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Monday-Wednesday
8 am-5 pm
Thursday ~ 8 am-7pm
Friday ~ 8 am-2 pm
Closed Saturdays

January, February, March, April 2011

This calendar has been developed to meet the training needs of all early childhood professionals and parents in Hamilton, Hendricks, Johnson and Marion counties. The trainings are designed to increase your skills and knowledge as you work to improve quality care for the young children you serve.

Office Closings:

January

1st- New Year's Day

17th- Martin Luther King Day

19th- Staff Meeting office closed 11:30am-2pm

February

16th-Staff Meeting office closed 11:30am-2pm

March

16th-Staff Meeting office closed 11:30am-2pm

April

20th-Staff Meeting office closed 11:30am-2pm

The mission of Child Care Answers is to ensure that the children of today and tomorrow are cared for in a professional and nurturing manner and that parents, child care providers and community leaders know the importance of their roles in the development of children.

Director's Notes

Paths to QUALITY™ Tools and Training to Market Your Child Care Program

You should have received your new and improved Marketing Paths to QUALITY Tool Kit. This tool kit (CD) includes the Paths to QUALITY logo which you may use on print materials, as well as guidelines on how to use it appropriately. The kit also includes sample documents and templates for newsletters, flyers, press releases, talent release forms, and letters to send to families. You'll find helpful instructions on how to promote your

business through blogging and on Facebook; how to design your own business cards and postcards; how to deliver an "elevator pitch," and much more! You may start using the tools right away!

Watch for Training Opportunities: "Marketing the Paths to QUALITY™ Advantage". Starting in early 2011, we will be conducting training on how to market your child care program and how to utilize the resources on the tool kit CD. This training will provide an opportunity for you to share ideas with your colleagues, discover free and affordable ways to market your business, and learn the way to put your best foot forward with potential clients.

We're excited about these new tool kits, and we hope you will be, too!

Sincerely,

Mindy Bennett

Director of Programs



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Join us on the CCA Blog or Website!

Happy New Year to all!

Our new look for the New Year

Child Care Answers welcomes change in the New Year! We hope that you find the training calendar more useful for you and your staff. We have trainings listed for 4 months at a time, therefore you will receive our training calendar only 3 times a year (remember to take a look at our website often for updates to the calendar). The calendar will always be printed on the same color paper so you can quickly find it in the mail.

All of our trainings are listed on our website and also on the Early Childhood Meeting Place website www.earlychildhoodmeetingplace.org. Remember you are not registered until payment is received. To confirm registration please include an email address. Please call our office with any questions 317-636-5727.

Wishing you happiness in the coming year!

SEVERE WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Hazardous weather conditions may cause some trainings or mentor visits to be canceled on short notice. This policy provides some guidelines to follow for what to do in case of bad weather or hazardous road conditions.

- ***If the local school system where the training/visit is canceled, the training/visit will be canceled.***
- ***If there are hazardous driving conditions as stated by the Indiana State Police, such as ice, the training/visit will be canceled.*** Due to travel distance of our trainers/mentors, roads may or may not be hazardous at the destination of the training/visit or starting point of the trainer/mentor. Travel routes will be closely monitored by the trainer/mentor team and if hazardous conditions are present, the training/visit will be canceled.
- ***Trainers/mentors will try to contact all participants via phone using the number that is provided when you registered. Please provide Child Care Answers with the best number to contact you.*** Trainers/mentors will print off the most recent registration information to take with them in case calls need to be made.
- Trainers/mentors will contact the Education Coordinator for cancellation and the Education Coordinator will contact the location of the training with cancellation information.
- Child Care Answers will make the best effort to contact local TV and/or radio stations for cancellation of trainings.

If you have a question as to if a training or visit is still scheduled or has been canceled, contact the Child Care Answers office at **800-272-2937**.

