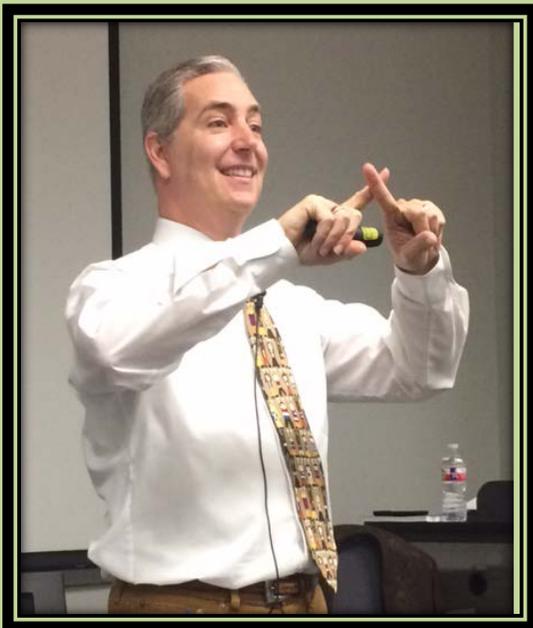


SPRING HAS SPRUNG... AND SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The Third Annual Concho Valley Child & Youth Conference took place on April 1st and was a huge success! We had 156 caregivers from five counties in attendance, plus 22 presenters and numerous volunteers. There were 42 childcare facilities represented, and ten vendors were on location to share their organizations' products and missions. Nationally-known educator **Dan St. Romain** from San Antonio presented a very educational and entertaining keynote address and two additional break-out sessions. All of his presentations were incredibly well-received by his audiences, as were the sessions lead by local volunteer speakers!



Of course, we have reviewed the comments and suggestions we received on the conference evaluation sheets, and we will use this input to further improve upon our event in 2018!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CCS is sponsoring another **SATURDAY TRAINING** at West Texas Training Center:

LET'S BE PROFESSIONAL

(TCC-P #9 – Professionalism & Ethics)

&

IT MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL!

(TCC-P #5 – Observation & Assessment)

Presented by **Monica Allen-Nelson**

Saturday, June 17, 2017

8:30 AM -- 3:30 PM

(one-hour break for lunch on your own)

Cost: \$10 ----- 6 clock hours

Registration information will be sent out soon.

Please register early so that we can make sure there is enough seating for everyone who wishes to attend!

Other upcoming trainings include:

Saturday, July 22nd -- Meaningful Art

Experiences: What Children Need to Support Creativity / Organizing the Day & Lesson Plans

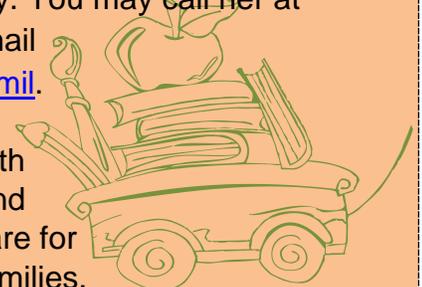
Saturday, August 12th -- Eat, Teach, & Model

Wellness / Stop It Before Someone Gets Hurt: Understanding Why Rough & Tumble Play Enhances Development

MILITARY FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED

If you are a LCCH or RCCH that might be interested in becoming a military family child care provider, please contact Carmen Trufant at Goodfellow Air Force Base about this wonderful opportunity. You may call her at 325-654-3239 or e-mail maria.trufant@us.af.mil.

The base will supply eligible caregivers with all of the materials and training needed to care for children of military families.



Three Things Babies Need

- 1) **Infants need to feel understood.** They are especially motivated to learn about other human beings.
- 2) **Secure attachments are essential for healthy brain development.** Infants fall in love with the caregivers who understand them and who dependably and consistently keep them physically and emotionally safe.
- 3) **Independence is gained through skills that are learned through scaffolding.** This involves providing care with just the right mix of teaching and support.

The Social-Emotional/Cognitive Connection

We've long recognized that **executive functioning skills** (working memory, mental flexibility, and self-control) are **essential for school success**. What we haven't always understood is that **these skills arise from social and emotional interactions**, building on an ability to manage one's emotions. Cognitive and social-emotional development influence each other in a give-and-take way. **Without healthy emotional development, children don't have the confidence or mental energy to learn.**

It's no surprise that the National Research Council and Institute on Medicine have concluded that **"nurturing, stable and consistent relationships are the key to healthy growth, development, and learning."** These skills don't just automatically emerge; they develop through teaching and repeated practice with supportive caregivers.

<http://www.letsgrowkids.org/blog/social-emotional-development-three-things-babies-need>

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH IS NATIONAL CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY
Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley thanks you for the positive impact you have on the children in our communities!

Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley is an equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

If you require special accommodations, please email accommodations@cvworkforce.org or call 800-996-7589. Funding provided via Concho Valley Workforce Development Board.



PUT YOUR IMAGINATION TO WORK!

If you haven't visited San Angelo's new **Makerspace**, located in the basement of **Stephens Central Library**, you owe it to yourself to do so! This incredible community resource allows patrons **FREE** use of creative equipment: Cricut cutting machine, 3-D printer, laser cutter, sewing and embroidering machines, and much, much more! This facility also allows users to explore robotics, circuitry, electronics/computer repair, graphic design, and media production. A huge selection of arts & crafts materials are available too! The Makerspace has everything you need to try your hand at calligraphy, drawing, painting, photography, needlework, pottery, stained glass, and even spinning. (Yes, turning raw wool into yarn with an old-fashioned spinning wheel!) A valid TGCL card is all that's required to access these incredible resources. Some equipment will require users to complete a short training on proper usage and safety before independent use. "Makers" under the age of 17 will need a parent/guardian to sign a usage waiver for them, and those younger than 13 will need an adult to accompany them as they work.

*Being a **Texas Rising Star** facility provides many valuable benefits! Contact Paige Bickford at 325-653-2321, ext. 1279, to find out more about becoming a TRS provider.*

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