



# 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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## 2009-2010 What's Happening - The "Big" Stuff

- November 14, 2009**      **Building the Future Conference featuring Dr. Thomas Moore**  
An all day conference full of opportunities to network, connect and learn featuring Dr. Thomas Moore, early childhood consultant and children's recording artist! Breakout sessions and a vendor/exhibit area are also part of the day.
- December 12, 2009**      **Building a Web of Relationships**  
Susan Kay and Terri Emberling from Relationship Roots present this comprehensive workshop covering all aspects of relationships that are important in the field of early care and education today. You will learn about: the brain and relationships; today's society and relationships; building relationships with children; & building relationships among adults.
- January 9, 2010**      **Second Saturdays (Early Learning Guidelines): Approaches to Learning**
- January 16, 2010**      **Michael Brandwein training for Before and After School program staff**
- February 13, 2010**      **Second Saturdays (Early Learning Guidelines): Creative Arts**
- March 6, 2010**      **The Power of Play featuring Sue Baldwin**
- March 13, 2010**      **Second Saturdays (Early Learning Guidelines): Health & Physical**
- March 27, 2010**      **Omaha AEYC Kaleidoscope Conference featuring "The Ooey Goey Lady"**  
Lisa Murphy from Ooey Goey, Inc. brings high-energy, exciting and informative hands-on workshops to teachers, directors, parents and family child care providers. The sessions support the creation of child-centered environments where children are actively engaged in real, meaningful experiences, not "cute" fluffy time fillers.
- April 10, 2010**      **Second Saturdays (Early Learning Guidelines): Language & Literacy**
- April 11-17, 2010**      **Week of the Young Child**  
*Bring Communities Together for Children - Children Bring Communities Together*
- April 23, 2010**      **Infant Toddler Pre-Symposium featuring Pam Schiller**  
Right from the Start: *The Crucial Connection between Social Emotional Development & Healthy Brain Development in Children 0 to 3* (A presentation based on the book, Seven Skills for School Success)
- April 24, 2010**      **Infant Toddler Symposium featuring Pam Schiller**  
Pam Schiller is a freelance Early Childhood Consultant and is also the author of several children's books, music CD's, DVD's and more than thirty teacher resource books. Dr. Schiller's presentations will benefit anyone who impacts the lives of children, whether you work in a child care center, pediatric hospital, a school, or at home.
- May 1, 2010**      **Caring for the Caregiver featuring Jeff Johnson**
- May 8, 2010**      **Second Saturdays (Early Learning Guidelines): Mathematics**
- June 12, 2010**      **Second Saturdays (Early Learning Guidelines): Science**
- July 10, 2010**      **Second Saturdays (Early Learning Guidelines): Social & Emotional**

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

### 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, November 7  
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, November 14  
Where: Loess Hills Chapter HQ  
535 W. Broadway in Council Bluffs  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

When: Saturday, November 21  
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/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, November 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: Saturday, November 14  
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, November 16 (First Aid) and  
Wednesday, November 18 (CPR AED)  
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, November 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)

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](mailto:mnovak@safenebraska.org)  
CERTIFICATE: CPR 2 YEARS, First Aid 3 YEARS

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

SPONSORED BY: MIDWEST CHILDCARE

When: Tuesday, November 17 (First Aid), 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, November 19 (CPR), 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Midwest Childcare; 7701 Pacific St #200; Omaha, 68114  
Cost: \$45.00 for both; \$35 CPR; \$20 First Aid MUST PREPAY

For more information: contact Joni Mengler at 402-551-2379 or [jmengler@midwestchildcare.org](mailto:jmengler@midwestchildcare.org)

To register send your name, address, phone and payment to:  
Midwest Childcare; 7701 Pacific Street #200; Omaha NE 68114

## Safety Tips



With support from FedEx, Safe Kids USA has conducted the first-ever study of distracted driving in school zones and found that one out of every six drivers is distracted while driving on the roads near schools.

- There is a higher rate of cell phone/handheld electronic device use than observed outside of school zones.
- Afternoon drivers are 22 percent more likely to be distracted than morning drivers.
- The public expects drivers to be on their best behavior when they are near schools, however the new study shows the opposite is true when it comes to distracted driving.
- Females are 21 percent more likely to be distracted than males.
- Moms have a million things on their to-do lists. We've convinced ourselves it's ok—even necessary—to talk on the phone or eat while we drive. But we need to start thinking in terms of what's safest instead.

