



EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER: NEWS & PROGRAMMING

SPRING/SUMMER ★ 2013

Spring into Literacy!

A MESSAGE FROM SCOTT HASSELMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In March, the ECRC celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by promoting his wonderful books. We had a great response and many children recorded their favorites for all to see. We culminated the series with a birthday party complete with green eggs and ham and a pancake birthday cake. Over the summer, we will continue to promote reading by developing programs around favorite children's authors including Eric Carle, H.A. and Margaret Rey, Denise Flemming, and Ezra Jack Keats.

Many people believe that children learn to read and write in kindergarten or first grade; however, the foundation for literacy skills is laid years before children enter school. At the ECRC we recognize the importance of positive adult interactions and experiences in promoting early literacy skills in young children. It is through positive, meaningful relationships and experiences that children gain confidence in their ability to explore and learn from the world around them. Our focus is to create programs that are full of interesting and exciting experiences. Whether it is a plate of green eggs and ham served hot for Dr. Seuss' birthday party or painting with toilet plungers, these experiences provide children with new vocabulary words, concepts and a context for future learning. They learn pre-reading skills like alphabet recognition, comprehension, how to hold and turn the pages of a book and that the pictures are related to the story.

Family involvement and expectations are huge factors for influencing how well your children do in school. Families who provide opportunities for their children to learn are much more likely to have children who start kindergarten ready to learn. Human interactions like sharing a picture book, telling a story, and talking about experiences are central to early literacy. Make-believe encourages a child to create imaginary worlds with larger than life characters, thrilling scenarios and electrifying endings.

This summer I encourage parents and early childhood educators alike to take advantage of the many programs and workshop offerings targeting early literacy. We look forward seeing you at the ECRC.

Sincerely,

Scott Hasselman, Executive Director

OUR MISSION In the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, the mission of the Early Childhood Resource Center is to promote the healthy development of young children by improving the quality of their early education and care through comprehensive programming, resources, and support services for families and early childhood professionals, to be leaders and advocates at the state level, and to promote the professionalism of the early childhood field.



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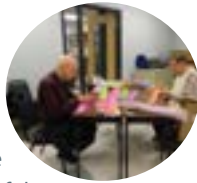
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NEWS & UPDATES

Our Volunteers ROCK!

The Early Childhood Resource Center is blessed to have a wonderful volunteer program. Each month we show our appreciation to the faithful groups and individuals who dedicate their time and energy to the ECRC. Megan Bodenschatz, Jamie Murphy, Alicia Miller and Sherry Kauffman, have been volunteering each week to help out in many ways. They work behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. PNC and Kiwanis volunteers also help on a regular basis and spend quality time doing large jobs to support the ECRC.



If you are interested in using your talents and would like to volunteer, please call Elisa Schleig at (330) 491-3272 Ext. 5688.

Kindergarten Transitions

Just a reminder that the *Transition Skills Checklist* for Stark County is available on our website, along with district contact information and instructions about where forms should be sent. The *Transition Skills Checklist* is a form that was created many years ago by a committee of early childhood agencies, educators and advocates. The checklist serves as a snapshot of a child's skills from the perspective of the early childhood teacher in the spring prior to their Kindergarten year. The tool provides Kindergarten teachers and schools with an understanding of the child's preschool experience, strengths and potential interventions that may need to be in place to support children who will be attending their schools in the fall. You can download the transition packet at <http://www.ecresourcecenter.org/uploads/stark-county-transition-skills-packet.pdf>.

A Note From The Board

As part of the Board of the ECRC I get to partake in discussions as to how to give children the best childhood experience possible and of course raise funds to that end. On September 29, the ECRC is hosting a landmark event that I think serves both purposes well. The Canton Cultural Center will serve as Candy Land come to life with a kid-sized game board and a real Family Fun Village. A few more surprises are in store, so hopefully we will see you there with some little ones. We would like to thank all of the numerous sponsors of this event that have made this day a reality. This is a wonderful children's event for Stark County to have and the proceeds will help the ECRC better serve the early childhood community. A big thank you to our "A Day in Candy Land" sponsors," WHBC, PNC, Deuble Foundation, Shearer Foods, Chesapeake Energy, Sisters of Charity Health System, Black McCuskey, Belden Brick, Midwest Industrial Supply, Walsh University and Schauer Insurance.

