



Kay County Child Care Home Association

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK 🐼

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying the summer and all the wonderful treasures that it brings. We have just finished an extensive section on weather. !!! We've had a lot of weather to chart as well as the amount of rainfall we've had. Yes, we have made the most of our rainy spring and early summer weather. We have had lunch in a cave [tablecloth under the table], bring your bear day, sailboat races, block and Lego building competitions, puppet shows, art exhibits, new lunch and snack cuisine, etc. This is an exciting time of the year to explore and discover new things.

If you have an idea that you would like to share with providers, please call or email Eldonna and I'll put it in our newsletter along with your name.

We appreciate the wonderful information that we also receive with our Association Newsletters from the OSU Extension Office. The article on Reducing Contagious Illness in the Child Care Setting was great! Thank you to the ladies from our OSU Extension Office. We appreciate the work you do and for mailing educational newsletters out for us.

I hope that everyone will enjoy the Fourth of July and all the precious freedoms we benefit from by living in the United States. Freedom isn't free as they say. Thank a veteran for your freedom this July and the rest of the year!

Please note: We are going to try meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the Month for a while.

Eldonna

Aid certifications! Red Cross info in this newsletter.

July Association Social

Date: **Thursday, July 10, 2008**

Location: **Hunans in Ponca City** behind Mazzios

Time: **6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

Due to requests for summer social meetings, we will also meet in July. Thank you for the interest ladies. Each provider is responsible for their own food and drink. If you've already eaten, come and enjoy the evening anyway. Do something just for you. See you there!

Security System

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this:

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. Your key fob is a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar / rapist won't stick around... After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime. This would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. Adults that carry car keys in case he/she falls outside can activate the car alarm and then someone will know there's a problem.

CPR / 1ST AID

Be sure to be re-certified prior to your expiration dates. You will no longer be given extended plans of corrections for expired CPR and First



RED CROSS CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING

CPR review classes are 2nd Wednesday of every month. The class begins at 5:30 P.M. and usually runs about 2 hours, depending on the size of the class. You do need to call and register for the class at 765-6605. The cost is \$20.00 for the training. To take the review class you must have taken the Red Cross long class. The Red Cross is located at 216 East Grand in Ponca City. Their hours are 8:30 -4:30 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, Association Meetings are solely for Home Child Care Providers. Trainings hosted by the association are warmly open to everyone.

Annual Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma Conference

The Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma (ECAO) invites you to attend their annual conference July 25-26 in Oklahoma City at the Science Museum of Oklahoma (formerly the Omniplex). The conference theme is PLAY! Registration is now open; early bird prices expire on July 11.

Link to Conference Brochure:

http://www.ecaok.org/Registration_Brochure.html

Featured speaker Ellen Frede will talk about "Using Play To Meet The Standards". Dr. Frede is an associate professor at The College of New Jersey and Co-Director of the National Institute for Early Education Research. A developmental psychologist specializing in early childhood education, Dr. Frede is a widely published researcher and teacher with extensive experience in early childhood program implementation and administration.

She served as Assistant to the Commissioner for Early Childhood Education at the New Jersey Department of Education and oversaw the implementation of high-quality preschool in more than 150 schools districts, serving 50,000 children and their families.

Dr. Frede has a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College and a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Utah State University. She began her career teaching in a wide variety of early childhood classrooms including Head Start, employer-sponsored child care and a federally funded model

inclusion program. She served as professional development specialist at the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation where she assisted teachers and program development specialists throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Dorothy Sluss will speak on "Nurturing The Love Of Learning Through Play". Dorothy is an Associate Professor at the College of Education at James Madison University located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. She taught in preschool and primary classrooms for thirteen years and, during that time, served as a voice for teachers as Vice-President of the Virginia affiliate of NAEYC.

She has held several faculty positions in Early Childhood Education and was honored with an award in Teaching Excellence at Clemson University. She has served as the keynote speaker for the 2004 meeting of the International Play Association-USA, as President of The Association for the Study of Play twice, and has chaired the NAEYC Play Research Panel sponsored by the Play, Practice, and Policy Interest Group for over ten years. She has presented her work on play throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Europe.

She is best known for her focus on play as curriculum. Supporting Play: Birth to Eight offers a developmental approach to understanding how children learn through play. This text is used in many colleges and programs for early childhood educators throughout the US.

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