## Car Seat Safety Check

*Just in time for holiday travel season!*

### When:

Saturday, November 14  
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Where:

Beardmore Chevrolet  
418 Fort Crook Road N, Bellevue

### Questions or more information:

402-339-4334 ext 201

## Core Competency: Health, Safety & Nutrition

### Safe with You Workshops

**When:** Thursday, November 19  
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
**Where:** National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter  
11620 M Circle, Omaha, 68137  
**Cost:** \$20 (4 hours of inservice credit)

**Pre-registration by Monday, November 16 is required and space is limited.** Contact Mike Novak at 896-0454.

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.

## Safe with You Shaken Baby Syndrome

**When:** Monday, November 16  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Midwest Child Care Association  
7701 Pacific St #200, Omaha, 68114  
**Cost:** \$5; FREE for Midwest Providers  
Presented by Candy Deacon

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## Core Competency: Child Growth and Development

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### Kindergarten “Preparedness”

#### Papillion LaVista Provider Networking Group

**When:** Thursday, November 19; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Papillion LaVista Schools Central Office  
420 S Washington; Papillion

This meeting will provide information directly from Kindergarten teachers about kindergarten in the Papillion-La Vista School District, skills that children have that enhance the likelihood of success in kindergarten, and ways to talk with parents when they have questions about their child's readiness for kindergarten. Snacks will be provided.



RSVPs appreciated but not required. For more information, contact Kristy Feden at 537-6273 or kfedem@paplv.esu3.org

### What Does Time Mean to Children?

**When:** Tuesday, November 17 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. OR Monday, November 23 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.  
**Where:** UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office  
8015 W Center Road, Omaha, 68124  
**Cost:** \$10.00



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

Extension Educator Mary Nelson will be facilitating. Child care providers will learn:

- What do children of different ages understand about time
- Why do children and adults struggle when it's time to clean up
- Build on children's understanding of yesterday, today, tomorrow

## Core Competency: Learning Environments

### A Great Place to Spend Your First Two Years

**When:** Monday, November 16; 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Union Pacific Child Development Center  
1408 California St, Omaha, 68102  
**Cost:** \$5 - **Registration by November 10 is required**

Imagine a place where cozy, intimate spaces offer the chance for children to wonder, dream, and snuggle... We will provide tips on setting up successful environmental settings for Infants & Toddlers.

This series is a partnership between ECCOA and Union Pacific CDC. For more information, contact Jennifer at jhaggart@esu3.org or 402-597-4991.

Send registration form and payment (check or money order to ESU #3) to:  
ECCOA - Great Place  
6949 S 110th Street  
Omaha NE 68128

#### A Great Place to Spend Your First Two Years Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Where You Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmation of your registration will be sent if an e-mail address is provided*

**Core Competency:  
Planning Learning Experiences and Curriculum**

**Northeast Omaha Training Series - Get Up & Dance!**

When: Saturday, November 7; 9:00 a.m. to Noon (breakfast 8:30-9:00 a.m.)  
 Where: Heartland Family Service North Office  
 6720 N 30th Street, Omaha, 68112  
 Cost: \$15 (includes breakfast and 3 hours of inservice)



Participants will learn:

- 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

**Registrations including payment must be received by November 4.**

To register, please complete the registration form and payment (check or money order to ESU #3) to: ECCOA - Get Up and Dance!  
 6949 S 110th Street  
 Omaha NE 68128

Get Up and Dance! Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where You Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmation of your registration will be sent if an e-mail address is provided*

**Affordable Activities Series**

Educational activities for young children do not require expensive materials. This workshop series, sponsored by Salvation Army Early Head Start, will include tips on making low- or no-cost materials that provide a learning experience for young children. Each participant will make and take home a ready-to-use activity, along with a list of other activities and how to prepare them. Registration at each session is limited to 20 participants. Facilitated by Phyllis Chandler, Early Childhood Specialist and Trainer.

