

Early Childhood Council Highlights

June Happenings

Early Learning

Cradling literacy training has launched! Our first session began on May 27th. Positive feedback and a lot of smiling participants. The trainers are enjoying the curriculum. Classes are still open for registration. You may take one class, five classes, or take them all! Please see page three for the training calendar and contact information. You can also find the information on our website at www.ececc.org.



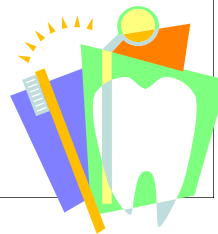
Family Support and Parent Education

William Madden of Life's Changes will begin the second Love and Logic class on Monday June 21st at Frontier High School. This will be the Early Childhood Birth to 6 set. The small group setting in which William instructs is wonderful for parents to share their stories and challenges. You can sign up for this class by calling Cathryn at 303.818.2225 or by email at elbertearly@comcast.net

Oral Health

The ECECC's Cavity Free at Three (CF3) training is June 11th 1-5 pm. Ten participants will be trained in the prevention and early

detection of oral disease in young children throughout Elbert County. The day of the training, parents are encouraged to bring their children ages 0-5 to be models for the CF3 participants once the training is completed, the models will receive a free oral exam and fluoride varnish at the Public Health Department in Kiowa from 4-5



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Important dates to remember:

- Wednesday June 9th ECECC Council Meeting
- June 11th provider Cavity Free at Three training
- Monday June 21st—Love and Logic Early Childhood class begins
- Cradling Literacy classes available all month
- Summer Reading program at all Elbert Count Libraries
- Look for the EQ class schedule in July!

Senate Hearing Highlights

Full Committee Hearing - ESEA Reauthorization: Early Childhood Education: We thought you would be interested in some highlights of the Senate hearing Tuesday, 5/25 on ESEA reauthorization. The presentations contained a wealth of information regarding early care and education and stressed the importance of the power of investment in quality early care and education. **Some of the information presented included:**

- Historical perspective and importance
- Discussion of the investment of quality early care and education
- Access for all children



Senate Hearing Continued...

10 key features of ready schools:

1. Smooth the transition between home and school.
2. Strive for continuity between early care and education programs and elementary schools.
3. Help children learn and make sense of the complex and exciting world.
4. Are committed to the success of every child.
5. Are committed to the success of every teacher and every adult who interacts with children during the school day.
6. Introduce or expand various approaches that have been shown to raise achievement.
7. Are learning organizations that alter practices and programs if they do not benefit children.
8. Serve children in communities.
9. Take responsibility for results.
10. Have strong leadership.

Testimonies from the witnesses are available as PDF for downloading and video of the entire hearing is available at: <http://help.senate.gov/hearings/hearing/?id=ac5e1b12-5056-9502-5d84-93f5a613d30f>

Educate: Colorado Department of Education

Standards for Early Learning The Building Blocks to the K-12 Content Standards:

Colorado's early learning guidelines take what we know about a child's early years and use that knowledge to describe the Building Blocks necessary to give our children the greatest chance of success throughout their lives.

Follow the link below to see the new finalized PreK-12 content standards.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/CoAcademicStandards.html>

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:

June 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

June 23, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

July 7, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

July 22, 8:30 am-4:30pm

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.



Cradling Literacy Summer Schedule...

**Building Teachers' Skills to Nurture
Early Language and Literacy from
Birth to Five**

**Free Summer Session Workshops
6:30—8:30 at Frontier HS**

Dates:

June 1st: Culture

June 9th: Relationships

June 17th: Development

June 22nd: Home Language

June 30th: Family Engagement

July 8th: Meaningful Experiences

July 13th: Careful Observation

July 21st: Purposeful Interactions

July 29th: Supportive Environments

August 3rd: Behavioral Understanding

August 11th: Social-Emotional Competence

**TO REGISTER: Email Chris Logue clogue@esdk12.org, for full course
description, please check our website www.ececc.org**



WORDS ARE POWERFUL

What do we mean when we use the term "day care"?

Days don't need care.

Days don't require the investment of millions in taxpayer dollars to assure safe, healthy and educational care.

Days don't need hard working, trained and dedicated teachers to support their well being and development.

Days don't need teachers who must meet increasing educational achievement expectations (while earning less than parking lot attendants).

Days don't need programs that collaborate with other systems of care such as health, Head Start or special education

to provide sensible and helpful community linkages for families.

Days don't have families who need help caring for them 10 - 11 hours at a time.

Days don't need teachers who work twelve hour days and then participate in training to improve their skills.

- Days don't Children do
- Instead of day care say child care or early childhood education.
- Let's call it what it really is and keep the focus where it belongs!



Elbert County Library Summer Reading Program Makes A Splash!

Summer Reading Programs & Activities For Adults, Teens & Children June 1—July 31, 2010

Online registration begins May 21st:

www.elbertcountylibrary.org

Pick up logs at any Library Branch starting June 1st
Wet & Watery Preview Activities: Natural Resources Conservation Service's river trailer and well model demonstrate the importance and functions of water

and rivers. A fun hands-on program for all ages.



Early Care and Education

All babies and toddlers need positive early learning experiences to foster their intellectual, social and emotional development and lay the foundation for later school success. Babies and toddlers living in high-risk environments need additional supports to promote their healthy growth and development. All child-care arrangements, including

family, friend, neighbor, and family- and center-based child care have the potential to provide high-quality, individualized, responsive and stimulating experiences that occur within the context of strong relationships and which are imbedded in everyday routines.

To learn more, please go to www.zerotothree.org, this website is highly interactive and in-



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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