Bradley Belden, Board Chair

Congratulations Joe!

Congratulations to our board member, friend, and colleague Joe French for receiving the 2013 Irene Bandy-Hedden Early Childhood Leadership award.

Irene Bandy-Hedden was a pioneer in the field of early education in Ohio and was the former Associate Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Education. This early childhood leadership award recognizes outstanding contributions to the system of early care and education in Ohio. The award recognizes

individuals for their commitment not only to all young children, but celebrates the collaborative leadership in advancing the early childhood agenda.



Joe will be presented with the award at the Celebration of Excellence dinner on Friday, April 26, at 6:30 PM during the 2013 Early Care and Education Conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Way to go, Joe!

A Day In CANDY LAND
Fundraiser for the Early Childhood Resource Center
September 29, 2013
Cultural Center for the Arts
2 - 6 pm

This fun-filled family event includes:

- ★ Life-sized Candy Land board game and characters
- ★ Musical entertainment and performers
- ★ Interactive experiences for children
- ★ Opportunities to win vacations, over night stays and more!



PROGRAM SCHEDULE for professionals

Child Care Administrators Social Emotional Field Guide: Overview

Wed., May 15 **2:00-4:30 pm**

This workshop looks at the newest of Ohio's Core Knowledge Early Childhood documents, Guiding Young Children's Behavior by Supporting Social and Emotional Development, the Field Guide. Participants will be introduced to the Field Guide's content, discuss ways to support the social and emotional development of young children, be able to identify appropriate community resources and suggest activities for children to build skills. This session is the recommended first session of the Social Emotional Field Guide training series.

Presented by Larissa Haring, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health

Cost: Free

Credit: SUTQ approved; ODJFS in-service; .25 CEU's (\$10 fee)

Stark Directors' Luncheons 2013

Wed., July 10 **Benefits of a Teacher Leader Project**

12:30-1:30 pm **Lunch and Networking**

1:30-2:00 pm **Presentation**

Join us for networking and a short presentation by Lynne Clunk and Geri Grove about the benefits and how to's of incorporating a Teacher Leader project in your center. Plan to bring lunch or purchase it in the cafeteria. Meetings are held at:

Stark State College

Advanced Technology Center (ATC), Room T113

6200 Frank Ave., NW

North Canton, Ohio 44720

Learning to Lead Book Club

Tues., July 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13 **Time: 2:00-4:00 pm**

Using Holly Elissa Bruno's book *What You Need to Lead an Early Childhood Program* as our guide, we will discover the 5 essential leadership competencies: Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing and Re-forming. We will look at making tough decisions, legal issues, marketing, partnership and leadership skills. Join us for some INSPIRATION and develop your skills to become a more effective leader. Please note: the cost of this session includes the text book.

Facilitated by Elisa Schlegel, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$60 members/\$70 non-members

Credit: SUTQ Approved, ODJFS In-Service, .8 CEU's available (\$10 fee)

Infant-Toddler Teachers Sounds Around Us

Thurs., June 20 **Time: 6:00-8:30 pm**

Participants in this workshop will discuss sound awareness in infants, toddlers and twos. We will share practical ways to encourage development of language skills through hands on activities and Creative Curriculum DVD clips.

Facilitated by Cindy Gansmiller, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$10 members/\$12 non-members

Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-service, .25 CEU's (\$10 fee)

Celebrating Language and Literacy

Tues., Aug. 6 **Time: 6:00-8:30 pm**

This workshop provides an introduction to *Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Twos* regarding early literacy skills within the context of caring relationships. There will be a focus on "learning games" that you can plan to take back to the children you care for.

Facilitated by Cindy Gansmiller, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$10 members/\$12 non-members

Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-service, .25 CEU's (\$10 fee)

Alliance Training

Transforming Sand and Water Play

Thurs., July 11 **Time: 6:00-9:00 pm**

This interactive workshop will demonstrate how to transform your standard sand and water play into a creative sensory learning zone that children will love. Photos of unique sand and water centers will be shared, as well as strategies for expanding children's learning through questions.

Presented by Cindy Gansmiller, Early Childhood Resource Center.

Cost: \$5 ECEA Members/\$10 all others

Credit: SUTQ Approved, ODJFS in-service, .3 CEU's (\$10 fee)

Location: **First Baptist Child Care Center**

1659 W. State St.,

Alliance, Ohio 44601

Every dollar spent on preschool produces a 12 percent real rate of return – a number that, in the private sector, would start a venture capital stampede.”

