Child Passenger Safety

The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office reported that 35 children in Oklahoma 14 years of age and younger were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2009—10 of those 35 children were not restrained.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), child safety seats decrease the risk of child death in car crashes by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers.

Unfortunately, 3 out of 4 child safety seats are used incorrectly.

Oklahoma’s New Child Passenger Safety Law

The OSDH recommends that parents and caregivers ensure their child’s restraint system meets the following criteria to be in compliance with the new child passenger safety law before it goes into effect November 1, 2015:

- All children under age 4 must be properly secured in a car seat with an internal harness.
  
  A 5-point harness is the safest restraint system and should be used as long as possible (until the child exceeds the harness’ weight limit.)

- Children under age 2 must be properly secured in a rear-facing car seat.
  
  Rear-facing is the safest way for small children to travel, and they should remain rear-facing until they reach 2 years of age or until they exceed the height or weight limit of the car seat.
  
  Riding rear-facing with legs bent or against the back of the seat is a safe and comfortable position for children.
  
  This position best protects their head, neck and spinal cord in the event of a crash.

- Children ages 4-7 must ride in a child passenger restraint system or booster seat unless they are taller than 4’9”.

Children taller than 4’9” or over age 7 should always be restrained in a seat belt. Riding in the back seat of the vehicle is the safest way for children to travel.

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Child Care Resource Center Library
Our resource library is available to child care providers, relative providers, and parents. This service is free of charge, however if you are going to be using our copier for copies, please bring your own copy paper.

We are open
Monday through Friday 8:00 am — 5:00 pm.

Infection Prevention News

**Comprehensive Cold & Flu Prevention Triad** as the BEST PRACTICE Infection Prevention Protocol this year!

This week is the perfect time to initiate YOUR infection prevention efforts to benefit students, staff, and families about the Comprehensive Cold & Flu Prevention Triad! We are relying on you to “lend a Hand!”

**Comprehensive Cold & Flu Prevention Triad:**
1. Do not touch the T ZONE (eyes, nose, & mouth mucous membranes)
2. Handwash Regularly
3. Don’t Hesitate to Vaccinate!

Visit www.henrythehand.org and see how to get started with the various educational programs.

This information was provided by Henry the Hand Foundation. For more articles like this, visit www.henrythehand.org.

Scholars for Excellence

Wouldn’t it be great if someone would offer to pay for you to go to school?

Scholars for Excellence in Child Care offer scholarships to ELIGIBLE child care professionals to complete coursework in the area of child development or early childhood education, as well as the Child Development Associate (CDA) and the Certified Childcare Professional (CCP).

The Scholars Program awards scholarships to eligible child care professionals to complete coursework in the area of child development or early childhood education, as well as the Child Development Associate (CDA) and Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) Credential Assessment.

These scholarships enable child care providers in Oklahoma to improve their skills through education, receive an educational stipend and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

Find out more information at www.okhighered.org/scholars/ or 866-343-3881.

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Free Webinars

Early Childhood Investigations offers free webinars to early childhood educators. The series is produced by Engagement Strategies, LLC., and presented by leading authors, experts, and leaders. The goal is to allow you to participate in conference-quality training without leaving your home, classroom, or office.

WEBINARS are an easy and free way to get 1.5 Tier I training hours! After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the webinar. Once you register, if you are not able to watch the webinar at the designated date and time, recordings are available to watch anytime and still receive a certificate for the training. You can participate in the training at a time that is more convenient for you! Visit these websites for listings of webinars coming up:

http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com

Q. How much do the webinars cost?
A. There is no charge. Every session and all of the supporting materials are free.

Q. How long are the sessions?
A. The sessions are typically 1.5 hours, but sometimes run a few minutes longer if there are a lot of questions.

Q. Are the sessions recorded?
A. Yes. The sessions are recorded and will always be housed at www.ECEwebinars.org/webinar-resources. An email that contains a link to the recordings will be sent to attendees and registrants who did not attend within 24 to 48 hours of the conclusion of the session to indicate that the recording was posted. You can also access the recordings in the Webinar Resources section of the site.

11/04/2015 Engaging Families of Children with Disabilities: Systematically Planning to Create Positive Experiences and Meet Expectations, Amanda Schwartz and Anne Zeigler. 2:00 PM Eastern Time

11/11/2015 The Great Disconnect: What We Know vs. What We Do in Early Education, by Michael Gramling. 2:00 PM Eastern Time

12/02/2015 Come on In! How Directors and Teachers Can Use Rituals and Traditions to Create Community! By Jacky Jowell and Kimberly Reinhard. 2:00 PM Eastern Time

12/09/2015 Managing Mild Autism in Early Childhood Inclusive Classrooms: Top Teaching Strategies for Children with Mild ASD, by Michael Assel and Libby Hall. 2:00 PM Eastern Time

12/16/2015 Social-Emotional Learning & ECE Program Culture: How to Facilitate Resilience and Inclusive Culture, by Dr. Maurice Elias. 2:00 PM Eastern Time
NOVEMBER TRAININGS

You must register to attend any of these trainings. Please call Amber Walls at (918) 453-5079 or 1-888-458-6230. We must have at least 5 participants for the class to make, or the class will be cancelled. You will receive 2 hours of Tier I credit for each training you attend. You will be notified if the class is cancelled due to weather, lack of participation or unforeseen circumstances.

Baby Doll Circle Time
(Craig County)
Cherokee Nation Health Clinic
27371 S. 4410 Rd.
Vinita, OK 74301
November 2, 2015
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Trainer: Amber Walls

Baby Doll Circle Time is part of a comprehensive social-emotional program created by Dr. Becky Bailey called Conscious Discipline®. We all know with babies and toddlers that development occurs within the context of relationship. This relationship makes the perfect opportunity to develop a child’s healthy brain. You will learn about baby doll circle time and the steps to organize a positive, successful circle time with infants and toddlers.

