



A NEW Publication of Smart Start of Butler County

May Incredible Years Class

Smart Start of Butler County is pleased to offer another session of free parenting classes to residents of Butler County. *The Incredible Years Parent Training Series* is designed to promote social competence and prevent, reduce, and treat aggression and related conduct problems in babies, toddlers, young children, and school-aged children.

The 12-week long class will begin on Tuesday, May 24 in El Dorado, KS. A free family meal will be served and free child care will be provided. A certificate of attendance will be presented on the last night of class.

Goals of the class are to: strengthen children's social skills and appropriate play skills; promote children's use of self-control strategies; increase emotional awareness, boost academic success, reading, and school readiness; reduce defiance, aggressive behavior, and related conduct problems; decrease children's negative cognitive attributes, enhance conflict manage-

ment approaches; and increase self-esteem and self confidence.

Fast Facts

When: May 24—August 9

Where: El Dorado

Meal Time: 5:30

Class Time: 6:00—8:00

Who Can Register: Any resident of Butler County who currently have children in the home

Cost: Free

How to Register: Contact Audra at 320.1342

Must register to attend.

A Community- based Newsletter

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Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted.

- Garrison Keillor

"Our Time: Dad & Me" Events for June

Butler Dads will offer special events in June to celebrate Father's Day. The events are for children ages 2—11 and the dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other male parenting figures in their lives. There will be sacks, crafts, and story time at each event.

Fast Facts

Time: 10 am—11 am

June 4: Augusta Public Library; 1609 State

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June 11: Bradford Memorial Library; 611 S. Washington;
El Dorado

June 18: Andover Public Library; 1511 E. Central

June 25: Rose Hill Public Library; 306 N. Rose Hill Road

What will we name it?

We are excited about this new publication for Butler County Early Childhood Professionals and the families they serve. What should we name it? Email your suggestions to Smart Start Coordinator, Audra: akenneson@rui.org



Upcoming KDHE Approved Trainings for Providers

Safe Slumber

When: Saturday, May 7; 9 am—11 am
Where: Butler County Health Department; 206 N. Griffith; El Dorado
Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start
Instructors: Jamie Downs & Audra Kenneson

Heart Saver CPR

When: Saturday, June 25
Time: 8 am—Noon
Where: Augusta Department of Public Safety;
Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start
Instructor: Troy Jelison

Heart Saver Pediatric First Aid

When: Saturday, June 25
Time: 1 pm—4 pm
Where: Augusta Department of Public Safety;
Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start
Instructor: Troy Jelison

Trainings on the Horizon

- Making the Tough Call: Your Role as a Mandated Reporter
- Sensory Sound Off: Addressing Sensory Issues in the Child Care Setting

To register for any Smart Start training contact Audra at 320.1342 or akenneson@rui.org



DeAnna Bing, Augusta home provider, practices what she's learned at CPR on Audra, Smart Start Coordinator

Upcoming Trainings by Community Partners

Day Care Orientation Training

Information about the licensing regulations and what you need to do to become a licensed child care provider will be given at these free trainings held at the Butler County Health Department. For more information contact Jamie Downs at 320.0365. Upcoming dates: June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16

Child Start Trainings in Butler

When: June 13; 6:30pm -8:30pm
Title: Adventurous Group Games for School Age Students: The Mind of a Student
Where: Butler County Health Dept.
Cost: \$18
Instructor: Annette Green

When: July 11; 6:30pm -8:30pm

Title: Adventurous Group Games for School Age Students: Active Social Play

Where: Butler County Health Dept.

Cost: \$18

Instructor: Annette Green

For more information about Child Start trainings contact 682.1853.

Smart Start Funding to Child Care Providers, and Families

Smart Start continues to have funding available for **licensed child care providers in Butler County**. Those funding opportunities:

- ◇ Start-Up Grants
- ◇ Grants to Existing Providers
- ◇ Special Needs Supplements
- ◇ Infant Care Supplements
- ◇ WAGE\$

- ◇ Butler Community College Early Childhood Scholarship
- ◇ Scholarships to attend state-wide training events

Funding Opportunities **for families** include:

- ◇ Child Care Scholarships

For more information about these funding opportunities, visit our website ButlerKids.org or contact Audra at 320.1342 or akenneson@rui.org

Did you know?
Smart Start is a grant provided by The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund!

Care 4 Kids: Substitute Service from Child Start

Fully trained substitutes who meet state licensing requirements to provide safe substitute care for child care centers and family child care homes.

All Caring 4 Kids Substitutes

- ◆ Receive background checks
- ◆ Have drug screenings
- ◆ Have current Health Assessments
- ◆ Have current TB test
- ◆ Carry an ID and all requirements with them to all assignments
- ◆ Are Child Start employees

Substitutes are Trained

- ◆ First Aid Introduction/Refresher
- ◆ Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- ◆ Signs and Symptoms of Childhood Illness
- ◆ Infant, Child, and Adult CPR
- ◆ Blood Born Pathogens
- ◆ Family Style Meal Service Training
- ◆ Minimum of 10 hours of professional development every year

How to SCHEDULE a substitute

Call Caring 4 Kids far in advance to schedule a substitute. You may confirm the name of the substitute several days prior to the scheduled date.

Contact 316.682.3962 or go to the website at www.childstart.org



Upcoming Community Activities

Pajama Story Time!

Augusta Public Library will have this activity for all ages every Tuesday evening at 7 pm. Be ready for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun! No registration required. Call 775.2681 for more information.

May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31

Kids' Safe Night—May 6

Don't forget that El Dorado has Kids' Safe Night Out on Friday, May 6 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm in Downtown El Dorado. The Elks Lodge is sponsoring free hot dogs and will host a bike give away!

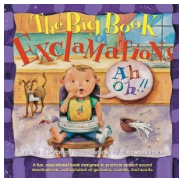


Would you like to be a Friend?

Be a Friend to a child with special needs and bring potential to life today. With more than 3,400 children reached annually, your friendship will create bright futures for families striving to provide their children the best start in life. Pick a friendship level that fits your giving wishes and fund a parent's peace of mind, a child's first step of independence, a mother's need for hands-on help, or a father's ability to work. To find out more visit: www.rucfoundation.org

Smart Start Lending Library

There are new titles in the Smart Start Lending Library!



The Big Book of Exclamations is purposefully designed to promote speech and language through imitations of

sounds, gestures, and words. It's not just for children with speech

problems, but for all children who are learning to talk.

Potty Power (DVD) is intended to motivate your toddler to use the potty. The program is produced to initiate and then sustain your child's interest in potty training. The program focuses on what your child needs to know to develop the

responsibility to use the potty him or herself! Friendly host Jessica and her 3-D animated friend T.P. along with a gaggle of toddlers guide viewers along the process of what it takes to become potty trained and have Potty Power.