-- Art Rolnick, senior vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

PROGRAM SCHEDULE for professionals cont.

Preschool Teachers

Story S-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-r-s... Adding A Litte Spice to Your Storytime

Wed., May 15

Time: 6:00–8:30 pm

Prepare to expand your story time into all areas of the classroom. We will connect some of the best children’s books to early learning centers—science, nature, math, art, music, movement, cooking and circle time. Each story is “s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d” with lively learning activities that heighten reading readiness and sharpen comprehension skills.

Facilitated by Elisa Schlegel, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$10 members/\$12 non-members

Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-Service, .25 CEU’s available (\$10 fee)

For Me, For You, For Later: First Steps to Financial Literacy for Preschoolers

Wed., May 29

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

For Me, For You, For Later: First Steps to Spending, Sharing and Saving was developed by *Sesame Workshop* in partnership with *PNC Grow Up Great*. This multimedia outreach initiative establishes a foundation for financial education for young children ages 3 to 5. Through this workshop you will learn how to:

- HELP children explore the meaning of choices and value and develop an understanding of spending, sharing and saving.
- ENCOURAGE families to discuss the ideas of needs, wants, working and earning money.
- SHOW families that learning about financial basics can happen anytime and anywhere throughout their day.
- DEVELOP your own *For Me, For You, For Later* financial literacy program.

Facilitated by Nicole Yoder, Stark County District Library

Cost: Free (made possible by a grant from the PNC Foundation)

Credit: ODJFS In-service, .2 CEU’s (\$10 fee)



Worms, Shadows and Whirlpools: Science in the Early Childhood Classroom

Thurs., June 27

Time: 6:00–9:00 pm

Come on a journey as we explore new ways to think about science education for young children. Based on the book *Worms, Shadows and Whirlpools* by Karen Worth and Sharon Grollman, this workshop supports the growing understanding that even the littlest learners are powerful thinkers and theory makers; it identifies important science inquiry skills and concepts appropriate for the very young. What’s more, it makes a strong case for integrating science into the curriculum right from the start - creating a context for the development of language, mathematical thinking, and social skills. Come exploring with us!

Facilitated by Elisa Schlegel, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$12 members/\$15 non-members

Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-Service, .3 CEU’s available (\$10 fee)

Rhyme Time!

Sat., July 13

Time: 9:00–12:00 pm

Phonological activities for children preparing for school. Get a jump on reading readiness and work on sounds through games, finger plays, music and play. Four year olds are especially at risk for developing reading difficulty and need instruction and practice to develop phonological awareness skills before kindergarten. One third of all 4 year olds do not have these skills. Join us as we get a jump start on the school year!

Facilitated by Elisa Schlegel, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$12 members/\$15 non-members

Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-Service, .3 CEU’s available (\$10 fee)

Family Child Care Providers More than Magnets...

Sat., May 11

Time: 9:00-11:00 am

Explore science in make-it, take-it activities that include cooking, gross motor, sensory, art and music. Participants will have an opportunity to use the Production Lab to make the ideas shown in the book to take back and implement in your home the next day!

Facilitated by Elisa Schlegel, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$8 members and \$10 non-members

Credit: SCDJFS in-service, up to .2 CEU’s available (\$10 fee)



PROGRAM SCHEDULE for professionals cont.

Family Child Care Providers, cont. Curriculum 101: Choosing a Curriculum to Fit your Family Child Care Program

Wed., June 26

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

Are you confused about whether to choose *Creative Curriculum*, *High Scope*, *Montessori* or any other type of curriculum? This workshop will provide an overview on the various types of curriculums that are out there, why curriculum is important, and strategies for choosing the curriculum that best suits the needs of your program and the children in your care.

Facilitated by Angela Parker & Elisa Schlegl,
Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$12 members and \$15 non-members
Credit: SCDJFS in-service, up to .3 CEU's available (\$10 fee)

All Audiences

Band-Aids and Icepacks...The Tools You Need to Keep Kids Safe!

Wed., May 1

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Do you know the leading causes of childhood injury? What type of injury prevention are you offering? Does your center need "tools" to reduce injuries and to increase prevention education? Join us for this free workshop that focuses on the prevention of childhood injuries in the child care setting.