When: Thursday, December 3: Language and Literacy  
 Thursday, December 17: Math  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Salvation Army  
 3612 Cuming Street, Omaha, 68131

Cost: \$7.00 per session

Send registration form and payment for one or both sessions to:  
 Phyllis Chandler  
 Box 124  
 Malmo NE 68040

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where You Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for: \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 7

**Core Competency: Interacting with  
Children/Providing Guidance to Children**

**Fostering Social Emotional Well Being**

When: Monday, December 7  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Where: Union Pacific Child Development Center  
 1408 California St, Omaha, 68102  
 Cost: \$5 - **Registration by December 1 is required**

It is a very exciting time as children rapidly develop between 24 and 36 months. This session will focus on the how to praise/support their feelings to working with biting behaviors.

This series is a partnership between ECCOA and Union Pacific CDC. Questions? Contact Jennifer at [jhaggart@esu3.org](mailto:jhaggart@esu3.org) or 402-597-4991.

Send registration form and payment (check/money order to ESU #3) to:  
 ECCOA - Well Being  
 6949 S 110th Street  
 Omaha NE 68128

Fostering Social Emotional Well Being Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where You Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmation of your registration will be sent if an e-mail address is provided*

**Building a Web of Relationships**

When: Saturday, December 12  
 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (breakfast/registration 8:00-8:30 am)  
 Where: Educare of Omaha at Indian Hill  
 3110 W Street, Omaha, 68107  
 Cost: \$15, includes light breakfast, lunch and 6 hours of inservice

The latest brain research shows that the most important factor for healthy development in young children is a network of warm, nurturing relationships. Presented by Susan Kay and Terri Emberling of Relationship Roots, this comprehensive workshop covers all aspects of relationships that are important in the field of ECE today. Participants will learn about: The Brain and Relationships; Today's Society and Relationships; Building Relationships with Children; and Building Relationships among Adults.

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

**Registrations including payment must be received by December 3.**

To register, please complete the registration form and payment (check or money order to ESU #3) to: ECCOA - Relationship Roots  
 6949 S 110th Street  
 Omaha NE 68128

Building a Web of Relationships Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where You Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmation of your registration will be sent if an e-mail address is provided*

## Updated Library Hours



W. Dale Clark Library  
(Main Branch)  
215 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
444-4800

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 10 am-8 pm  
Fri, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Sun: 1 pm-6 pm

Milton R. Abrahams Branch  
5111 North 90<sup>th</sup> Street  
444-6284  
Mon, Tue, Thu: 10 am-8 pm  
Wed, Fri, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Sun: 1pm-6 pm

Benson Branch  
6015 Binney Street  
444-4846  
Tue, Thu: 10 am-8 pm  
Wed, Fri, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Sun, Mon: Closed

Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch  
2100 Reading Plaza  
289-4367  
Mon, Tue, Thu: 10 am-8 pm  
Wed, Fri, Saturday: 10 am-6 pm  
Sun: Closed

Florence Branch  
2920 Bondesson Street  
444-5299  
Mon, Thu, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Tue, Wed: 10 am-8 pm  
Fri, Sun: Closed

Millard Branch  
13214 Westwood Lane  
444-4848  
Mon, Tue, Wed: 10 am-8 pm  
Thu, Fri, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Sun: 1 pm-6 pm

Saddlebrook Branch  
14850 Laurel Avenue  
884-7473  
Tue, Wed, Thu: 10 am-8 pm  
Fri: 10 am-5 pm  
Sat: 9 am-4 pm  
Sun, Mon: Closed

A.V. Sorensen Branch  
4808 Cass Street  
444-5274  
Tue, Thu: 10 am-8 pm  
Wed, Fri, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Sun, Mon: Closed

South Omaha Library  
2808 Q Street  
444-4850 (call for hours during  
MCC quarter breaks)  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 7:30 am-9 pm  
Fri, Sat: 9 am-6 pm  
Sun: Closed

W. Clarke Swanson Branch  
9101 West Dodge Road  
444-4852  
Tue, Wed: 10 am-8 pm  
Thu, Fri, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Sun, Mon: Closed

Charles B. Washington Branch  
2868 Ames Avenue  
444-4849  
Mon, Thu, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Tue, Wed: 10 am-7 pm  
Fri, Sun: Closed

Willa Cather Branch  
1905 South 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
444-4851  
Tue, Thu: 10 am-8 pm  
Wed, Fri, Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
Sun, Mon: Closed

## MORE Nature Task Forces Meeting

**MORE Nature** is a collaborative initiative to bring more outdoor, nature-based play to the children of the Greater Omaha area. If you are interested in this work, you might want to consider joining one of our task forces. There are eight task forces: K-12, Early Childhood, Parks and Recreation, Home and Neighborhood, Fundraising, IT & Promotion, Health Professionals, and After School/ Extra Curricular.



