



Covering the counties of Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, and Warren

Technical Assistance and Professional Development Coordinators

Many of you have heard of Governor Paul Patton's KIDS NOW! initiative. One of the goals of the KIDS NOW! initiative is to raise the quality of child care for the children of Kentucky. Governor Patton provided funding for our CCR&R to hire a Technical Assistance Coordinator and a Professional Development Coordinator. The Technical Assistance Coordinator will support the child care providers as they enhance the quality of their program environments for children. Technical assistance concerning space and furnishings, personal care routines, language-reasoning development, child activities, interactions, program structure, and working with parents will be available to child care programs. The Professional Development Coordinator will encourage child care staff to continue their training and education. Information will be provided regarding training opportunities, credentials such as the Child Development Associate (CDA), and enrolling in an Associates or Bachelor Degree Program. The Technical Assistance Coordinator and Professional Development Coordinator will be available to help child care providers, both center based as well as family child care homes.

Taylor Tucker is the Technical Assistance Coordinator. Some of you may recognize (continued on page 2)

Early Childhood Scholarships Now Available

Through the KIDS NOW! Early Childhood Initiative, scholarships are available if you would like to go to college to earn an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Development. The Early Childhood Development Scholarship will provide financial assistance in the form of non-repayable tuition scholarships. To be eligible, you must:

- * be a Kentucky resident and a U.S. citizen
- * be enrolled for no more than nine credit hours per term
- * be employed at least 20 hours per week in a child care facility participating in the KIDS NOW initiative
- * have no unpaid financial obligations to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority
- * be committed to providing required services, and
- * submit the scholarship by the deadline.

Scholarship applications are now available and will be awarded to persons who enroll in the spring semester beginning January 2001. To obtain an application, please call the CCR&R office and ask for Kim. The deadline for returning the applications will be **November 15, 2000**.

Look inside for Training Registration Information for Experienced Child Care Employee Training for November!

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nize her name from CCR&R training. She recently completed her Master's in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education. Taylor has worked with young children for about 12 years in the Bowling Green area. She has also had many experiences working with families from her work with Lifeline Home Health.

Kim McIntyre is the Professional Development Coordinator. Kim's interest in child care began while participating in a high school child care class 15 years ago. Her experience with young children and families has included teaching children birth to school-age, serving as an early childhood supervisor at a local Head Start, and working as a KERA preschool teacher. Kim's quest for knowledge in early childhood education has continued by attaining a CDA, a Bachelor's Degree, and the completion of a Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education next summer. Kim welcomes the opportunity to help you get where you are going professionally!

"And will you succeed?
Yes! You will indeed!
(98 and 3/4 percent
guaranteed.)"

From Oh, The Places You'll Go

By Dr. Seuss

Kim and Taylor are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you. If you have any questions about professional development issues or technical assistance, please feel free to call them at 745-2216 or 1-800-621-5908.

Children's Theatre at WKU

The WKU Department of Theatre and Dance has once again opened their Children's Theatre Series. All presentations occur on Fridays at 4:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 3:00 p.m., and admission is \$1.00. The presentations are located on Western's campus in Gordon Wilson Hall, Theatre 100. If you need directions, you may contact WKU or the CCR&R office.

Following is the schedule of presentations:

* November 3, 4, and 5 *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse* is a feisty retelling of the popular tale and is suitable for all ages.

* December 1 and 2 *Underdogs* is a revue using song, dance, and comedy to celebrate underdogs and is suitable for all ages.

* December 9 *International Holiday* is a holiday show that will be performed at the Kentucky Building and will celebrate cultures from around the world. This presentation will only occur on this Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

With these wonderful opportunities to expose children to the world of theatre so close and so inexpensive on the budget, take advantage of the WKU Theatre and Dance. Please share this information with parents/guardians and encourage them to participate.

Don't forget to
help enroll a
child in **free**
health
insurance! For
more
information
call 1-877-
KCHIP-18.

Experienced Child Care Provider Workshops

The Child Care Resource & Referral, the Morgantown Public Library, and Cumberland Trace Elementary Family Resource and Youth Service Center located in Bowling Green will co-sponsor training for child care providers on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 and Tuesday November 21, 2000 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The workshops will be worth six clock hour of training if attending both evenings. The cost of the training will be \$15.00 per person if registration is received by **Tuesday, November 7, 2000**. If attending only one evening, the cost of the training will be \$10.00 per person. After November 7th, the cost will be \$25.00 per person. Registration fees will only be refunded if cancellation is received in writing prior to November 7, 2000. Although fees will not be refunded after November 7, you are encouraged to send a substitute if the person registered is unable to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CCR&R office and ask for Lesley. Registration materials are enclosed.

Registration Deadline for providers is November 7, 2000

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Additional Resources Now Available

The CCR&R has added some additional resource materials to the lending library that may be helpful in the administration of the child care center or home. The resources share information curriculum and development of young children, getting organized, setting a vision, mentoring staff, various forms that centers and homes need for documentation, and aspects of management. The following resources are available for your use:

- * Developmentally Appropriate Practice: Curriculum and Development in Early Education, second edition, written by Carol Gestwicki.
- * The Visionary Director: A Handbook for Dreaming, Organizing, & Improvising in Your Center written by Margie Carter and Deb Curtis.
- * The Ultimate Guide to Forms for Early Childhood Programs is comprised of hundreds of forms prepared by nationally accredited programs and is edited by Wendy Biasetto.
- * Nursery School & Day Care Center Management Guide, second edition, written by Clare Cherry, Barbara Harkness, and Kay Kuzma.

Upcoming Training Sites

December - Bowling Green

January - Bowling Green and Russellville

Mark your calendars for the NAEYC (The National Association for the Education of Young Children) Conference to be held November 9 through November 11, 2000 in Atlanta, GA. For registration information, visit their website at www.naeyc.org or call the CCR&R office.

Don't miss a wonderful opportunity to meet others who also work in the early childhood education at a national conference that is so close in Atlanta, GA

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Web sites to Check Out

- * The National Association for the Education of Young Children at <http://www.naeyc.org>
- * The Council for Professional Recognition at <http://www.council.org>
- * The Division for Early Childhood at <http://www.dec.sped.org>

There are two ways
To live your life.
One is as though
Nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though
Everything is a miracle.
Albert Einstein

The Child Care Professional Congratulations!!!

Congratulations are in order for **Brenda Moore**, family child care provider in Glasgow on her accreditation of her family child care home with the National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC). *Her home is one of only seven in the state of Kentucky that is accredited!* Congratulations, Brenda, on your hard work!

The CCR&R resource lending library has a copy of the Provider's Self-Study Workbook for the NAFCC accreditation. Please call the office if you would like to borrow it. For more information on NAFCC you can visit their web page at <http://www.nafcc.org/>.

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