Facilitated by Amanda Kelly, Safe Kids, Stark County Health Dept.

Cost: Free
Credit: ODJFS In-service, .2 CEU's available (\$10 fee)

Primitive Reflexes

Wed., June 12

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Learn about how primitive reflexes, the foundation of later brain development, help to develop pathways and networks of the brain. Discussion will revolve around what is going on in the minds of children with social, behavioral, and academic challenges. Attendees will receive a free copy of *Disconnected Kids*.

Facilitated by Kristel Thomas, Executive Director of Brain Balance Achievement Center - Canton, Ohio

Cost: \$8 members and \$10 non-members
Credit: SCDJFS in-service, up to .2 CEU's available (\$10 fee)

Transform Your Classroom into a Creative Learning Space!

Tues., July 16

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

We will use the book, *Inspiring Spaces for Young Children*, and Elizabeth Jarman's, *The Communication Friendly Spaces Approach*, to enhance the classroom environment including nature, color, and texture to strengthen children's development. Bring at least one photo of a focal point in your classroom that you would like to transform.

Facilitated by Cindy Gansmiller, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$12 members/\$15 non-members
Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-Service, .3CEU's (\$10 fee)

Aligning Creative Curriculum and Ohio's New Early Learning and Development Standards

Thurs., Aug. 15

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

Does your center or family child care home use *Creative Curriculum*? Are you interested in learning more about the *Creative Curriculum* objectives, dimensions, and indicators for improving your lesson plans for the children in your care? During this workshop, the participants will have the opportunity to explore the OELDS alignment document that was released in March. Please bring your copy of the fifth edition *Preschool* books, or the 3rd edition of the *Infant Toddler*, and *Twos* books. We will cover objectives for teachers and administrators working with children birth through kindergarten.

Facilitated by Cindy Gansmiller, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$12 members/\$15 non-members
Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-Service, .3 CEU's (\$10 fee)

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual ECEC Fall Conference

October 5, 2013

Keynote Speaker:

Chip Richter





Knowing Yourself to Better Serve Families

Tuesday, April 30, 2013
Presented by Joe French

FREE TRAINING and DINNER

Registration is Required!

- LOCATION:
First Friends Church
5455 Market Ave North
Canton, OH 44714
- TIME:
5:30-9:00 PM
- CREDIT AVAILABLE:
SUTQ Approved,
ODJFS In-Service
CEU's (\$10 fee)
- FREE BOOK:
The first 100 registrations get a
FREE copy of the book
"A Child Called It," by Dave Pelzer

Join us for a **FREE** workshop, designed to help professionals working with young children identify their own strengths and challenges so they can better serve families.

Through this workshop, participants will build an understanding of their role in developing positive, supportive and reciprocal relationships between parents and professionals, thus helping to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Space is limited!

Register for this event online by April 25th at...
<https://11941.thankyou4caring.org/ECRCEvents>

For more information, call **330-491-3272!**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE for professionals cont.

Child Development Associate (CDA) Training Classes

Tues., May 14-June 18

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

The 2012-13 CDA Classes officially end in June, however, there are several classes in May and June that can be taken as individual workshops to meet ODJFS licensing or Step Up to Quality requirements. Registration for the Fall 2013-14 CDA classes will begin after Memorial Day, with the first class starting on September 3rd. For more information on CDA classes, please call Jennifer at 330.491.3272.

Cost per class: \$12 members/\$15 for non-members

All classes below are approved for Step Up to Quality credit!

May 14	#400	Strengthening Families
May 21	#403	Parent-Teacher Conferences
June 4	#204	Outdoor Play
June 11	#602	Ethics
June 18	#603	Advocacy

Changes to CDA in 2013!

Have you taken CDA classes and have not yet applied for your CDA? There are changes coming up in the application process. Please call Cindy if you want help with setting up a plan for finishing your CDA before you will have to update your Professional Resource File into the new process. Also, the testing and observation method is changing and the cost is rising. So, it will be to your advantage to apply by June 1st, before the changes happen. If this time frame doesn't work for you, Cindy can help you find out what you need to do to update yourself on the CDA 2.0.

