

BROWN COUNTY PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY A SUCCESS!

On August 16, 2014, a group of child care providers in Brown County were treated to lunch and lots of “hands on” opportunities to learn, honoring them for the endless days and long nights they spend taking care of our most precious possessions- our children. **This event was sponsored by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati (UWGC) and facilitated by Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD).**

Learning activities were taught by COAD’s age specific specialists. COAD’s School-Age Specialist presented an activity called “Watermelon Day”. Providers were shown how to use a watermelon theme to teach estimation, general math skills and more. The activities touched all areas of the Ohio’s Early Learning and Development Standards (OELDS). Each program received the book, “No Spitting Watermelon Seeds” by Martha Rose Woodward. One lucky provider got to take the melon home! COAD’s Infant/Toddler Specialist presented “Baby Doll Circle Time”, a “Conscious Discipline” product. Each child care program represented had a chance to participate and received an ethnic doll to take back to their programs. COAD’s Pre-School Specialist offered some ideas on assisting with the Social-Emotional piece of the OELDS. Illustrations were used to show how to use the “Feelings Apron”, and each program received an apron, toy cell phone and a finger puppet to do the activity. After the presentations, they enjoyed a great lunch, networking and comradery. All participants were also given a Learning Station DVD called “Rock n Roll Songs That Teach!”



COAD’s Infant/Toddler Specialist presenting “Baby Doll Circle Time” to Brown County Family Child Care Providers.

A United Way Community Partner

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COAD Ohio4Kids offices
will be closed:

November 11th- Veterans Day
November 27th & 28th-
Thanksgiving Holiday



JEFFERSON COUNTY PROVIDER EARNS ONE OF THE 1ST TYPE B FAMILY CHILD CARE STEP UP TO QUALITY RATINGS IN OHIO!



Tammi Middleton poses with her new 2-Star Award Winner yard sign that will be displayed outside her family child care business.

Tammi Middleton, a Type B family child care provider in Jefferson County, was one of the first two Type B family child care providers in Ohio to earn a Step Up To Quality star rating. Middleton earned a two star rating for her family child care business, which is a very exciting accomplishment for an initial star rating. Congratulations Tammi!

Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is a rating and improvement system, where stars are awarded, that requires standards to be met that exceed licensing health and safety standards. Type B family child care providers recently became eligible to participate in SUTQ in July 2014.

Step Up To Quality gives programs a road map for quality improvement. Regardless of where a program may be on the quality continuum, a star rating can measure its progress. Step Up to Quality also offers supports and/or incentives that can help programs keep improving. It provides visible recognition for programs’ continued commitment to achieving and maintaining higher quality standards.

For more information on Step Up To Quality, visit www.earlychildhoodohio.org or call COAD Ohio4Kids at 1-800-577-2276 and ask to speak to someone about Step Up To Quality and learn how SUTQ can benefit your program!

Simple Snacks

Hay Stacks (No Bake)

Ingredients

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup salted peanuts
- 4 cup's chow mein noodles

Cooking Instructions

1. Melt chips and peanut butter in microwave. Blend together.
2. Stir in peanuts and noodles gently in the peanut butter mixture.
3. Drop dough by forkfuls onto wax paper.

Cool until set. Yummy!

Friendship Soup Hot-hearty and healthy!!! Great for after school!

- ❖ Think about making a big pot of soup in a Crock pot.
- ❖ You can start it in the morning program and let it go on low during the day.
- ❖ Have kids sign up to bring potatoes, small onion, carrots, celery, cans of beef broth, can of diced tomatoes, seasoning, crackers or rolls, etc.
- ❖ Each child would only have to bring a single item to make a huge pot.
- ❖ If program isn't too large---canned soup heated is good too!

<http://www.kidactivities.net/category/snacks-no-bake-recipes.aspx>

Awesome Energy Bars

Ingredients

- ½ cup peanut butter
- ¼ cup margarine
- 1 bag miniature marshmallows
- 2 ½ cups Cheerios
- 1 ½ cups Rice Krispies
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup peanuts
- ½ cup chocolate chips

Cooking Instructions

1. Melt peanut butter, marshmallows and butter over double boiler (or microwave).
2. Place cereal, raisins and peanuts in large bowl.
3. Stir in peanut butter mixture and mix all together.
4. Press into a buttered 13x9 inch pan.
5. Cut into bars.

Cool and Enjoy!

www.recipegoldmine.com

Multi-Age Activities

EASY 2 MAKE APPLESAUCE

Harvest time for apples is in autumn. What better way to celebrate the season than by making some applesauce! Toddlers to School-Age children can enjoy this activity. Even the infants that are eating baby food can get in on the taste-testing.

Ingredients

- 3 lbs. (about 12) apples
- ½ to ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup water
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon



Directions (Remember to wash hands!)

1. The apples need cored, peeled, and sliced. **The teacher will definitely need to assist in this step!**
2. In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine all ingredients, stirring well.
3. Cover bowl with wax paper, microwave 9 minutes, then stir.
4. Cover and continue microwaving 5 to 8 minutes or until apples are soft.
5. Mash apples and serve warm or cold.

This activity can hit all kinds of standards – math, science, language, social/emotional, and even social studies. This can also be a part of your afternoon snack by adding maybe an oatmeal cookie or a glass of milk.

http://www.kidsacookin.ksu.edu/Site.aspx?page=Recipe&Recipe_id=11341

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WITH PUMPKINS

Materials:

- Pumpkins
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Brooms
- Large Container
- Water



What to Do:

Infants/Toddler: For infants, provide small pumpkins and gourds to manipulate and move. For older infants and toddlers, fill a large tub with water and put small pumpkins and gourds in water. Children will experiment with sink/float and movement of objects in water.