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Special points of interest:

- **Online CDA & CDA Renewal training– pg 7**
- **Registering for training online call Larry 636-5727 ext 249**
- **ENTRENAMIENTO EN ESPAÑOL-page 6**
- **Please send us your photos, if children are in the photos remember to have signed parent release forms on file**

Safe Sleeping Practices and Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Child Care

A required training for all licensed homes and homes receiving Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Vouchers. In this interactive training we will share national safe sleep standards for reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and accidental death in child care. **(NO COST TO YOU)**



Date	Time	County
1/11/2011	6pm-8:30pm	Marion
2/12/2011	9am-11:30am	Johnson
2/23/2011	6:30pm- 9pm	Marion
3/10/2011	5pm-8:30pm	Hendricks
4/9/2011	9am-11:20am	Marion

Orientation I Start Up Workshop

This session covers licensing requirements, health & safety tips, business start-up tips and resources. This session is for anyone interested in opening a child care. **(NO COST TO YOU)**

Orientation I

is required for childcare sites wanting to be licensed

Date	Time	County
1/11/2010	5pm-7pm	Marion
1/24/2011	6pm-8pm	Johnson
2/8/2011	9am-11am	Marion
2/8/2011	6pm-8pm	Hamilton
3/12/2011	9am-11am	Marion
3/14/2011	6pm-8pm	Hendricks
4/5/2011	6pm-8pm	Marion
4/18/2011	6pm-8pm	Johnson

Exploring the Foundation to Indiana Academic Standards

This fun, interactive session will provide participants with opportunities to use the Indiana Academic Standards to build on their current learning activities. It provides experiences that impact the physical, social, cognitive and emotional development of children birth — age five. **(NO COST TO YOU)**



Date	Time	County
1/18/2011	6pm-8pm	Marion
2/15/2011	6pm-8pm	Hamilton
3/8/2011	6pm-8pm	Marion
4/11/2011	6pm-8pm	Marion

Make & Take Sessions

These themed-based hands-on sessions offer the opportunity for you to explore and create items to take back to your learning environment to use with your children. Activities are connected to the Birth-Five Foundations. Space is limited! Registration is REQUIRED. 1 hr Training Certificates Offered . Session Time: 9:30 am-12:30 pm. **Location: Day Nursery Lilly, 3522 N Central Ave, Indianapolis 46205** ♦♦Questions: Contact Lenore 317 926-3401, ext. 312 or lenoref@childcareanswers.com.♦♦

Date	Title	Cost
1/15/2011	Sensory Foot Prints	\$5
2/5/2011	Cereal Box Puzzle	\$5
2/19/2011	Make your own table easel	\$5
3/5/2011	Simple Dress-up items	\$5
3/19/2011	Plastic Easter Egg match	\$5
4/2/2011	Photo Finger Puppets	\$5
4/16/2011	Painting Tools	\$5



Introduction to Paths to QUALITY

Licensed family child care homes, licensed centers, or unlicensed registered ministries as well as anyone who wants to learn more about Indiana’s four levels of standards to achieve excellence in child care should plan on attending this session. You must register in advance, call (317) 926-3401 ext. 300. **(NO COST TO YOU)**

Date	Time	County
1/4/2011	6:30pm-8:30pm	Marion
2/10/2011	6:30pm-8:30pm	Hendricks
3/1/2011	6:30pm-8:30pm	Johnson
3/24/2011	6:30pm-8:30pm	Hamilton
4/7/2011	6:30pm-8:30pm	Marion



Preschoolers and Challenging Behaviors ~ 1.5 CEU’s

During these 12 hours we will take a look at challenging behaviors in the 3-5 year old classroom. A model of social and emotional competence will be used throughout and many teaching strategies will be shown. Come prepared to learn, listen, share and participate in rethinking challenging behaviors and making children more successful in your child care setting. **Participants must commit to attending every night and complete required assignments in order to obtain the training certificate and CEU’s.**

DATES/TIME: Feb 28, March 1, 2 and 3rd ~ 6pm-9pm

LOCATION: Day Nursery Lilly, 3522 N Central Ave Indianapolis 46205

COST: \$60 (payment must be received no later than February 21st)



Management Training/Networking

Calling all **Center Directors** and **Licensed Family Child Care Providers...** This series is an excellent opportunity to strengthen the business aspect of your child care while networking with other directors? Each session is **\$10** and registration is required.



