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Early Childhood Council of La Plata County:



News & Updates

By Tamara Volz, tamarav@ecclaplata.org

The Early Childhood Council of La Plata County just finished a strategic planning process and approved an ambitious plan for the next three years. As a result of hours of collaboration and a focus on resource development, we have some exciting plans for the future to support an early childhood system.

Quality early care and education is still a priority and we are expanding our focus to include increased access to social emotional supports and services for young children & their families. We hope to do this through an integrated approach, offering Pyramid Training, Incredible Years Training and Touchpoints Training to child care professionals. Of course we will continue to offer the 48 hr Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler Care training along with numerous other community based training opportunities as funding allows. With this approach, we hope to support early childhood educators with the tools and skills to promote healthy social emotional well being of all young children & families.

There is a lot a passion around supporting the foundation of an integrated, comprehensive systems approach to helping young children in our community. We continue to leverage resources to create a strong network at the state and local levels. Our role in building and supporting these partnerships continues to expand and deepen. If you are interested in being part of this work, contact your local early childhood council or visit us at www.ecclaplata.org.

Touchpoints Individual Level Training

Did you Know?

You can register for Trainings & Events at the ECC website, www.ecclaplata.org.

All healthcare, childcare, early education, infant/toddler caregivers, and social service providers in Southwest Colorado are invited to the **Touchpoints Individual Level Training** for professionals who work with young children and families.

The three -day seminar is **October 21, October 28, and November 4, 2011** and offers 18 hours of continuing education credit.

For more information Contact Lindsay Sherman at lindsays@ecclaplata.org or 970-247-5960 x 20

Registration deadline is October 7, 2011 Registration Information is available at www.ecclaplata.org (click on Calendar of Events) to register online.

Touchpoints is a practical approach for enhancing the competence of parents and building strong family /child relationships from before birth through the earliest years, laying the vital foundation for children's healthy development. For more information about Touchpoints visit www.touchpoints.org

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ERS and EQIT Trainer Certification Opportunities

By Lindsay Sherman, lindsays@ecclaplata.org

In the coming months, the Early Childhood Council of La Plata County (ECCLPC) will have the opportunity to add to the existing teaching teams. The ECCLPC will be seeking applications for an individual to become trained and certified in Environmental Rating Assessments. Training will take place in Denver through Clayton Early Learning during the first week of December. Additionally, the Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Training (EQIT) team will be accepting applications for 2 new trainers. Dates for EQIT Training of Trainers (TOT) for these

2 positions have not yet been announced, but are anticipated to take place in the Spring of 2012. Training for EQIT TOT takes place in Denver through the Department of Education Expanding Quality for Infants Toddlers Initiative. For each of the 3 positions travel expenses and registration fees will be provided. Stay tuned, invitations to apply will be sent out October 3rd. Contact Lindsay Sherman, Quality Initiatives Coordinator, at lindsays@ecclaplata.org with questions.



Congratulations to this past Spring 2011 Montezuma County EQIT Class!



SW District CAEYC Conference: October 22, 2011

The SW District of CAEYC Conference to be held at Fort Lewis College on Saturday, October 22nd is FULL. If you registered already, Barbara Dodds will contact you via email closer to the date of the conference with directions and other information.



Jessica and her husband have two kids plus one on the way. Her husband's new job doesn't include health insurance. They make too much to qualify for Medicaid or CHP+. Without insurance, she doesn't know how they'll be able to pay for her prenatal visits.

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Trainings & Events Calendar

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Who to Contact</u>
Pre-licensing Training	Saturday, Sept. 24th and Oct. 1st	9am-5pm both days	\$50	Jennifer Dallmann jend@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x25
Touchpoints Individual Level Training	Friday, Oct. 21st, 28th and Nov. 4th	9am-4pm	\$55	Lindsay Sherman lindsays@ecclaplata. org 970-247-5960 x20
Medication Administration	Saturday, Oct. 15th	8:30am- 12:30pm	\$40	Jennifer Dallmann jend@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x25
Southwest District of CAEYC Conference At Fort Lewis College	Saturday, Oct. 22nd		Registration is now FULL	Barbara Dodds bdodds@durangoaed .net
CPR/First Aid	Saturday, Nov. 5th	9am-2pm	\$60	Jennifer Dallmann jend@ecclaplata.org 970-247-5960 x25
Montezuma County Expanding Quality in Infant/Toddler Care (EQ/ IT)	Friday, Oct. 14th-Dec. 16th (no class Nov. 25th)	9am-4pm		Lindsay Havran lhavran10@yahoo.com
La Plata County Expanding Quality in Infant/Toddler Care (EQ/IT) (Open for Registration Oct. 25th, 2011)	Wednesday, Jan. 11th- May 2nd 2012	1-4pm		Lindsay Sherman lindsays@ecclaplata.org

Check out the Early Childhood Council of La Plata County's website for upcoming trainings and registration information at www.ecclaplata.org.

*All classes require prior registration. Drop-in is not acceptable. Please contact appropriate person for registration information.

For any Questions or Comments regarding this Newsletter please contact Jennifer Dallmann at 970-247-5960 x25 or jend@ecclaplata.org.