



Butler Kids

Thompson Presented with Award at KAEYC

The Annual KAEYC Conference was held on Saturday, October 1. At the conference, Teresa Thompson was presented with the Outstanding Extended Service Award. Teresa was presented the award by Audra Kenneson, Smart Start Coordinator for Butler County, who nominated her.



As the lead instructor at BCC, Teresa gives her time and energy to each adjunct instructor as they foster tomorrow's early childhood

leaders. She offers calm advice and assistance to the instructors and she develops positive professional relationships with the students she mentors.

Over the past several years, Teresa has worked tirelessly on the creation of the Butler Community College Association of Early Childhood Educators (BCCAEE). Under the guidance of Teresa and Sue Barrientos, this group has grown from a handful of members to a strong force of early childhood professionals that have begun to make a difference in the early childhood field. This student group of early childhood professionals has become noticed by NAEYC and has been highlighted in two different publications of *Young Child* over the past year. This accomplishment is due, in large part, to Teresa's determination and leadership.

Teresa is a member of the Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force, and she actively volunteers her time to help members serve the children and families in Butler County.

FREE Flu Vaccinations

Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital will be holding the annual FREE Flu vaccination clinics again this year. 1,750 does of vaccine, both injectable and intranasal doses, will be made available to anyone over the age of 3 on a first-come, first-served basis at two separate clinics in El Dorado and Augusta.

SBA hopes large families realize the benefits provided through the vaccine. Having one child home with the flu can put a great financial and/or emotional strain on parents who then have to stay home from work, or make arrangements for child care. And, often times, the flu spreads throughout a family causing multiple days off from work. The free flu vaccination clinics are a joint project between SBA Memorial Hospital and the SBA Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Fast Facts

When: October 22
Where: Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital; El Dorado
Time: 8:00 to 10:00 am
Who: Anyone over 3 years

When: November 5
Where: United Methodist Church; Augusta
Time: 8:00 to 10:00 am
Who: Anyone over 3 years

For more information contact Janet Frey at 321.3300

A Community-Based Newsletter

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Upcoming KDHE Approved Trainings for Providers

Smart Start trainings are free to people who work with young children in Butler County. Trainings are also available for free to parents who live in Butler County. If you would like to schedule a specific training for 2012, please contact Audra at the Smart Start office. **Note: Some dates have been changed.**

Safe Slumber

When: Saturday, November 5

Time: 9 am to 11 am

Where: TBA

Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Jamie Downs, LBSW & Audra Kenneson, LMSW

Heart Saver CPR

When: Saturday, October 8

Time: 8 am to Noon

Where: Augusta Department of Public Safety - 2100 N. Ohio, Augusta

Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Troy Jellison

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When: Saturday, November 19

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Learning proper CPR techniques can help you in creating a safe environment for children and it may help you save a life!

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Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Troy Jellison

Heart Saver Pediatric First Aid

When: Saturday, November 19

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: Augusta Department of Public Safety - 2100 N. Ohio, Augusta

Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Troy Jellison

Participants in the trainings offered by Smart Start must pre-register to ensure a space in the class. Registration takes a few moments and requires only your name, address, and telephone number. **To register, contact Audra at 320.1342 or akenneson@rui.org.**

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, by the Butler County Health Department. For more information contact Jamie Downs at 320.0365. Upcoming dates of Orientation are: October 21, November 18, and December 16.

Child Start Trainings in Butler

When: Monday, October 3

Title: Basic Knowledge Curriculum: Daily Experiences—Planning Experiences for Children

Where: Butler County Health Dept.

Cost: \$30

Instructor: Jackie Tanner

When: Monday, November 21

Title: Basic Knowledge Curriculum: Guiding Children: Interactions with Children

Where: Butler County Health Dept.

Cost: \$30

Instructor: Jackie Tanner



For more information about Child Start trainings contact **682.1853** or visit **www.childstart.org**. The website allows you to update vacancy and profile information, register for trainings, search the resource library, and learn more about Child Start Services.

Teaching: We're not in it for the income. We're in it for the outcome.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Month. The Family Life Center-Safehouse is a shelter where women and children of abuse can stay. The shelter is free of charge.

The Safehouse provides shelter, food, clothing, personal hygiene items, diapers, and baby food to all of the clients that are in need. The Safehouse also provides a Court Advocate to help with filing of

protection orders, a Child Advocate that facilitates an after school children's support group, and an OARS Advocate that is housed at the SRS office.

A women's support group meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm; you are not required to be a resident of the Safehouse to attend this group. If someone you know has been abused and is in need of the services the

Safehouse offers, please call 321.7104.



Preparing Children for Trick or Treating

From: Sandbox Learning (www.sandbox-learning.com)

Dressing up to go trick or treating is fun for children and it creates lasting memories for children and parents. Help children prepare for Halloween treating with these five strategies.

- 1. Set Costume Guidelines:** Let children know if/when they can wear their costume and be sure to tell them before it is made or purchased. "You can try it on for 5 minutes, but you have to wait until Halloween to wear it, so it stays clean!"
- 2. Select a Costume:** Help select a costume that fits properly and is safe. Some kids may not like masks or makeup because of sensory issues. For children who

have difficulties with masks, holding a mask rather than wearing it or not using one at all may make the evening more enjoyable.

