

Paths to QUALITY™

Congratulations to the 15 providers who enrolled in Paths to QUALITY from 03/19/11 to 06/03/11

Ms. Rose Child Care-East Chicago
Access Preparatory Academy-Gary
Open Arms Academy-Gary
TABS in Learning-Gary
Toddler Learning Academy-Gary
Village Park Child Care Center-Gary
Krystal's Kastle I & II-Hammond
Learn and Play I & II -Hammond
Nite Care-Hammond
Granny's Daycare-Merrillville
First Step to Learning-Schererville
Kids "R" Kids-Valparaiso
Little Angels Day Care-Whiting



Congratulations to the 18 providers who moved up to level 2 from 03/19/11 to 06/03/11

Geminus Head Start-Holy Name-Cedar Lake
Kidzone Learning Center-Crown Point
Children's World Child Care-Gary
Divine Preschool/Childcare Academy-Gary
Kids Place Child Care-Gary
Little Treasures Childcare-Gary
Ms. Dee-Dee Hugs and Kisses Day Care-Gary
The Learning Ladder-Gary
Heaven Sent Home Day Care-Hammond
Center for Possibilities-Hobart
Little Smiles Daycare-Hobart
Little Rascals-Michigan City
Good Shepherd Day Care Center-Merrillville
Happy Days Child Care Center -Merrillville
Kuddle Bugz 1 & 2 - St. John
Ashley's Angels-Valparaiso
Ladybugs & Bumblebees Ed. Station Valparaiso

Congratulations to the 6 providers who moved up to a level 3 from 03/19/2011 to 06/03/2011

My School Child Care and Learning-Crown Point
Geminus Head Start-Roxanna Site-East Chicago
Geminus Head Start-St. Mary-Gary
Geminus Head Start-Hebron Site
Mary Hervey I & II Michigan City

A special shout to Total Blessings in Gary who was missed as a Level 1 provider in the last newsletter

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"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.



Involve me and I learn."



- Benjamin Franklin

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We now offer on-line trainings!

Our courses provide a variety of engaging topics designed specifically for the early childhood professional. They include...

CDA Credential Training for
Family Child Care Providers

CDA Credential Training for
Child Care Centers

Child Care Essentials: A Comprehensive
Initial Training for Center-Based
Child Care Providers

Child Care Essentials: A Comprehensive
Initial Training for Family Child Care
Providers

45 Hour CDA Credential Renewal Training

8 Hour Child Abuse Awareness for
Family Child Care Home Providers

8 Hour Child Abuse Awareness for
Center Staff

Promoting Nutrition & Physical Activity
in Child Care

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child care training button for more
information

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

I-STAR KR TRAINING



The purpose of ISTAR-KR is to measure skills in children from infancy to kindergarten. This web-based instrument is rated by teachers based using their ongoing observations of children. It is available at no cost.

For time and date, check the training calendar For more information visit: www.doe.in.gov/assessment

Indiana Birth-Age Five Literacy Framework is designed for early childhood leaders, teachers, family child care providers, parents, caregivers, allied health professionals, paraprofessionals, and others who work directly with children birth-age five.

The Framework is intended to serve as a roadmap for effective early literacy instruction for all Indiana children. It provides clear direction to early childhood leaders on the design and implementation of evidence-based practices for improving early literacy instruction and achievement.

To view the entire document, visit: <http://www.doe.in.gov/primetime/docs/Indiana-Birth-to-Age-5-Literacy-Framework.pdf>



Babies under 6 months:

The two main recommendations from the AAP to prevent sunburn are to avoid sun exposure, and to dress infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. However, when adequate clothing and shade are not available, you can apply a minimal amount of sunscreen with at least 15 SPF (sun protection factor) to small areas, such as the infant's face and the back of the hands. If an infant gets sunburn, apply cold compresses to the affected area.

For All Other Children:

The first, and best, line of defense against harmful ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure is covering up. Wear a hat with a three-inch brim or a bill facing forward, sunglasses (look for sunglasses that provide 97% -100% protection against both UVA and UVB rays), and cotton clothing with a tight weave.

Stay in the shade whenever possible, and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours - between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

On both sunny and cloudy days use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater that protects against UVA and UVB rays.

Be sure to apply enough sunscreen - about one ounce per sitting for a young adult.

Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.

Use extra caution near water and sand (and even snow!) as they reflect UV rays and may result in sunburn more quickly.

Source: <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/archives/tanning.htm>

Outdoor Play...Making it Work!!!!



Plan ahead

Think creatively. Think about quick and easy ways to transport things outside. For instance, a clean, empty, garbage can on wheels, makes a great storage place

Enlist the help of the children in planning, preparing, and maintaining the outdoor environment.

Anticipate excitement and enthusiasm. Have enough materials for everyone to be actively involved in fun activities.

Encourage turn taking. Teach the children to ask for a turn and help the asker be heard.

Plan plenty of activities.

Make sure all the other children are within your line of vision.

Express appreciation when children share and work cooperatively.

Set them up to succeed!

Plan based on their interests.

Relax, take a deep breath, and let the fun begin!