



## TRS NEWS

Congratulations to **First United Methodist Church Preschool** in Sterling City! They are the Concho Valley's newest TRS child care facility. Director LaNae McClure & her staff underwent their Initial Assessment in November and earned **3-Star TRS status**. We are so proud of their hard work in achieving this goal!

## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Who are these children and how do we deal with them? Are they the ones changing, or is it the world around us that is different? If you want to know more about the **social-emotional needs** of today's youngsters and how caregivers can better support their development, please join us at our next Saturday Training!

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**8:30 AM -- 3:30 PM**

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

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

*Presented by Tracy Sloper*

## **THE EFFECTIVE CLASSROOM FOR A NEW GENERATION**

TCC P1 – Child Growth & Development

TCC P2 – Responsive Interactions & Guidance

TCC P4 – Supporting Skill Development

TCC P6 – Diversity & Dual Language Learners

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## **GUIDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR**

TCC P2 – Responsive Interactions & Guidance

*Please register by noon on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, so we can make sure there is enough seating for everyone who wishes to attend!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Planning is underway for the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Concho Valley Child & Youth Conference on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. **Registration materials are coming soon!** Our keynote speaker will be nationally-acclaimed educator, Dr. Mike Longoria, a.k.a. **Dr. Mike!** His high-energy presentations about using music & movement in the classroom to make learning fun and exciting will inspire your teaching and make you smile! You don't want to miss him or any of the other excellent speakers that we have scheduled to present at this year's conference! Please be sure to save this date!

## IN SEARCH OF CONCHO VALLEY RESOURCES

If you know of any local professionals who might be interested in contracting to provide 1-2 hour trainings on topics pertinent to child care, please send me their contact information. I am searching for nearby presenters to provide weeknight trainings for those who find Saturday sessions difficult to attend, as indicated on our recent training survey. Some of the specific topics that I'd like to address are health and safety, nutrition, recognition of communicable diseases, child abuse detection and prevention, and care of children with special needs.

**Owners/ directors/caregivers, please recommend your favorite local trainers!**

## MILITARY FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED

If you are a local 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!

## S.T.E.M. in the Classroom

At our November training with **Stephanie Berrie**, we learned about ways to introduce science, technology, engineering, and math concepts into even the youngest of classrooms. Here are a few pictures of some attendees creating houses in a "Three Little Pigs" building activity.



*No big, bad wolf was going to blow those houses down!*

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## SAY "CHEESE!"



The kiddos at Sonny's Daycare Home had a surprise visitor right before Christmas. Santa reported that everyone was learning great things and on their best behavior!

*NOTE: We love including photos from our CCS providers in our Quarterly Newsletters, especially ones of your staff doing what they do best! Please feel free to send us any pictures that you would like to share, but remember that we cannot include photos in which children are identifiable without parent release statements. We will need a signed release form from each parent whose child is recognizable in a picture.*

*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.*

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