

Child Care Resource & Referral



CCR&R Connections:
October, November, & December 2010



What's New?

Fall is here!! Believe it or not the leaves are changing and the air is getting cooler! I love this time of year! I may not enjoy change that much but I do like the change of seasons, don't talk to me about the next change of season, it is not my favorite.

I hope that all programs are doing well. This is a very busy time for everyone and I hope that the transition goes smoothly for all involved.

I was talking to a provider recently and she was commenting on a conversation that was had at a training. She had said that they had a discussion regarding crib sheets and how they don't always fit on the crib mattresses properly, especially the portable cribs that are now recommended instead of pack and plays. The class discussed a type of sheet that completely covers the mattress and only leaves a small opening on the back, also a type that had a zipper to completely cover the mattress. The downfall with the zipper one is that it is not a quick change if you have a child who wets through while sleeping, spits up, etc. This provider found the sheets on a few different websites (Foundations, Discount School Supply) to name a few and found the prices to be a bit much. However she did find them on a different website for a bargain-6 for \$26.99 WOW! She purchased some and LOVES them! She said they do not bend the mattresses up and fit very well. So as you all know, when you find a good product or a good price you want to share it. We do not endorse any product through CCRR or do not recommend one site over another but I wanted to pass this information along as it was discussed at a training and some follow up was needed. You can check these sheets out at www.simplybabyfurniture.com/481161.html.

I hope that you all continue to have a great fall! We look forward to seeing you at upcoming professional development opportunities!

Tara E. Roddick, Director
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A Day of Fun Learning with Bev Bos Training

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Location: Town Clock Center for Professional Development, Dubuque

Time: 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 11, 2010 after that \$10.00

Free Parking Behind the Town Clock Center in the Iowa Street Parking Ramp

For more information contact NICC Continuing Education Program Manager, Patrick Hanniford at 563.557.8271 Ext 388

CPR & First Aid/ Mini—Grant rebate funds are again available! All child care providers in Dubuque County are eligible to apply. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while

Training Rebate Application

Name of Person Taking Class: _____

Name of Person/Business to Receive Rebate: _____

(If different than person taking class)

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(Address the Rebate Check Should be Sent)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

I am a:

Registered Child Development Home Registration # _____

Non-registered family childcare provider

New provider (no children in care)

Childcare center staff/ pre-school teacher

Name of center/ pre-school: _____

Address of center/ pre-school: _____

Director's Signature: _____

License #: _____

First Aid Rebate — Total Cost for Class \$ _____

CPR Rebate — Total Cost for Class \$ _____

Mini-Conference Rebate — Total Cost for Class \$ _____

Date & Time: _____

Training Held at: _____ Training Taught By: _____

Rebates: \$ 15 for First Aid

 \$ 15 for CPR (Trainings that cost \$10 or less are not eligible for a rebate.)

 \$ 40 for conference trainings

The following information needs to be completely filled out:

of children I currently serve by age as of September 15:

0: _____ 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____ 6+: _____

of families that I currently serve: _____

My program participates in the following quality initiatives:

QRS: _____ QPPS: _____ NAEYC, NAFCC or NAA Accreditation: _____ Other: _____

Directions:

1. Register and pay for your training. **KEEP YOUR RECEIPT. The receipt must list the amount paid for the training & who paid it.**

2. Mail the completed rebate form, a copy of your training certificate or card, and a copy of your receipt to CCR&R, 1789 Elm Street Suite B, Dubuque, IA 52001.

3. CCR&R will submit the rebates for payment on the 10th and 25th of each month. A check will be mailed directly to you.

Important Notice: Rebates are processed on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available. Incomplete rebates will not be honored. Please submit all the required information. Due to the closure of the fiscal year at the end of June, rebates submitted between June 10th and 30th will not be accepted. Please plan your training needs accordingly.

Return to Stephanie VanGroll, Child Care Resource & Referral, 1789 Elm Street, Suite B, Dubuque, IA 52001

Phone: (563) 557-1628

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Dubuque County
EMPOWERMENT

Dubuque County
Empowerment is n
now on FACEBOOK!

Search for them and click
the “like”

button to receive updates
on your homepage.

**Some other websites to
view:**

www.itsaboutourkids.org

www.empowerdubuque.org

www.firstyearsfirstdbq.org

Respite Program Update and Reminders

Homes & Centers: There is always a need for respite providers for the families. There are minimal requirements to become a respite provider: must be licensed center or registered in home daycare, trained in CPR & First Aid, completed Mandatory Reporter for Child Abuse, and have liability insurance. If you are interested in becoming a respite care provider in your center or home please contact Kacey for more information at 563-557-1628

ALSO WHEN MAKING REFERRALS THE FAMILY MUST BE WORKING WITH A LOCAL AGENCY

Unlike other programs, there is not an income requirement for respite services through CCR&R—simply a referral from a provider or agency who feels the family could use the services.