**Please join us for a Task Force meeting:**

When: Tuesday, November 10  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Natural Resources Center  
154th & Giles (Inside Chalco Hills Recreation Area)

RSVP by November 6th to 315-1713 or [cjacobsen@papionrd.org](mailto:cjacobsen@papionrd.org)

Thank you for your time and dedication! We hope to see you on November 10th! Please be ready to start working with one of the above task force groups!

## ECCOA Partners Meeting - Open to All!

When: Monday, November 30; 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office  
8015 W Center Rd, Omaha, 68124

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 25 to Jennifer

[jhaggart@esu3.org](mailto:jhaggart@esu3.org) or 402-597-4991.

## Core Competency Area: Professionalism and Leadership

## ECCOA Leadership Series

### Be Generation Wise

When: Wednesday, November 11; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: ESU #3, 6949 S 110th Street, 68128

Cost: \$25 Lunch included - **Registrations due November 5**

For the first time in history, there are four generations in the workplace: Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Generation X and Millennials. A multi-generational workforce presents many challenges since each generational group brings different experiences, skills, biases, and preferred management styles. This fast-paced session will teach you why each generation thinks and acts differently and has different expectations of their job, why everyone in the organization must be aware of the different approaches each generation takes and help you understand and leverage generational differences in the workplace.

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

## Early Development Network



### Contact Numbers

**ESU #3** 1-800-593-3198 or 402-597-4936  
(Arlington, Bennington, Blair, Conestoga, DC West, Elkhorn, Elmwood-Murdock, Fort Calhoun, Gretna, Louisville, Plattsmouth, South Sarpy #46, Weeping Water)

**Bellevue Public Schools** 402-293-4941

**Millard Public Schools** 402-715-8302

**Omaha Public Schools** 402-557-2364

**Papillion/LaVista Public Schools** 402-537-6222

**Ralston Public Schools** 402-597-4936

**Westside Community Schools** 402-390-6472

## Strengthening Your Core

When: Thursday, November 5; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 Where: UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension Central Office  
 8015 W Center Road, Omaha, 68124  
 Cost: \$12; Call Mary at 444-7804 to pre-register (**required**)

As a result of this workshop, participants will:

- Learn about the nine knowledge and skill areas of the *Nebraska Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals*.
- Assess current skills in one of the core competency knowledge and skills areas.
- Learn to identify strengths and areas where you would like to improve skills.
- Be able to identify resources that can help improve current knowledge and skills in early childhood care and education.

## Handling Difficult People

When: Tuesday, November 17  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Where: Heartland Family Service North  
 6720 N 30th St, 68112  
 Cost: Resource Member FREE; \$5 non-members

Sometimes the children aren't the ones that drive us crazy. Early Childhood Education ensures a large variety of personalities and plenty of chances for conflict. Utilizing the concepts taught with DISC, this training will provide tools to handle those sticky situations.

**Registration is required.** Contact Michelle Kreikemeier at 402-457-7769 or MKreikemeier@heartlandfamilyservice.org

## Provider Support Groups

### CHILDCARE SHARE RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GROUP

*An Affiliate of [www.Omaha-Childcare.com](http://www.Omaha-Childcare.com)*

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

Where: Atonement Lutheran Church, 4530 N 85th St  
 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: [www.childcareshare.net](http://www.childcareshare.net)

### CONCERNED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

**November 21 (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

**November 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

**November 24 (meets fourth Tuesday of the month)  
 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Where: Gretna Public Library, 736 South Street  
 Contact: Staci McMahon 332-3747  
 Kathy Carraher 332-3695  
[gapp.org@gmail.com](mailto:gapp.org@gmail.com)

### MILLARD AREA PROVIDERS

**November 2 (meets first Monday of each month)  
 Speaker from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Where: St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 17007 Q Street  
 Contact: Susan Turner 492-9546; [sturner2283@cox.net](mailto:sturner2283@cox.net)  
 Topic: Understanding and Using the Early Learning Guidelines