<http://www.two-daloo.com/little-minds-pumpkin-activities-for-your-tots/>

Preschool/School Age: Provide children with brooms and set up an obstacle course where children must maneuver pumpkin by pushing it with a broom.

<http://spoonful.com/autumn>

More Multi-Age Activities

NEEDLE IN THE HAY STACK

Nothing says fall like fresh bales of hay, and this hay can help create a fun fall activity for kids!



Materials:

- Hay, cut-up construction paper or yarn
- Different items for children to seek

What to Do:

Make a pile on the floor or use your sensory table and have this activity out for small group play.

In your pile, add different items for the children to seek: small fall decorations like pumpkins, apples, leaves, scarecrows.

Children will play *Needle in the Hay Stack* by searching through the hay for the items.

This activity can meet several standards. You can count what they found, discuss their experience (textures, feelings), chart their discoveries, etc. The different ways to incorporate this activity into your lesson plan can go on and on.

You can find this activity and more at www.ehow.com/way_5471112_fall-festival-games-kids.html

FALL WALK



Before you take the walk, prepare a brown bag for children to collect leaves in.

**Be sure that child's name is on the bag.*

- Toddlers can help decorate the bag with crayons, markers, stickers, etc.
- Preschool & School Age children can write their own name on the bag and decorate it by themselves.

When taking the walk, be sure to talk about the colors of the leaves, the sounds that they make rustling in the trees and crunching under feet.

When returning from the walk, make a leaf collage on construction paper.

- Toddlers can glue leaves on the paper with assistance. Infants will enjoy looking at the finished product.
- Preschool & School Age children can sort the leaves by color, shape, size, before they make the collage. They can make the collage with little, if any, assistance.

Did You Know...

Did you know that a component of high quality child care is high quality training? The children of Appalachia are entitled to high quality care and COAD is committed to providing, for the providers of this care, high quality training.

In order to do so, COAD asks that all participants arrive to training events on time and attend for the entire scheduled time. Participants who arrive more than 15 minutes late, leave early, or are absent more than 5 minutes will not receive in-service credit. An in-service form is a legal document signed by the trainer that states the length of the training event. If a person did not attend for this length of time, a COAD trainer cannot sign this legal form. COAD trainers work very hard to present top quality training events and it is their goal that those in attendance take with them knowledge that they didn't have upon arrival. To insure that all in attendance are able to do so without interruption or distraction, no children or non-participants will be permitted to attend the trainings, cellphones are to be set to vibrate and preferably be put away, and side conversations kept to a minimum. By signing an in-service form, the trainer is stating that the participant gave their full attention and participated in the training event. If this is not so, the trainer cannot legally provide a signed in-service form.

In the interest of all learners and quality care, COAD asks participants to abide by these policies. To find COAD training events taking place near you, visit www.ohio4kids.org or call 800-577-2276.

***"All I do is babysit!"
I don't feel appreciated or informed.***

But did you know there is...

**A radio station that helps keep family child care providers abreast of the latest developments in the child care field? Tune in to NAFCC Radio, ED 360 at www.bamradionetwork.org.

**A day set aside every year to show our appreciation to family child care providers? It is the Friday before Mother's Day.

**An annual Conference for FCC Providers provided by NAFCC? It will be in Bloomington-Minneapolis in 2015.

Also... Family Child Care Providers can become members of the *National Association of Family Child Care Providers*. This association provides them with many resources and ideas. It also offers training through conferences and webinars.

Family Child Care Providers have a powerful VOICE! You can join your very own Union called AFSCME, www.afscme.org.



**Congratulations to the following COAD Ohio4Kids
ODJFS Licensed Early Learning & Development Programs
who recently achieved an initial or increased
Step Up to Quality Star Rating!**

One Star Rated Programs

Kids Campus (Coshocton)
Small Miracle's Daycare- Type A FCC (Lawrence)

Two Star Rated Programs

The Learning Center (Ashland)
Wee the People II (Columbiana)
Wee Care Day Nursery (Hocking)
Tammi Middleton- Type B FCC (Jefferson)
A. Shanton Daycare- Type A FCC (Ross)
Creative Kids Childcare- Type A FCC (Ross)

Five Star Rated Programs

Lawrence Co. Early Childhood Academy- South Point (Lawrence)
Ohio University Southern Child Development Center (Lawrence)

There are 176 Step Up to Quality star-rated early childhood programs in the 31 counties served by COAD's Ohio4Kids.

Visit <http://ohio4kids.org/find-care/steptoquality> for a comprehensive list of star-rated programs in your region. -*Star Ratings per ODJFS website, September 19, 2014*

Encouraging...

Encouraging Teacher Quotes

We must view parents and teachers as partners in education. Why? As philosopher *George Santayana* simply said, "A child educated only at school is an uneducated child." When both groups are inspired to facilitate learning, children are the winners.

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." - *Maria Montessori*

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." - *Frederick Douglass*

"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read." - *Marilyn Jager Adams*

"Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression." - *Dr. Hiam Ginnot*

"Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand." - *Chinese proverb*

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." - *Henry Adams*

Inspirational Quotes & Quotations on Early Childhood Education for Teachers
www.successdegrees.com

There are still registration spots available for the Early Childhood Ohio Conference in Chillicothe on October 17th & 18th!

Don't miss your chance to network with other Early Childhood professionals and attend free, valuable Ohio Approved Training!

It's filling up fast so register today at

<https://www.opdn.org/index.php?wid=79&tid=30001002>