Our present CDA class has 18 participants. We meet weekly on Tuesday evenings. The students are gaining new information in the CDA subject areas and discussing how they can make improvements in their classrooms and to their skills. Our next CDA class will start in September. If you are interested in starting CDA classes, call Cindy and she will take your name and number. Registration will begin after Memorial Day.

Massillon Trainings

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Thurs., June 13

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

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Facilitated by Cindy Gansmiller, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$12 members/\$15 non-members

Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-Service, .3 CEU's (\$10 fee)

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Facilitated by Elisa Schlegel, Early Childhood Resource Center

Cost: \$12 members/\$15 non-members

Credit: SUTQ pending, ODJFS In-Service, .3 CEU's (\$10 fee)

Massillon Training Location: **Planting Seeds of Hope**
First Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall)
20 6th Street S.E.
Massillon, Ohio 44646



“Helping all children start school ready to learn is critical to their future success and to the well-being of society as a whole.” Committee for Economic Development

PROGRAM SCHEDULE for families

Inspiration Station Programs

Caterpillars, Ladybugs, Fireflies, Oh My!

Spring is an exciting time to get your hands dirty and discover nature. We will embark on a scientific journey through the use of Eric Carle's books, our natural Playscape, shovels, magnifying glasses, and other tools to discover the 'dirt' on nature. Through planting, observing caterpillars, and discovering what is hiding under those old logs, your family is sure to learn something new and exciting.

Tues., May 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30-11:30 am

Wed., May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:00 am (preschool), 11:00 am (infant/toddler)

Thurs., May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:00-11:00 am

Just Monkeying Around!

You are not going to believe this...The man with the Yellow Hat has left George the monkey in charge of the Inspiration Station for the whole month! Whether George is camping, building a kite, visiting the beach, or making pizza, he is sure to let his curiosity run wild. So, come along with us as we see where our own curiosity can lead us and the wonderful things we will learn along the way.

Tues., June 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30-11:30 am

Wed., June 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00 am (preschool), 11:00 am (infant/toddler)

Thurs., June 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:00-11:00 am

Ponds, Grass, Barnyards, Lunch

Through the use of strong action words Denise Fleming is able to create stories that are fun, colorful and easy for children to connect with. This month, she will help us find our inner author as we explore nature and listen to the stories that it has to tell. Come along for a literacy exploration of epic proportions!

Tues., July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30-11:30 am

Wed., July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00 am (preschool), 11:00 am (infant/toddler)

Thurs., July 11, 18, 25, 10:00-11:00 am

Around the Neighborhood

Community helpers are special people who help and protect us: Policemen, firemen, doctors, nurses, carpenters, postal carriers, grocers, bakers, librarians, etc. You will be able to try your hand at one of these, and other, professions as the Inspiration Station transforms into a little city. Ezra Jack Keats will accompany us on this journey as we use his books to learn all about our community.

Tues., Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30-11:30 am

Wed., Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 am (preschool), 11:00 am (infant/toddler)

Thurs., Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:00-11:00 am

Super Summer Saturdays

Mud, water, sand, and kites: Saturday programs are going to be a blast this summer! Each program will focus on a fun and, at times, messy activity! As we are getting our hands dirty, we will be learning important concepts, exploring our creativity and problem solving. Don't miss these exciting educational opportunities!

Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 am

May

11 - Mommy and Me Brunch

June

8 - Creative Kite Building with Curious George

22 - Sand Sculptures with Curious George

July

13 - Going on a Beetle Bop hunt

27 - Fun with Mud

August

10 - It's snowing in August!

24 - Camping in the City



To register for Inspiration Station programs, please contact David at 330.491.3272 or by email at dkerber@ecresourcecenter.org. Registration is required, however, walk-ins are welcome if space allows. Inspiration Station sessions are 1 hour and include a healthy snack. Programs are FREE to members and \$5 for non-members.



"A child's early experience has a decisive and lasting impact on how they develop, their ability to learn, and their capacity to regulate their own emotions."

-- Rima Shore, in "Rethinking the Brain"

PROGRAM SCHEDULE for families cont.

A Positive Tip!

Stay on schedule by setting a timer! There are a variety of ways to stay right on schedule with the use of a timer. This can be especially helpful in minimizing household stress with a child who has difficulty transitioning to another activity or leaving the house. Imagine eliminating last minute rushing, nagging, begging and yelling simply by teaching your child to respond to the sound of a timer.