### 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

**November 19 (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

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

Where: Mt Calvary Lutheran Church  
 5525 Leavenworth St, Omaha  
 Cost: \$3 for non-members  
 Contact: Mimi Lonergan 556-8432

### THE CHILD CARE CONNECTION

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

Where: Benson Baptist Church  
 6319 Maple Street (park in the back)  
 Membership info: Lori Clapp at 561-9338  
 Contact: Michele at 572-1958

### WASHINGTON COUNTY DAY CARE PROVIDERS

**November 24**

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

Where: Washington County Extension Office  
 597 Grant Street  
 Contact: Sarah Anderson at 426-4023

**Director Networking Group**

**Treat ‘Em Right: Motivating & Appreciating Staff**

When: Wednesday, December 2; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
 Where: First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St, 68132  
 Cost: \$10 Lunch included - **Registrations due Nov 25**

Network while discussing “hot topics” and eating lunch! Share resources on marketing/promoting your program (Bring your resources to share with others)! Participate in professional development that will help you see that there are easy and inexpensive ways to motivate and encourage others. Through direct involvement and brainstorming, participants will create a list of ideas they can take back to their workplaces and implement immediately.

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

**Aloha Accreditation!**

**Making NAEYC Accreditation a Day at the Beach**

When: Friday, December 4 (Administrators/Lead Teaching Staff)  
 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 5 (Administrators and All Staff)  
 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Where: ESU #3, 6949 S 110th Street, LaVista, 68128  
 Cost: Friday Only - \$20; Saturday Only - \$30;  
 Friday and Saturday - \$40  
 (includes breakfast, lunch and snacks and materials each day)

Friday: So, You’re the Big Kahuna

A day for those holding a leadership role in their early childhood program. We will cover the important role of the leader of the team, where to get support, putting together the program portfolio and what it takes to maintain NAEYC Accreditation once it’s been achieved.

Saturday: Diving Into the Four Steps

Every person on staff in an early childhood program pursuing NAEYC Accreditation is crucial to success. The day will be an intensive overview of the Four Steps to NAEYC Accreditation and will include working sessions on the classroom portfolio or the program portfolio.



Aloha Accreditation! is brought to you by *Quality Matters Omaha*, a quality improvement initiative/Accreditation Facilitation Project sponsored by Omaha AEYC and ECCOA. For registration information, please contact 402-597-4991 or [QualityMatterOmaha@yahoo.com](mailto:QualityMatterOmaha@yahoo.com)

**Top 10 Non-Compliance Issues for Home Providers**

When: Tuesday, November 24; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 Where: Midwest Childcare; 7701 Pacific St #200; Omaha, 68114  
 Cost: \$10.00 MUST PREPAY

Presented by Jane Bailey, this workshop will help you avoid the major issues that arise in operating your home day care. Learn what your licensing expert looks for when inspecting your home and how to improve your home for your clients.

For more information, contact Joni Mengler at 402-551-2379 or [jmengler@midwestchildcare.org](mailto:jmengler@midwestchildcare.org)

**Licensing Information**

- 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 73rd Street (73rd & Blondo)**, Omaha, NE 68114

When: Tuesday, November 3	10:00 am
Tuesday, November 10	1:00 pm
Thursday, November 19	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.*

**Licensing Application Process for Home I and II**

When: Thursday, November 12; 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **OR**  
 Tuesday, November 24; 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Where: Department of Health & Human Services  
 1805 N. 73rd Street (73rd & Blondo), Omaha  
 Cost: Free

- Review the licensing application process
- Identify common reasons for returned applications
- Discuss how to avoid delays in processing

**Required registration**, please call Jane Bailey 595-1896

*Certificate for 1.5 clock hours of approved training*

**How to Get Child Care Subsidy & Title XX Payments on Time!**

When: Thursday, November 5; 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **OR**  
 Tuesday, November 17; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Where: Department of Health & Human Services  
 1805 N. 73rd Street (73rd & Blondo), Omaha  
 Cost: Free

**Required registration**, please call Jane Bailey 595-1896

Refresher class for current Subsidy providers. Learn to accurately complete billing documents and attendance calendars. Get information you need for provider authorizations and billing postponements. There will also be a question and answer time.

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