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN) - Building Collaborative Relationships with Families
(Delaware County)
Community Action Training Room
856 E. Melton Drive
Jay, OK 74346
November 9, 2015
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Trainer: Tina Smith

This unit supports relationship building with families by helping providers to define and practice active listening skills and to understand both the concept of the parallel process in relationships and the importance of reflection. It also aids participants in developing strategies for establishing effective relationships with families.

Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma
(Cherokee County)
Cherokee Nation Child Care Programs
W. Cherokee
Tahlequah, OK 74464
November 9th & 16th, 2015
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Trainer: Hannah LaBounty, Cherokee Nation Evidence-Based Intervention Specialist

This training will educate providers about the impact of trauma on the development and behavior of children. Providers Must Attend Both Nights.

Weaving Old and New Ways to Achieve Best Practices in Child Care (Muskogee County)
Muskogee Public Library
801 W. Okmulgee St.
Muskogee, OK 74401
November 12, 2015
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Trainer: Phyllis Yargee

Culture influences every aspect of human development and is reflective in child rearing beliefs and practices designed to promote healthy adaptation. Participants will weave a basket and learn how that relates to brain development and a child’s behavior.

If you are interested in enrolling in the CDA-Pathway to Professional Growth Classes please call Gina McPherson at 866-343-3883. For information about online classes go to www.okhighered.org/secc.
NOVEMBER TRAININGS continued..

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### Risk and Safety Awareness (Mayes County)
Mayes County DHS Office
501 S. Elliott
Pryor, OK 74361
November 16, 2015
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Trainer: Shawna Roach, Cherokee Nation CR Investigator

This training will cover different areas to help the employees understand how to react and the process in dealing with irate individuals, self-safety, notification of a situation (active shooter, individual under the influence, etc.)

### What Goes In Learning Centers (Ottawa County)
The First National Bank & Trust Company of Miami: North Branch
1749 North Main
Miami, OK 74354
November 23, 2015
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Trainer: Amber Walls

The physical environment and the materials within have an enormous effect on the way children behave and how they learn. Discover how to select, place, and change out materials; hot to reinvent the environment using the same materials; and how to plan for more creative opportunities.

### DECEMBER TRAININGS

#### Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN) - Building Collaborative Relationships with Families (Sequoyah County)
Cherokee Nation Housing Authority
2260 W. Cherokee
Sallisaw, OK 74955
December 1, 2015
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Trainer: Tina Smith

This unit supports relationship building with families by helping providers to define and practice active listening skills and to understand both the concept of the parallel process in relationships and the importance of reflection. It also aids participants in developing strategies for establishing effective relationships with families.

#### Baby Doll Circle Time (Okmulgee County)
Muscogee Creek Nation Office of Child Care
Training Room
2010 N. Miami
Okmulgee, OK 74447
December 3, 2015
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Trainer: Amber Walls

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Facing the Challenge: Working with Children Who Use Challenging Behaviors
Trainer: Therena Morris 918-341-3166
Date: November 2, 2015 to November 12, 2015
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (both dates)
Location: Pryor Public Library-Community Room

10 Steps to Positive Discipline (Based on the revolutionary discipline techniques of Dr. Becky Bailey, Ph.D.)
Trainers: Tiffany McPherson and Tonja Lorenzo
Date: November 4, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Miami Public Library 200 N. Main Miami, OK 74354

All Children Are Children with Special Needs
Trainer: Tracy Hinton 580-532-6318
Date: November 7, 2015
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: New Hope Assembly of God Muskogee, OK

10 Steps to Positive Discipline
Date: November 9, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: OU-Schusterman Room 3100 444 E. 41st Street Tulsa, OK 74135

PCAN: Helping Parents and Providers Understand Temperament
Contact: Tonja Lorenzo 918-430-6420
Date: November 17, 2015
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Pryor Public Library

December

PCAN: Helping Parents and Providers Understand Temperament
Contact: Tiffany McPherson 918-348-8518
Date: December 2, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Eufaula Memorial Library 301 S. 1st Street Eufaula, OK 74423

10 Steps to Positive Discipline
Date: December 8, 2015
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Northeast Tech Center 1901 N Highway 88 Claremore, OK 74017

10 Steps to Positive Discipline (Based on the revolutionary discipline techniques of Dr. Becky Bailey, Ph.D.)
Trainer: Tiffany McPherson
Date: December 12, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Muskogee Public Library 801 W. Okmulgee Ave Muskogee, OK 74401

PCAN: Helping Parents and Providers Understand Temperament
Contact: Tiffany McPherson 918-348-8518
Date: December 16, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Miami Public Library 200 N. Main Miami, OK 74354
Scrubby Bear has been spotted!

Cold and flu season will be here before we know it. Are you having trouble getting the children to wash their hands? Make it fun. Give us a call and invite Scrubby Bear to your program for a short presentation on proper hand washing techniques. If you would like Scrubby Bear to visit your program, call us at 918-453-5079 and ask for Amber. Scrubby Bear will be available for visits after November 1, 2015.
FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Did you know we offer one-on-one Technical Assistance in your Family Child Care Home or Center Classroom?

Topics include, but are not limited to:
- Room Arrangement
- Behavior and Guidance
- Creating Policies/Handbooks
- Communication with Families
- Customer Service
- STARS Information
- Story Time Strategies
- Transition Ideas
- Die Cut Services
- Eco Friendly Environment Assessment
- Guidance on NAFCC Accreditation

We also offer consultation over the phone and email. We are here to help!
If you are interested in these services, please contact Amber in Tahlequah at 918-453-5079 or Lisa in Jay at 918-253-4219.