It starts with you! Set a timer for 10 minute intervals and when it goes off announce "It's time for me to empty the dishwasher" or "It's time for me to start dinner", etc. This is a modeling process for your child to hear the timer buzz and watch you get up to do something else. After several days of continuous modeling, set the timer and say "It's time to head outside for the swings!". When your child comes running, give praise for listening to the timer. After several successful timer events, introduce the timer for everyday tasks, such as "It's time to start your bath" or "It's time to eat dinner."

Another fun use for a timer is to play "beat the clock!" Set the timer for ample time to finish a task and challenge your child to complete the task before the timer dings. If you see he is moving slowly, encourage with great enthusiasm and offer some help so he can finish before the bell. These simple steps will help to keep everyone right on time!

Diana Boggia, M.Ed. is a published author of *Parenting with a Purpose*. She writes a syndicated column, *Family Matters*, which appears in *The Repository* each Wednesday. She is the mother of three grown children and works closely with families as a parent coach at the Early Childhood Resource Center through a collaboration with Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health. Find helpful information on her website, YourPerfectChild.com.



Special Programs

For Me, For You, For Later:

First Steps to Spending, Sharing and Saving

Wednesdays, May 1, 8

10:00-11:00 am

Get ready to help your child develop a foundation for financial education while having fun! Preschool children will have the opportunity to enjoy stories, earn rewards and go on a shopping trip. They will even get to visit the food court! Sign up today and help your child Grow Up Great. Made possible by a grant from the PNC Foundation

Wednesday, May 1 – Financial Literacy Themed story time and bank craft

Wednesday, May 8 – Crafts and Shopping Program

Helping Hands of Stark County

Tuesdays, June 11, 18, 25 & July 9, 16, 23 at Vassar Park

6:00-7:00 pm

Helping Hands of Stark County is designed to bring together a community of children with common goals of helping the environment, showing others kindness, and building each child's character. Children will take part in activities such as planting flowers and a vegetable garden, constructing bird houses, making cement blocks with handprints to build a pathway, etc. This program will build your children's self-confidence and relationship skills while having fun.

Zumba for the Whole Family

Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20

6:00-7:00 pm

Zumba incorporates dance and aerobic elements in a high energy workout. Zumba blends dance moves from hip-hop, soca, samba, salsa, merengue, mambo, martial arts, and even dancing. Zumba helps to increase focus, build confidence, improve coordination while burning calories!

Curious George Parenting Information Sessions

Curious George Goes to the Hospital

Tues., June 11

6:00-7:00 pm

Helping your children get through medical appointments, illnesses, scrapes and bumps without fear.

Curious George Makes Pancakes

Tues., June 18

6:00-7:00 pm

How to involve your child in the kitchen with meal preparation, in a safe, healthy way.

Curious George Flies A Kite

Tues., June 25

6:00-7:00 pm

Children are curious and learn through play. Shenanigans such as running away and not listening can be sooooo frustrating. Learn techniques to create more positive behavior, while still supporting their curiosity.



workshop REGISTRATION FORM

TO REGISTER:

Check the workshop(s) you wish to attend and check the fee that applies. Total at bottom of page.

BY MAIL:

1718 Cleveland Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44703

BY FAX:

330.491.0334

BY PHONE:

330.491.3272

BY COMPUTER:

www.ecresourcecenter.org
(download form & mail in OR use the online registration section)

PLEASE NOTE:

Due the large number of workshop offerings, we have moved to a two page registration form. Please be sure to submit both pages for each person registering. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer at 330.491.3272 or by email at jscott@ecresourcecenter.org.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION POLICIES

- Registration and payment by the deadline is required. No walk-in registrations accepted.
- REGISTRATION IS GUARANTEED WHEN PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.
- Unless otherwise noted, all workshops will be held at the Early Childhood Resource Center
- Cancellations prior to the deadline date will receive refunds. Refunds are unavailable for cancellation after this date or for absences. Substitutions (with 24 hour notice) are welcome, but refunds are unavailable. In the event of an absence for a CDA workshop, the registration fee may be applied to a future class within the series.
- IACET CEU prices are in addition to workshop registration fees. CEU payments made in advance of the workshop are not refundable but may be applied to a future workshop.
- Workshops may be cancelled due to low enrollment or weather conditions. Refunds will be issued.
- There is a \$25.00 charge for any NSF check submitted.