Date	Time	Title	County
2/10/2011	9am-11am	Leadership and Management:	Marion
3/3/2011	6pm-8pm	Record Keeping	Marion
4/18/2011	9am-11am	Marketing you Program	Marion

Behavior Busters

Need help understanding disruptive behavior? Come to this session to learn new teaching strategies about challenging behaviors with children 3-5 yrs. We will also take a look at ourselves and our environment. **Cost \$10**

3/22/2011	6pm-8:30pm	Marion
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Marketing the Paths to QUALITY™ Advantage

This training will focus on how to market your child care program and how to utilize the resources on the tool kit CD. This training will also provide an opportunity for you to share ideas with your colleagues, discover free and affordable ways to market your business, and learn ways to put your best foot forward with potential clients. **(NO COST TO YOU)**

1/25/2011	6:30pm-8:30pm	Marion
3/31/2011	6:30pm-8:30pm	Marion

Food Borne Prevention

This 3 hour training is an informal Food Service Sanitation and Safe Food Handling course. Topics of discussion will include an overview of Food Safety; Food Borne Microorganisms and Food Allergens; Purchasing, Receiving, and Storage of food; Food Preparation, Cooking, and Storage; Facilities, Cleaning & Sanitizing, Pest Management, and an overview of Kitchen Staff Personal Hygiene. Time will be made available for questions and answers after the training. This course meets the BCC food service training requirements as outlined in the ministry Voluntary Certification Program (VCP). Space is limited! **(NO COST TO YOU)**

3/23/2011	10am-1pm	Marion
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Stress Prevention for Caregivers

This training will discuss what stress is, the causes of stress and the effects of stress on the body. It will also identify stress levels of the participants (survey stress test). It will describe the warning signs of stress and offer strategies to reduce stress. **(NO COST TO YOU)**

4/13/2011	10am-12pm	Marion
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Indiana Youth Development Core Competencies and You

Indiana Youth Development core competencies outline the best practices for people who work with children and youth, providing a strong framework for professional youth work. This hour and a half workshop will explain the competencies, how to utilize them in your day to day work with children, and how to take the next step toward professional credentialing. **(NO COST TO YOU)**



1/20/2011	6:30pm-8pm	Marion
2/22/2011	9am-10:30am	Marion
3/22/2011	6:30pm-8pm	Hendricks



SPANISH TRAINING
ENTRENAMIENTO EN ESPAÑOL

Nombre del Entrenamiento	Dirección	Fecha	Costo
Orientación 1/OT 1	615 N Alabama St, Indpls In 46204	10 de febrero, a las 6:00pm-8:00pm	Gratis
la prevención de plomo	615 N Alabama St, Indpls In 46204	17de febrero, a las 6:00pm-8:00pm	Gratis
Orientación 2/OT 2	615 N Alabama St, Indpls In 46204	3 de marzo, a las 5:00pm-8:30pm	Gratis
Seguridad al dormir/ Safe Sleep	615 N Alabama St, Indpls In 46204	14 de marzo, a las 5:00pm-8:00pm	Gratis
Foundations español	615 N Alabama St, Indpls In 46204	21de abril, a las 6:00pm-8:00pm	Gratis
Orientación 1/OT 1	615 N Alabama St, Indpls In 46204	25 de abril, a las 5:00pm-7:00pm	Gratis

Que es un CDA?

El Asociado en Desarrollo Infantil (CDA por sus siglas en inglés) es un programa nacional de certificación para profesionales del cuidado y educación infantil. El Concilio para el Reconocimiento Profesional (Council for Professional Recognition) es la organización que dirige el programa y administra el proceso de evaluación para obtener la credencial CDA. Para mayor información, comuníquese con el Concilio al 1-800-424-4310 o visite la página web: www.cdacouncil.org.

Pasos para solicitar la credencial CDA:

1. Debe cumplir con los requisitos para ser evaluado: Tener 18 años de edad, un diploma de escuela secundaria o equivalente, haber acumulado 480 horas de experiencia trabajando con niños y haber acumulado 120 horas de capacitación en educación infantil en los últimos 5 años.
2. Llame al Concilio al 1-800-424-4310 e infórmeles que está interesado en el sistema de evaluación CDA y le gustaría comprar un paquete de solicitud (\$18 más el costo de envío).
3. Por favor especifique el ambiente de trabajo para el cual solicitará: Centro de cuidado y educación infantil con niños de edad preescolar, Centro de cuidado y educación infantil con bebés y toddlers (niños pequeños) o Programa de hogar de cuidado y educación infantil.
Las personas que trabajan en el cuidado y educación infantil en programas bilingües pueden obtener la credencial CDA con especialización bilingüe. Para obtener más información al respecto, comuníquese con el Concilio
4. Para cumplir con el requisito de las 120 horas de capacitación en educación infantil, CARE COURSES ofrece los cursos necesarios que cubren las 8 materias de estudio. La ilustración en la siguiente página incluye las materias de estudio y nuestros cursos que corresponden a ellas.
Una vez que haya completado con éxito las 120 horas de capacitación y todos los requisitos dictados por el Concilio, envíe los siguientes documentos al Concilio:

El formulario de la Solicitud de Evaluación Directa con todas las firmas requeridas

El costo de evaluación de \$325.00

La verificación de las 120 horas de capacitación (proporcionado en su registro de notas de CARE Courses)

5. El Concilio le asignará un Representante y esta persona se comunicará con usted para fijar una fecha/hora para la Visita de Verificación. En esta visita, el Representante del Concilio le administrará un examen de respuestas múltiples, una entrevista oral y verificará la recopilación de sus documentos, que incluyen:

La Observación Formal completado por su Asesor

Los Cuestionarios de Opinión de los padres

El Archivo Profesional de Recursos

6. Finalmente, el Concilio tomará una decisión y los resultados le llegarán en aproximadamente 4-6 semanas.

Cherish the Children: Preventing Child Abuse Conference

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2011

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Marion County

Cost: \$20 per person

Who Should Attend: Child Care Providers, Parents, Professionals, Law Enforcement, and anyone who has contact with children

Save the date!

- ⌘ Watch for more information
- ⌘ **Registration is required**
- ⌘ Several breakout sessions will be available
- ⌘ Informational booths
- ⌘ Light breakfast and lunch also provided



Keynote Speaker:

Sgt. Terry Hall, IPD
Good Touch, Bad Touch
(Body Safety Program)

Now Offering: Online Child Care Professional Training

Training courses are designed to help early childhood professionals complete annual training requirements and acquire required training hours for those seeking a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, CDA credential renewal or in-service training. Courses provide a variety of engaging topics designed specifically for the early childhood professional. Courses are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!

Don't delay - go to www.childcareanswers.com to register

Questions: contact Vanessa 317 636-5727, ext. 241 or vanessaf@childcareanswers.com

Scholarship dollars are not available to cover the cost of these training courses; however the cost of your CDA assessment could be covered by TEACH if you qualify.

TRAINING TRACKING SYSTEM

TTAM is our training tracking system!

Providers & Trainers: visit and update your profile by going to our website www.childcareanswers.com. You will need to know your ID and password.

Please contact our office if you need assistance.

Call 636-5727 Ext 249—talk with Larry



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Trainings Offered by Community Partners



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January 8th 1pm-3pm: Verbal Judo Mini Course for Adults (2hrs)

A course designed to help adults understand the dynamics of harassment, set themselves up to avoid harassment, and deal with verbal and physical harassment when it happens. **\$15 per person.**

February 26th 1pm -3pm: Kidz –N-Power (2hrs)

Kidz 'N Power is a multi-media presentation, featuring the ATA's own "Sergeant Safety", focuses on preventing child abduction, along with bully awareness, even fire safety. This is the finest child safety program available anywhere! **Registration Required! \$10 per participant. (Parents attend free)** - Ask about our **Super Saturday Event** when you call to register!

March 10th 10am-noon: 5 Step "Hard Contact" Course (4hrs)

This course teaches people to use a 5 Step Process when confronted by an angry individual who refuses to "follow the rules". This technique is great for dealing with both adults and children. Based on tactics and communications skills developed for Law Enforcement Officers, this process works great for many different situations, including teens and home issues. **\$30 per person. Training Certificates Available – Registration REQUIRED!**

April 12th 10am-noon: A Survival Guide – How to deal with Angry People (2hrs)

A course designed to teach techniques and strategies for diffusing potentially dangerous situations involving angry people. A must for anyone in the service industries! **\$15 per person.**

*****Register by calling Brian Myers at 317-881-2PMA (2762)**

Classes held in Johnson County

Ball State University

Ball State University had proudly hosted an early childhood conference for the past 34 years! This year Ball State tried something new and brought the conference off campus and into the community. For more information, call 765-285-5590. Fee is \$25 for each workshop or \$125 for all 6.

