



Early Childhood Council Highlights

August Happenings

Parenting with Love and Logic Classes

Love and Logic classes are open for registration! Classes will begin on Monday September 13th and continue every Monday for six weeks. William Madden will be instructing this session and will focus on children from birth to age 6. Please join us for this class. For registration information, please see page 3 of the newsletter, or visit our website at www.ececc.org.



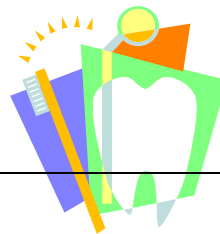
Early Learning

It is hard to believe that it is that time of year again! The Council's second Expanding Quality class will offer registration from now until the end of August. This is an excellent opportunity for licensed childcare homes to receive clock hours or to receive college credit. Don't forget completion of this class also opens the door for you to receive quality improvement grants for your center or home. See page 4 for dates and registration details.



Oral Health

ECECC's Cavity Free at Three collaborated with the Elbert County WIC program on July 13th to provide free oral health exams, fluoride varnishes and education. Parents also learned the importance of establishing a dental home for their children by age one. The next Cavity Free at Three is August 10th 8:30 - 4:00 at FHS. No appointment is necessary.



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Important dates to remember:

- Wednesday August 11th ECECC Council Meeting
- August 10th Cavity Free at Three screenings at Elbert County WIC
- Cradling Literacy classes available August 3rd and 11th
- CHAT trainings for CCCAP providers September 1st page 5 for details
- Time to register for EQ

Back to School Tips

Getting a new school year off to a good start can influence children's attitude, confidence, and performance both socially and academically. The transition from August to September can be difficult for both children and parents. Even children who are eager to return to class must adjust to the greater levels of activity, structure, and, for some, pressures associated with school life.

Re-establish the bedtime and mealtime routines. Plan to re-establish the bedtime and mealtime routines (especially breakfast) at least 1 week before school starts. Prepare your child for this change by talking with your child about the benefits of school routines in terms of not becoming over tired or overwhelmed by school work and activities. Include pre-bedtime reading and household chores if these were suspended during the summer.



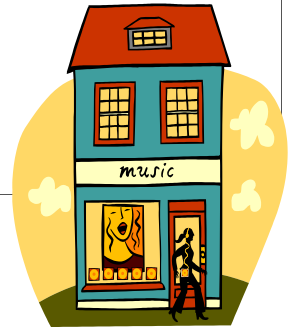
Back to School Tips continued.....

Let your children know you care. If your child is anxious about school, send personal notes in the lunch box or book bag. Reinforce the ability to cope. Children absorb their parent's anxiety, so model optimism and confidence for your child. Let your child know that it is natural to be a little nervous anytime you start something new but that your child will be just fine once he or she becomes familiar with classmates, the teacher, and school routine.



Story Blocks, A New Tool To Build Early Literacy Skills Debuts

The Colorado State Library announced the launch of www.storyblocks.org, an online video collection featuring one-minute songs and rhymes for babies, toddlers and preschool children in both English and Spanish. Filmed in partnership with Rocky Mountain PBS, librarians throughout Colorado share successful activities as well as literacy tips. Parents, child care providers and others will discover ways to engage very young children in fun and playful interactions that also build healthy brain development.



Elbert County Health and Environment Sports Physicals

Elbert County Public Health Office will be taking appointments for Sports Physicals at their office in Kiowa on the following dates:

August 3, 9:00 am-4:30 pm

August 18, 8:30 am -4:30 pm



Call Elbert County Health and Environment at 303-621-3144 to schedule an appointment. The cost is \$20.00 and a parent must be present for the appointment.

Parenting with Love and Logic Early Childhood Classes

Facilitated by William T. Madden of Life's Changes in collaboration
with

Elbert County Early Childhood Council

*Learn to make parenting fun, become a more relaxed parent
and enjoy those precious children more!*

This class will focus on Early Childhood from age 0-6

These six week classes have been designed by the Love and Logic Institute to teach simple and effective parenting skills, come join with other parents to "Build your toolbox" for better parenting.

Classes begin on September 13th, 2010

Dates: Every Monday for six consecutive weeks starting September 13th, 2010

Time: 6:00 to 8:00pm

Location: Frontier HS 589 Banner Street, Elizabeth, CO 80107

Cost: \$45.00 a person and \$65.00 per couple for this six week program. The fee includes workbook, registration and program certificate.

To register: call William T. Madden of Life's Changes at 720-331-3177 or Cathryn Reiber of Elbert County Early Childhood at 303-818-2225



EXPANDING QUALITY IN INFANT TODDLER CARE

September 2010—April 2011

Trainers: Chris Logue and Deana Hunt

Wednesdays 6:15—9:15 pm

MANDATORY ORIENTATION September 15th 6:15—8:15 pm

Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler Care

2010-2011 Registration

The 48-hour EQIT Curriculum provides a solid introduction to infant and toddler development, with a focus on providing quality group care for our youngest children. The EQIT course builds on the knowledge and experiences of infant and toddler caregivers through interesting, interactive and fun activities. With funding provided by the Colorado Department of Education, the Elbert County Early Childhood Council is pleased to sponsor our first session of the EQIT training this year **FREE** of charge to participants. These trainings will have limited space available and you **MUST** attend the orientation and all classes to receive your certificate. Space is limited and spots will be filled on a first come first served basis.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION SESSION SEPTEMBER 15th at 6:15

Classes will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:15-9:15.

Beginning September 22nd and, continuing through January.

All trainings will be held in the ECLC (Elizabeth Community Learning Center) Room located at 589 Banner St. (in Frontier High School)

The EQIT Curriculum has been approved by the Division of Child Care as one of the classes that can be used for Group Leader Qualifications as well as Director Qualifications under the new rules that became effective in 2010.

The Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler Care curriculum covers the following topics:

Emotional Development, Language Development Responsive Care, Literacy
Family Partnerships, Physical Development Safety, Health, and Nutrition, Culture
Learning Environments, Children with Special Needs Curriculum and Professionalism

For Registration forms please email elbertearly@comcast.net or locate the registration form on our website at www.ececc.org

(Registration due **September 1st**. Confirmation and schedule will be sent via email.)

Chris Logue EQIT Instructor

P.O. Box 610

Elizabeth CO. 80107

If you have questions, please call:

Cathryn Reiber

Elbert County Early Childhood Council Coordinator at 303-818-2225

Attention Child Care Providers...

**CCCAP
Provider Training on
Use of New System &
Point-of-Service
(POS) Device**

CHATS Training

When: September 1st, 2010

Time: 6:30—9:30pm

Where: Frontier HS 589 S Banner St.

Elizabeth, CO 80107

RSVP: Cathryn Reiber

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*Ensuring that Elbert County is a
community
of well rounded, happy, healthy,
educated
children and families.*



As an early childhood council, our role is to:

- Build and support partnerships with community and agency organizations
- Provide information to families to facilitate connection to services and supports
- Build public awareness of early childhood services and issues
- Promote and support high quality professional development and formal education for adults who work with young children
- Strengthen and support community-based mental health services that identify and serve young children
- Strengthen coordinated efforts to support the health and wellness of children.

It is our mission to work with all public and private organizations as a partnership to enhance the quality of early childhood services to children and families in Elbert County.

ECECC is made up of a collaborative of members
from

Elbert County:

Community agencies, health partners, school districts, higher education, child care professionals, and individuals who are interested in improving early childhood services.

We invite you to join us!

We're on the web!
www.ececc.org