NEED A TRANSCRIPT?

Individuals may request a copy of their transcript showing attendance and credit awarded at all ECRC sponsored professional development events. Contact Jennifer at 330.491.3272 or jscott@ecresourcecenter.org.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Home address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Fax _____ Job title _____

Center/Agency _____

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METHOD OF PAYMENT Total Amount Due: \$ _____

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workshop REGISTRATION FORM

WORKSHOP TITLE	DATE	REG. DEADLINE	MEMBER FEE	NON MEMBER FEE	IACET CEU FEE
<input type="radio"/> Knowing Yourself to Better Serve Fam.	April 30	April 25	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Band-aids and Icepacks...The Tools You...	May 1	April 26	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> More Than Magnets...	May 11	May 6	<input type="radio"/> \$8	<input type="radio"/> \$10	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Social Emotional Field Guide: Overview	May 15	May 10	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Story Stretchers: Adding A Little Spice...	May 15	May 10	<input type="radio"/> \$10	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> For Me, For You, For Later: First Steps...	May 29	May 24	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Primitive Reflexes	June 12	June 7	<input type="radio"/> \$8	<input type="radio"/> \$10	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Sounds Around Us	June 20	June 14	<input type="radio"/> \$10	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Curriculum 101:Choosing a...	June 26	June 21	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$15	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Worms, Shadows and Whirlpools	June 27	June 21	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$15	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Stark County Director's Meeting	July 10	July 5	<input type="radio"/> \$0	<input type="radio"/> \$0	
<input type="radio"/> Rhyme Time!	July 13	July 8	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$15	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Transform Your Classroom into a...	July 16	July 12	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$15	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Learning to Lead Book Club	July 23	July 19	<input type="radio"/> \$60	<input type="radio"/> \$70	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Celebrating Language and Literacy	Aug. 6	Aug. 2	<input type="radio"/> \$10	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<input type="radio"/> Aligning Creative Curriculum and Ohio's	Aug.15	Aug. 9	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$15	<input type="radio"/> \$10

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<input type="radio"/> Transform Your Classroom into a...	June 13	June 7	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$15	<input type="radio"/> \$10
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Alliance Training

<input type="radio"/> Transforming Sand and Water Play	July 11	July 5	<input type="radio"/> \$5 ECEA	<input type="radio"/> \$10	<input type="radio"/> \$10
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Registration for CDA Classes

<input type="radio"/> Class Title_____ Class #_____ Friday Before	<input type="radio"/> \$12	<input type="radio"/> \$15	NA
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APPROVED IACET PROVIDER

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PROGRAM UPDATES

Partnering for Kids!

Recently, PNC Bank, Stark County Community Action Agency - William Hunter Head Start and the Early Childhood Resource Center came together to present PNC'S, *Growing up Great Together Under One Big Sky* mobile planetarium, for 426 children at the William Hunter Head Start.

Through the *One World, One Sky* planetarium show, children explore astronomy and join Elmo, Big Bird and Hu Hu Zhu – a Muppet from the Chinese co-production of Sesame Street™ – as they explore the night sky and take an imaginary trip from Sesame Street™ to the moon. In the process children learn basic principles of math, geometry and physics, and about each other's culture.

As part of PNC's Grow Up Great – a 10-year, \$100 million investment in early childhood education – the portable *Growing Up Great Together Under One Big Sky* dome travels throughout

markets served by PNC to early childhood education centers and other organizations where children would not otherwise have the opportunity to visit a planetarium. A big thanks to Jennifer Dale-Fox, Director of Client and Community Relations, PNC Volunteers, Maria Goss-the William Hunter Center, Victoria Newkirk- Head Start Parent Involvement Coordinator and many others for helping making this event a success.



Warm Welcomes

Last year the ECRC made a one year goal to visiting every child care center and family child care home in Stark County. A big thank you to the 30 programs that we have already visited...we appreciate the warm welcome. The purpose of our visit is to tour your facility and gather information from folks working on the frontline as to what your concerns and needs are in regard to operating the best program for the children of Stark County.

We want to ensure the programs we develop are relevant and address your needs, convenient, and meaningful to the work you do. We have gathered so many ideas from our visits. The work you are all doing is truly amazing! If we have not already visited your program, please feel free to call us to schedule.