Serving Dubuque County Families:

Currently 51 children from 27 families receive 3 hours of care per child, per week, through the respite program. There are 11 approved respite center providers and 7 registered in home providers.

Welcome These New Respite Program Providers:

Child Development Home
Grace Brade & Kristy Moore

— Providers —

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL RESPITE PAYMENTS ARE IN TO
KACEY AT CCR&R NO LATER THAN THE 5TH OF EVERY
MONTH. IF THE 5TH HAPPENS TO FALL ON A HOLIDAY OR A
WEEKEND PLEASE BE SURE TO GET IT IN BEFORE THAT DAY**

From the Desk of Nancy Lewis

Executive Director, Project Concern

Change of Seasons

We all enjoy the colors of autumn leaves and we find that the changing fall foliage never fails to surprise and delight us. The reds, yellows, browns, the smell of leaves burning, all signs that autumn descends upon us. As summer ends and autumn comes, the days get shorter and shorter. This is how the trees "know" to begin getting ready for winter. Just as the earth prepares for another season so do parents and schools. Everyone in the family knows that the “dog days of summer” are over. With the change in seasons, youngsters experience their own change also. They now cannot stay up late, they no longer see lightening bugs, the night air is cooler, and swimming is out of the picture. Change is inevitable and this can sometimes bring about anxiety, frustration and unhappiness. The freedom that comes with summer is no longer present. Brothers and sisters now have school work to do rather than being able to play and school activities takes family members away from the home. To help with the transition into another season, activities that focus on explaining why leaves change color, why leaves fall off the trees, and what is in store for the next season can help to reduce any anxieties or frustrations. Making stained glass windows from colored leaves, crayon shavings and wax paper is always a fun activity to show how beautiful the fall colors are. Get the whole group involved in as many activities as you can to help young ones understand and experience the beauty of the change of seasons!



What's the best way to enjoy a chilly November day? Gather the family and friends and head to the Grand River Center for some indoor fun. The sixth annual Kids Expo will be held Saturday, November 6, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Grand River Center. The event and activities are free, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors.

The Kids Expo will feature over fifty exhibitors offering information for families with children of all ages. Participants will include music programs, local camps, child care centers, preschools, health care services, social service groups, community activities, and many more. Entertainment and activities will be provided throughout the day. The Kids Expo will include a balloon artist, special character visits, martial arts and dance demonstrations, inflatable slide and bounce houses, games, and activities.

“The Kids Expo is a great way for parents to get information on various programs and services while their children are entertained and educated by the exhibitors and activities,” according to Kelly Cooper, Kids Expo Event Coordinator.

Each family also will take home a *Family Resource Guide*, which is a comprehensive reference book for resources, activities, and services available for families throughout the Dubuque County area.

For more information on Kids Expo, go to www.empowerdubuque.org and click on the Kids Expo icon. Or call Dubuque County Empowerment at (563) 588-1620.

The event is a collaboration of Dubuque County Empowerment and Every Child/Every Promise. Event sponsors include the *Telegraph Herald*, John Deere Dubuque Works, Prudential Financial, DuTrac Community Credit Union, Jumpin' Jane's, Alliant Energy, American Trust & Savings Bank, Dupaco Community Credit Union, Four Oaks/Parents as Teachers, Kendall Hunt, Little Folks Trading Post, Project Concern/Child Care Resource and Referral, Dubuque Area Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse along with Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, Honkamp Krueger & Company, Medical Associates Clinics, Dubuque Bank and Trust, and Tri-State Independent Physicians.



Q.R.S. CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following child care providers who have achieved a level on Iowa's Quality Rating Scale! Thank you for your commitment to improving the quality of care for Iowa's children!



