerships: Parents & Providers Working Together!
- Teaching the 3 Cs: Creativity, Curiosity & Courtesy
- A Treasure Trove of Tips and Tricks

Cost is \$20 for 5.5 hours of inservice, lunch and a gift! For registration information, contact Jennifer Haggart, ECCOA Coordinator, 402-597-4991 or [jhaggart@esu3.org](mailto:jhaggart@esu3.org)



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## Omaha Public Library Summer Reading Program!

Core Competency: Partnerships with Families and Community



Be Creative @ Your Library by joining the summer reading program! The fun kicks off Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 pm at Elmwood Park. Meet animals at the petting zoo, take a pony ride, be amazed by magician Jeff Quinn, learn zimba and tae kwon do, be entertained by Side Effects and the Omaha Public Library Band, and reach new heights on the climbing wall. Don't forget to get your hug from Scamper the Prairie Dog, the Library's mascot.

After the kickoff is a great time to start your summer reading! Prizes are awarded for every 10 books read or read to you.

But the fun doesn't end at the Kickoff! Every Omaha Public Library has special events running throughout the summer, including a visit from Lilly, who will probably bring her purple plastic purse with her. Checkout the schedule by visiting [omahapubliclibrary.org](http://omahapubliclibrary.org). Advance registration for groups of 10 or more is appreciated.

After all of that reading, you deserve a party! Join us Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Joslyn Art Museum for creative activities. Meet author and exhibit curator Leonard Marcus, who will discuss the exhibit "Golden Legacy: Original Art from 65 Years of Golden Books."

Contact your Omaha Public Library children's librarian for:  
-Group summer reading program signup information  
-Scheduling a storytime visit to talk about the program  
-Information about special programs and registration

We'll see you this summer at Omaha Public Library!

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