

SMART START MATTERS

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Provider Appreciation Banquet

Over 120 Child Care Professionals throughout the county gathered Monday, May 15, 2017 at Cole Auditorium for the 16th Annual Child Care Professional Appreciation Banquet hosted by Richmond County Partnership for Children. To start the evening, a presentation featuring inspirational videos was shown.

Following the presentation, certificates were presented recognizing educational accomplishments of individual child care professionals in the county. Certificates were given out for completion of coursework in NC Early Childhood Credential, Early Childhood Education Associate Degree and Master's in Education.

Awards for "Child Care Center of the Year" were given at the banquet. Winners were chosen by a panel of judges based on letters of support written by parents and staff. Mount Olive Christian Child Care was named "Child Care Center of the Year." The next award presented was the "Bernice Ratliff Outstanding Teacher Award." Centers and homes were asked to have parents nominate a child care provider to receive this award. The recipient of this award was Sherry Edwards of Mount Olive Christian Child Care.

The final award for the evening was the "Kathy Alexander Positive Attitude Award." This award was given in honor of Kathy Alexander who lost her life in a motorcycle accident several years ago. Centers and homes were asked to nominate and have parents nominate a child care provider that they felt always had a positive outlook on life. The recipient of this award was Alycia Paul of Mount Olive Christian Child Care.

The evening concluded with giving away door prizes from various local businesses.

Memories



July-September 2017 Training Calendar

What Every Baby Needs
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
6:30pm-8:30pm

Cost: \$5.00 Location: RCPC
Taught by: Michelle Wheless

Everything in a baby's world happens in steps and stages. It is important to appreciate each stage as it occurs and provide the support and guidance needed to allow a successful journey through each one. This training will offer suggestions of what types of materials support learning at the different stages. You will gain insight on the benefits of providing babies with ample time and space to master a skill before moving on to start practicing a new one and will explore some of the drawbacks of intervening unnecessarily. With each mastered skill babies are discovering more about their bodies, the world around them and how the two work together. These skills are the foundations that they will carry with them throughout their life and across all domains of learning. This training provides information that supports the ITERS-R subscales: Space and Furnishings, Activities and Program structure.

Must register by 4:00pm August 8, 2017

Shaken Baby Syndrome & Head Trauma
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
6:30pm-7:30pm

Cost: \$5.00 Location: RCPC
Taught by: Marsha Williams

Participants will learn the definitions of Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma (SBS/AHT) and how this type of abuse affects a young child. They will learn about early brain development, infant crying, and prevention of SBS/AHT. The training also provides guidance on how to recognize, respond to, and report SBS/AHT. (Training created by NC Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center, 2017.)

Must register by 4:00pm August 31, 2017

Infant Toddler Zone
Tuesday, September 26, 2017
6:30pm-8:30pm

Cost: \$5.00 Location: RCPC
Taught by: Michelle Wheless

Caring for infants and toddlers can be extremely rewarding but also pretty challenging. These very young children are dependent on their caregivers to meet their individual needs that support early learning and development while at the same time being responsible for their health and safety. During this training, we will identify ways to enhance supervision so that infants and toddlers in your program are safe during play activities and clearly discuss guidelines that will keep children both healthy and secure as they explore their indoor and outdoor child care environment. You will leave feeling more confident about the key elements of planning for protection; including keeping records and communicating with families and other staff. There will also be conversation about the importance of daily active physical play as well as the types of age appropriate materials to provide that allow for safe exploration in a secure world. This training provides information that supports the ITERS-R subscales: Space and Furnishings, Personal Care Routines, Activities, and Program Structure.

Must register by 4:00pm September 19, 2017

ITS-SIDS
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
6:30pm-8:30pm
Cost: \$5.00 Location: RCPC
Taught by: Michell Kocan

In this session you will be introduced to infant/toddler safe sleep standards in North Carolina, and best practices. We will discuss adopting safe sleep practices and creating a safe sleep environment to reduce the risk of SIDS.

Must register by 4:00pm September 12, 2017

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