

**THE SUMMER SUN MAY BE SETTING,  
BUT A FANTASTIC FALL IS ON THE HORIZON**

Our July Saturday training, *Meaningful Art Experiences/Organizing Your Day & Lesson Plans* was full of valuable information and useful tips for getting the most out of your day as a childcare professional. Tracy Sloper reminded us that when it comes to art in the classroom, "it's about the process, not the product!" Although she emphasized the importance of involving children in open-ended art experiences without samples to copy or specific directions to follow, she also reminded us that crafts, particularly holiday projects that are popular with parents, are fine on a limited basis. After all, what mommy or daddy doesn't love a child's handprint or footprint as a keepsake? These cute Father's Day ideas were shared with us by our friends at Harris Avenue Baptist CDC!



**UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

**8:30 AM -- 2:30 PM**

*(one-hour break for lunch on your own)*

**Cost: \$10 ----- 5 clock hours**

*Presented by Tracy Payne*

**EAT, TEACH, & MODEL WELLNESS**

TCC P4 – Supporting Skill Development &  
TCC P8 – Health, Safety & Nutrition

**&**

**STOP IT BEFORE SOMEONE GETS  
HURT: The Benefits of  
Rough & Tumble Play**

TCC P1 – Child Growth & Development  
TCC P2 – Responsive Interactions & Guidance  
TCC P4 – Supporting Skill Development

*Please register by noon on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, so we can make sure there is enough seating for everyone who wishes to attend!*

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office  
& Region XV**

will be co-hosting a

**"Wild About Kids"**

**CHILDCARE CONFERENCE**

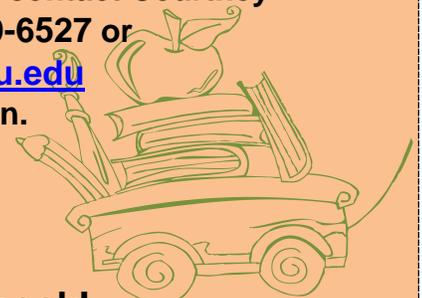
on **Saturday, September 9, 2017**

from **8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

The cost is **\$25** for caregivers or **\$35** for administrators attending the Director's Session during lunch. *(Prices increase by \$10 after August 18<sup>th</sup>.)* Please contact Courtney Redman at 325-659-6527 or [cjbarbee@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:cjbarbee@aq.tamu.edu) for more information.



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## WATCHING THEM GROW: RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS & PARENTS

While high quality early education is rooted in the belief that each child develops at his or her own individual pace, research shows that there are predictable milestones along this continuum.

Early childhood professionals often need a reliable developmental checklist to assess the youngsters in their care and to share with parents and other family members. Below are several reliable resources that can be accessed online. These materials can be printed out or viewed electronically.

**Centers for Disease Control & Prevention** (CDC) provides developmental milestones for children from two months to five years. There are also short video clips that can be watched online. <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>

With help from the American Academy of Pediatrics, **Child Mind Institute** has created a Parents Guide to Developmental Milestones for newborns through five years. <https://childmind.org/guide/developmental-milestones/>

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has developed a list of milestones that highlight speech, hearing, and language milestones from birth to five years. It can be accessed at <http://www.asha.org/public/speech/development/chart/> The charts may be viewed in English or Spanish.

### CONGRATS & THANK YOU!

*The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board & Child Care Services would like to congratulate **Joyce Sneed** on her recent retirement! For the past 19 years, Joyce has worked tirelessly to encourage and support professionalism and high quality child care all across the Concho Valley. She will be greatly missed, but we know that she will enjoy her well-deserved rest and relaxation!*

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*Being a **Texas Rising Star** facility provides many valuable benefits! TRS facilities receive enhanced subsidy reimbursements, one-on-one mentoring, online professional development opportunities, possible additional financial support, PLUS the ability to better prepare young students for educational success in kindergarten and beyond! Contact Paige Bickford at 325-653-2321, ext. 1279, to find out more about becoming a TRS provider.*

### 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](mailto: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. There is a great need for military child care homes in our local area!

*"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of a live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color." Natalie Babbitt, Tuck Everlasting*

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