#1 Early Literacy ~ Indianapolis, 3/19/11

#2 Music and Movement– not available

#3 Addressing Children's Behavior ~ Indianapolis, 4/16/11

#4 Diversity in Early Childhood ~ Indianapolis, 4/2/11

#5 Family Engagement ~ Indianapolis, 5/14/2011

#6 Nutrition & Physical Activity ~ Indianapolis, 4/30/11



For more information,
call
765-285-5590

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St Mary's Child Center- Winter 2011 Seminar Series

Exploring and Interpreting the Work of the Schools of Reggio Emilia, Italy at St Mary's Child Center

Seminar Dates

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 (Part 1)

St Mary's Child Center

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 (Part 2)

Gilliatte building (Ft Benjamin Harrison)

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 (Part 3)

9230 Hawkins Ave

6:30pm-8:30pm

Indianapolis, IN 46216

(A light dinner will be served)

Seminar Fees: \$40.00 per seminar or \$100 for all 3 seminars

Scholarships are available for educators serving children impacted by poverty, violence, and trauma

Please contact Sharon at (317) 361-4893 or outreach@stmaryschildcarcenter.org for more information

EARLY CHILDHOOD MEETING PLACE

CONNECTING INDIANA'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITIES TO EDUCATION, RESOURCES, AND NEWS

A gateway to information, services and resources for Indiana's early childhood professionals and families of young children.

Events Calendar

- Workshops
- Conferences
- Meetings

Professional Resources

- News for Professionals
- Continuing Education Resources
- Professional Organizations

Family Resources

- Community Resources
- Child Care and Early Education
- Health and Safety
- Parenting and Family Support
- Resource Fact Sheets

<http://www.earlychildhoodmeetingplace.org>

2011 INDIANA EARLY CHILDHOOD
CONFERENCE

EARLY YEARS ARE
LEARNING YEARS

Save the date

April 7-9, 2011

INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER

Go to www.iaeyc.org
for details and registration information

Early Childhoods Investigators Webinars Series

Register for FREE webinars from:

Dr Becky Bailey

Vicki Ehlers

Dr Timothy Shanahan

And many more by visiting the link below

[http://www.investigatorclub.com/
AbouttheProgram/Webinars/tabid/263/
Default.aspx#webinar1](http://www.investigatorclub.com/AbouttheProgram/Webinars/tabid/263/Default.aspx#webinar1)

Congratulations to Participants that signed on Paths to QUALITY in September-November 2010

Marion	Hendricks
Precious Little Ones Multicultural Christian Academy	Little Monkeys
Ms. T's House	Teddy Bear Day Care
Decatur Township Early Head Start Center	Home Away From Home Childcare
Mt. Zion's Loving Day Care Ministry	Hamilton
Funshine Kids Daycare	Creative Campus Child Care
Precious Promises Childcare	Primrose School of Noblesville
Little Creek Daycare	Amanda's Tots Daycare
Tiny Creations Childcare	Grandma Pam's
Creative Kidz	Creative Adventures Home Childcare
Riviera Children's Center	The Infant Tree
Cindy's Center for Young Learners	Hamilton Heights Little Huskies Learning Center
Little Dreamers Childcare #2	Johnson
St. Mary's Child Center	Little Handprints Preschool & Childcare LLC
Kidz Most Wanted Childcare	Smart Start Childcare and Preschool
Little Lambs Christian Daycare and Preschool, LLC	

LEVEL ADVANCEMENT ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!
Level 2

Kinder Care Learning Center 86th St, Kinder Care Learning Center 62nd, LaPetite Academy Greenwood, Leah's Daycare and Shining Stars Home Child Care

Level 3

Day Nursery-Lilly, DayStar Childcare, Educare, Lil' Feetz Child Care, Goddard School-Greenwood, Goddard School-Avon and Brownsburg, Goddard School-Carmel, Humble Beginnings Childcare, Kinder Care Learning Center-Carmel and Indianapolis N High School Rd, Koala- T Preschool, Inc, OIC Child Development Center, Safecare, Safecare Home Development Childcare II, The Tot Spot, LLC

Level 4

Better Beginnings Child Care LLC, Day Nursery-Federal, Day Nursery- State, Day Nursery- Northwest, Early Learning Centers, Inc, East Street Station, Lilly Child Development Center, Kinder Care Learning Center #925 and #1488, Little Angels Home Life Daycare, Southwest- Head Start, Wing Walkers, The Lilly Child Development Center

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