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

In March, the ECRC celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a full month of Seussical inspired activities. Children and families participated in a Dr. Seuss reading program where they recorded all the books they read over the month on a Dr. Seuss hat. The best part of the Seussical celebration included a Dr. Seuss themed birthday party with green eggs, made with spinach (not food coloring) and ham and a pancake birthday cake with blueberry syrup and fruity cereal pieces on top for families who participated in the reading program.

Over the month, children got to explore Dr. Seuss' books by engaging in hands-on activities and learning centers built around Dr. Seuss' silly books.



Inspiring Minds

Our weekly programs continue to be wonderful educational opportunities for children and parents. There were many opportunities for our children to grow and develop as we painted with plungers and measured with shoes. We exercised our bodies in Kid-Fit and Rig-A-Jig-Jig, and strengthened our minds in Drumming with Dads and Creativity Explosion. In the coming months, we will focus on literacy as we make reading fun again and your favorite children's books come alive in the Inspiration Station. Also, don't forget about our Playscape. As the weather warms up, look for our programming to move outside and include many opportunities for outdoor learning!



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RESOURCES AND SERVICES

2013 Scholarships

Each year the Early Childhood Resource Center awards scholarships to individuals for our Child Development Associate Credential training and Bachelor's Degrees in Early Childhood.

2013 Application deadlines

Bachelor's Degree: May 1
 CDA Scholarship: Aug. 1

Production Lab News

We hope the change in seasons leaves you with a little "spring" in your step! If you're winding down your program for the year, summer is a great time to prepare for next school year. If your program runs throughout the year, it's time to switch gears for the summer months. Either way, we hope you will use all the resources we have to offer as you prepare.

"When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece" ~ John Ruskin

This And That

- Add to our Wish List! We have a wish list for what we'd like to add to the Production Lab and Library when funding allows. We always welcome your suggestions about what you would like to see. Let us know your ideas and we'll add them to the list!



- REMINDER: The Production Lab is an adult work space designed for teachers and parents to make learning materials for children. Art projects with children may be done in the Inspiration Station. Materials from the Production Lab may be taken to the Inspiration Station if you don't find what you need. If you must have your children in the Lab please supervise them at all times and keep your visits short. We appreciate your cooperation

Stay informed by visiting our website often! As always, keep your membership active and let us know of any information changes.

Library News

Thank you to all who participated in the Dr. Seuss Reading Program, "Grab Your Hat and Read with the Cat!" What fun we had at our birthday celebration doing all things Seussical! Watch for our next reading program coming this summer.

Center Openings and Closings

OPEN 8:30 – 11:30 am on:

Sat., May 11th & 25
 Sat., June 8th & 22nd
 Sat., July 13th & 27th
 Sat., April 13th & 27th
 Sat., Aug. 10th & 24th

CLOSED on:

Mon., May 27th - Memorial Day
 Thurs., July 4th - Independence Day

Mark your calendars!!

Reading is a great transition activity in the summer when children come in from playing outside and need to wind down for the evening and bedtime. No matter what time of day you choose, be sure to READ EVERY DAY!

"Every time we read I hear how words are used, listen to rich language, sizes, and learn new words."

~Julia Luckenbill



Websites for Teachers...

Elisa Schlegel, Early Childhood Specialist at the ECRC, recently had an article published in *Exchange* magazine in the November/December 2012 issue entitled "Designing a Website for Parents" The article examines the importance of websites as a communication tool and marketing strategy for early childhood professionals. Here is an excerpt: "What you may not fully appreciate is that the rise in the number of homes with computers-the Census Bureau estimates 62 million-opens up new possibilities for us in our work. These include creating websites for parents that can serve as a marketing tool for prospective families and a way of deepening your communication with currently enrolled families. Designing a website for parents is a relatively new idea in the early childhood world."

However, they are growing in popularity as the number of parents with Internet at home or with a mobile device increases (see *Pew Internet and American Life Project*). Many schools are also purchasing computers for parents' use. Libraries have a growing number of computers, and many classes available online at no additional charge (see Gates Foundation report 2010)."

To read the article in its entirety, check out the magazine at the ECRC. The ECRC houses many Early Childhood magazines, such as *Young Children* from the National Association for the Education of Young Children and *Child Care Information Exchange*, among many others. Keep up to date in the early childhood field and check out a magazine today.