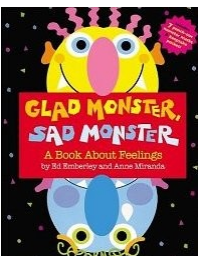
- 3. Practice Going to People's Doors:** Role play going to someone's door, saying "Trick or treat," holding a bag out, and saying "Thank you." Remind children they will need to take turns and use manners. Practice other things that may happen such as someone complimenting their costume.
- 4. Establish Guidelines in Advance** Prepare children: What time trick or treating starts and ends; How they know when it ends; Where they can trick or treat; and Rules

they need to follow, such as staying with a parent at all times. Review guidelines days in advance with a story and pictures, and review before trick or treating.

- 5. Set Candy Guidelines** Set rules in advance about eating candy. Let children know before Halloween that they need to bring all of the candy back for you to check before they can eat any of it. Make sure children eat dinner or a healthy snack before trick or treating so they are not hungry. Have guidelines about the number of pieces they can eat per day and create a schedule for when they can eat their candy.

Smart Start Lending Library

Have you ever checked an item out from the Smart Start Library? It's easy! Call Audra at 320.1342 or send her an email: akenneson@rui.org.

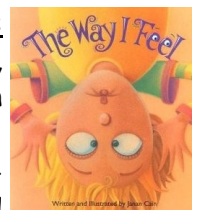


Glad Monster, Sad Monster: Glad, sad, silly, mad - monsters have all kinds of different feelings! In this innovative die cut book, featuring a

snazzy foil cover, you'll try on funny masks as you walk through the wide range of moods all little monsters (and kids!) experience. Here's a fun, interactive way to explore the many different ways we feel! "The blue monster says, 'Waving good-bye, watching my snowmonster melt, losing my big blue balloon, and having it rain on a parade day make me sad.'"

The Way I Feel:

From scared to shy, bored to jealous, Cain covers the emotional waterfront in a series of rhymes paired with pastel pencil drawings featuring elflike children. "Feelings come and feelings go. I never know what they'll be. Silly or angry, happy or sad: They're all part of me!"



Meet a Butler Early Childhood Professional from Andover

The Andover YMCA Early Learning Center (ELC) recently celebrated its second birthday! The center opened in August 2009 with the capacity to serve 98 children in Andover and surrounding communities. Licensed by KDHE, the program also contracts with SRS and offers financial aid for those who qualify.

In addition to quality care and fun learning opportunities, children can enroll in and participate in swimming lessons, gymnastics and dance activities. The families enjoy this benefit because it allows them to free up their evenings and spend more time together.

Jodi Evans has been the Program Director since the center opened. She

has been with the YMCA for 18 years. She began her child care career in high school working at a local center and McConnell AFB. Upon hire at the YMCA she was a site director for the YMCA School Age Child Care (SACC) program and soon became the School Age Program Director, supervising



Jodi Evans, Program Director of the ELC at the Andover YMCA.

Butler County and sites in east Wichita.

Jodi graduated from Augusta High School and received an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood at Butler County Community College. In 2010, she earned her Bachelor Degree of Business Administration at Friends University.

Jodi is married and has two step-children, one grandchild and is anxiously waiting to be a great aunt. She loves spending time with her family, fishing, horses and art. She volunteers on the Kansas Safe Kids Coalition (Sedgwick County group) and loves her job working with children and families.

Meet a Smart Start Advisory Committee Member

The mission of the Kansas Early Childhood Associate Apprenticeship Program (ECAAP) is to support the early childhood community through a replicable workforce development system.

ECAAP, a program in the Department of Commerce, is an employer-driven, structured, on-the-job training program that helps an organization achieve the goal of having skilled and knowledgeable employees. ECAAP provides workers with quantifiable skills and portable, industry recognized credentials that meet Kansas' early care and education requirements.

It combines related technical and theoretical instruction (college credits) with planned on-the-job training (OJT) under the supervision of a skilled mentor. The program takes approximately 2 years to complete. It requires 4,000 hours of OJT and 20 hours of early childhood

college credit through one of our educational partners.

All apprentices work in early learning environments with children 0-5 years of age (30 hours a week minimum) and take coursework in Early Childhood Education. ECAAP has 4 employers in Butler County who currently use the program. Marla Canfield is the ECAAP Program Consultant. ECAAP is offered state wide to any licensed day-



Audra Kenneson and Marla Canfield at the 2012 Strategic Planning Meeting

care center or Head Start provider. The office is located at the Wichita Workforce Center, 150 N. Main, Suite 100.

Marla grew up in Great Bend, KS. She went onto Kansas State University earning a Bachelor's in Life Span Human Development and a Master's Degree in Family Life Education & Consultation. After completing school, she moved to Wichita in 1998 and worked a year as a director for Roots and Wings (CASA of Sedgwick County). In 1999, she joined the Kansas Children's Service League as a Family Support Supervisor. In 2007, Marla became the ECAAP Program Consultant. She became a member of the Smart Start Advisory Committee in 2010.

Marla is married to Craig and they are the "parents" to cats/kitten; Sissy, Tyson, Steve, and Maynard. She also volunteers at the Kansas Humane Society.