

Paths to QUALITY™

Congratulations to the following Paths to QUALITY participants who increased a level from 09/03/11 to 11/30/11

Level 2

God's Christian Academy-Gary
Leaping Learners Daycare and Learning Center-Gary
Kids Choice Child Care-Gary
The Creative Minds-Gary
Grandma Lois TLC-Hammond
Heaven Sent Day Care Inc # 2-Hammond
Ms Ann's Celestial Education-Hammond
Amazing Minds of Northwest Indiana-Merrillville
Kids Are People, Too!-Merrillville
Mind Shapers Home Day Care-Merrillville
Angel Academy-Michigan City
Angel Academy Too-Michigan City
Kids "R" Kids # 2-Michigan City
T-N-T DAYCARE-Valparaiso



Level 3

Geminus Head Start-Chesterton
New Beginnings Christian Child Care-East Chicago
Geminus Head Start St. Mary-Gary
Suzette Crittle-Gibson-Gary
Peek-A-Boo Childcare-Michigan City
The Village Kids-Michigan City
Creative Kids Care-Merrillville
Wonder Years Learning Center-Munster
Geminus Head Start-Valparaiso
Ladybugs & Bumblebees Education Station Valparaiso
Ready to Learn-Valparaiso

Newly Enrolled Participants 06/04/11 to 09/02/11

Children First Learning Center, Inc. -Crown Point
Children First Learning Center Found.-Crown Point
LaSonia Cable-Gary
Li'l Tykes Daycare, INC-Gary
Romper World Express-Gary
Creative Minds Learning Land I, II & III-Griffith
Morning Star Academy-Hammond
Happy Days Highland on Main-Highland
Geminus Head Start-Early Head Start-Hobart
Little Tiny Childcare II-Merrillville
Love and Care By Honey Learning Center-Merrillville
Children of Destiny-Michigan City
Carrie Ortega-Fisher-Westville

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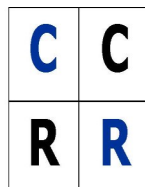
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In an effort to
"go green", we are
going paperless on our
newsletter & training calendars.
You can view these documents by
visiting our website at www.wdsccrr.org



WDS CCRR
would like to THANK
Jennifer Khadivar
Campus Director at
University of Phoenix
Northwest Indiana Campus
for donating 8 computers to the CCRR

WDS CCRR hosted a meeting with all of
our state partners facilitated by
Melanie Brizzi- Administrator for the
Bureau of Child Care and celebrated the
success of the Paths to QUALITY program
in our area.





NEWS YOU CAN USE

Better Kid Care's New On Demand system provides professional development anytime you are ready

The Penn State Extension Better Kid Care program has been providing distance-delivered professional development to early childhood practitioners for more than 20 years. Better Kid Care is now offering a new *on demand* system for online learning. Lessons are completed with a short assessment following each lesson. Participants must register and pay a \$5.00 fee per lesson to receive professional development credits. After payment and successful completion of the lesson assessment, participants will be able to print a certificate of completion and/ or have it sent to their email address.

Licensed child care providers in Marion, Hamilton, Johnson, Lake and Allen counties may complete the lessons at no cost, as part of a Department of Defense funded project.

To access the Better Kid Care On Demand lessons, visit <http://extension.psu.edu/cyttap>. Click on the *Distance Education* button, then select the *On Demand* distance education option. Participants must have a credit card and an email address to access the On Demand Better Kid Care distance education lessons. There are 50 professional development lessons available (1 hr. and 2 hr.) but check back frequently as new lessons are being added

New webinar opportunities through IACCRR

The Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral (IACCRR), announces the availability of online training opportunities to increase the access of information to child care providers.

01/18/12

Books and Babies:

Exploring Emerging Reading with Infants and Toddlers using FOUNDATIONS

Presenter: Laura Lukens-Parker

01/25/12

Molding Mini Mathematicians:

Supporting Early Math Skills for Infants and Toddlers using FOUNDATIONS

Presenter: Erin Syslo

02/29/12

Snack Time Math:

Preschool Transitions and Routines that Build Skills using FOUNDATIONS

Presenter: Cathy Parker

03/28/12

Mini Mad Scientists:

Exploring the Nature of Science with Infants and Toddlers using FOUNDATIONS

Presenter: Amy Heaton

To register:

Call: IACCRR at 1-800-299-1627 or

Email: Christina VanOsdol at cvanosdol@iaccrr.org

All sessions are: 1 hour

Participants must register 24 hrs in advance

All sessions occur: 12:30-1:30 pm



Professional Development Plan Training

Kick off your new year with a professional development plan in mind!!

Don't miss this exciting training opportunity "Creating a Professional Development Plan that Works"

Wednesday January 11, 2012 in Porter Co.

Call and register with CCRR today

219-882-0033 Spaces are limited

The quality of children's early experiences depends largely on the knowledge, experience, and skills of the people who work with them. As your professional interests and demands of the field change, it is important to expand your knowledge and skills.

To provide children with the best, it is important that we strive for the best in ourselves, personally and professionally.

An Individualized Professional Development Plan (IPDP) is a thoughtfully developed guide designed to increase your knowledge, skills, and expertise for working with young children and their families.

A well-designed Plan will do four things...

- Assess your current interests, knowledge and skills.
- Identify specific areas for growth.
- Develop strategies and identify resources to address areas for growth.
- Document your professional growth.