Child Care Centers

Level 2

Little Rascals Preschool and CC
Little Treasures Preschool and Daycare
University of Dubuque

Level 3

Our Redeemer Preschool
Seton Rainbow Circle Preschool
Finley/DCY Child Care Center
Grand View Preschool

Level 4

Dubuque Montessorri School
Young-uns Child Care Center
Mercy Child Development Center
Western DBQ Schools-Shared Visions
NICC-Peosta
Seton Peosta
St. Joseph The Worker
Kids of the Kingdom-DBQ Y

Child Development Homes

Level 1

Abby Ball	Pat Patterson
Alice Washington	Peggy Decker
Dawn Britton	Lisa Molzof
Emily Salow	Debbie Roth
Lori Loes	Maria Jurisic
Linda Neumann	Cristee Miner
Kris Rausch	

Level 2

Kristy Moore	Karen McClain
Mary Gordon	Michelle Rolling
Nikki Elgin	Casey Alexander
Kayla Ludwig	Linda Stovall
Kerri Kramer	Angie Kluesner
Shawna Clancy	

Level 3

Kim Fisch	Amy Welter
Lynn Goerd	

Level 4

Rhonda Kramer
Kristine Turner

Level 5

Amanda Crooks

THESE LISTS ARE CURRENT AS OF OUR PUBLICATION DATE~ANY UPDATES WILL BE MADE IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

For more information on how you can become involved with Iowa's Quality Rating Scale, please contact Mary Janssen at 800/ 475-0804 or 319/ 233-0804 extension 206. Mary can also be reached by email at mary.janssen@episervice.org.



STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR
PATTY JUDGE, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHARLES J. KROGMEIER, DIRECTOR

August 25, 2010

Re: Lead update

Earlier this year, child development home and center providers were notified that effective April 22, 2010, Iowa Department of Public Health rules required that disturbance of paint (sanding, scraping, removing, etc.) in pre-1978 facilities required that the work be performed by a person who has been trained and certified as a "lead safe renovator." Due to a shortage of people with this certification, the IDPH has decided that enforcement of this provision of the lead laws will not begin until April 2011.

IDPH reports that the 8-hour training to become certified to do the work costs around \$200-\$250. After the training is completed, the trainee must pay an application fee of \$60.00 to the Iowa Department of Public Health. It is currently taking about twelve weeks to process the application. If a provider chooses to take the training, they may do so. Otherwise, they may hire someone who is already certified to do the work. At the current time, it is difficult to find a certified contractor in many areas of Iowa.

Please encourage providers who need to work on more than one square foot of paint to try to utilize people who are certified as lead safe renovators. If they cannot find someone, and are unable/unwilling to undergo the training and certification process in a timely manner, encourage them to contact the IDPH to review lead-safe work practices prior to working on more than one square foot of paint in pre-1978 facilities. The IDPH Bureau of Lead Poisoning Prevention number is 1-800- 972-2026

Below is a link to the training calendar and the list of people who are currently certified in Iowa.

<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/LeadTrainingCalendar/Calendar.aspx> (renovator training)

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/eh/common/pdf/lead/lead_safe_renovators.pdf

Renee Larsen
Child Care Policy and Regulation
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The Department of Human Services is centralizing their offices and therefore there are a few new phone numbers for you.



Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-362-2178

Child Care Eligibility/Payment/Registration: 1-866-448-4605

Child Development Home Providers will start to receive their renewal packets and new provider packets from the central office in Des Moines instead of the Dubuque office. Providers which are renewing their registration should have received a letter from the Department of Human Services regarding this.

Registered Child Care Providers are Mandatory Reporters

ABUSE or NEGLECT may have occurred when a child:

- Says he/she was hurt by an adult responsible for his/her care.
- Is regularly unkempt, frequently hungry or ill-dressed for the weather.
- Is frequently injured.
- Acts out or is frequently disruptive or withdrawn.
- May be described as "different".

As a mandatory reporter, **the law requires you to report suspected child abuse or neglect.** People who make a child abuse report or cooperate in the investigation of a report have immunity from any civil or criminal liability, if they report or cooperate in good faith.

You must make the oral report within 24 hours. If the child's life is in immediate danger, call the police.

To report:

Please contact DHS Centralized Intake 1-800-362-2178

The fax number for intake unit is 515-242-6884

The mailing address is CSIU PO Box 4826 Des Moines, IA 50305

Child Care Resource and Referral Trainings



If you have attended a training since July 1st, you may have noticed that we have asked you to provide additional information before you leave. When you attend a training, you will be asked to sign in each time on the sign in sheet and to review your information for accuracy. We need you to sign in to have proof that you attended the training. We also need to have all participants complete a Participant Income Verification (PIV) Form. This form must be filled out accurately and completely. The PIV form only needs to be completed once per fiscal year. If you have completed one since July 1st, you do not need to complete another one until after July 1st, 2011. If you have not completed a PIV form this fiscal year, you must complete one. You are also asked to complete a training evaluation form at the end of the training. We are required to report the information on the evaluation, so the evaluation must be filled out completely. An evaluation needs to be completed for every training or series that you participate in. All participants must fill out the evaluation form and a PIV form completely and turn them in in order to receive a certificate for attending the training. Please contact Child Care Resource & Referral at (563) 557-1628 if you have any questions!

