



RAINBOW FLEET

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL



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CAP ACTION NOTICE: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Did you know...

- that it costs about \$120 per month for diapers and wipes?
- diapers are not covered by food stamps or WIC?
- that 1 in 3 American moms struggle to buy diapers for their babies?
- that families may be forced to choose between buying diapers and providing necessities for themselves and their children?

You can be a part of the solution and help to provide a healthy tomorrow.

Be a super hero for a needy baby... donate diapers!



Save a Baby's Bottom! diaper drive
(at the Capitol *or* host one in your own Community)

the Capitol diaper drive

Infant Crisis Services is leading the way to a mountain of diapers at the

Capitol on Tuesday, April 8th!!

When: From now until Tuesday, April 8th—Collect, Donate Diapers of all sizes for children of central Oklahoma!!!

Deliver diapers at one of the drop off sites listed below before April 8th; or

Deliver diapers to the Capitol, 2nd Floor Rotunda,
on Tuesday, April 8th, 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

Where: Bring the diapers to the Annual Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Day at The Capitol! Oklahoma State Capitol, 2nd Floor Rotunda

2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Ok

Drop-Off Donation Site (other than the Capitol- Infant Crisis Services, 4224 N Lincoln Boulevard (North of the State Capitol on the East side of Lincoln), Oklahoma City

Donor drop-off door is on the Northeast side of the building.

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Happening Around the State in April

April 7-11th Week of the Young Child

April 8, 2014– 12:45pm-5pm- CAP Day Mini Conference at

The Samis Education & Conference Center OKC, OK 73104 to register you can go online @www.ok.gov Conference is FREE. Space is limited and available to those that register on a first come first serve basis. Register by clicking below or for more information, please contact OSDH/ FSPS office by email, sheriet@health.ok.gov or by phone (405)271-7611

April 9, 2014-Wednesday, April 9, 2014– Keeping the Faith :

A Call for Collaboration between the faith and child protection communities

Metro Tech, BCC Auditorium

1900 Springlake Drive OKC, OK

9:30 am– 4:30 pm

Registration Begins at 8:45am

There is no cost to attend the training.

Please register online: www.health.ok.gov and click Events & Meetings

Contact Lisa Williams at 405-271-7611 or lisaw@health.ok.gov if you have any questions



We need your help... If you are a licensed child care provider, whether it be an in-home facility, a child care center or Mother's Day Out Program, we need to update your information. If you call us at 405-525-3111 to update your provider file, you will be entered in a drawing for a Wal-Mart gift card.

All Month: Building Blue Ribbon Trees for Children

FROM: The Child Abuse Prevention CAP ACTION Committee – led by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (Family Support & Prevention Service), which include individuals and representatives from multiple programs and agencies across our state who care about Oklahoma’s children! SUBJECT: Get Involved! Easy Activity...

“Be a Superhero... Build a Blue Ribbon Tree for Kids in Your Community!”



TAKE ACTION!

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. For the sixth straight year, we urge every community to take action for children by simply “Building a Blue Ribbon Tree for Kids” to be prepared to display the trees for the month of April. The blue ribbon is the international sign for child abuse prevention and serves as a constant reminder that all of us have a responsibility in helping protect children.

Where do I participate?

Anywhere in Oklahoma

When do I participate?

“Ribbon-ed Trees” are recommended to be on display before April begins or at any time during the month of April. We urge everyone to take advantage of getting your tree in the official Tree Registry by sending in the registration form (next page) and no more than two photographs. Tree photos received by the deadline will be featured during a dual slideshow at the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP)

Day at the Capitol on April 8th and in the 2014 CAP Month Scrapbook.

Deadline for submission to be featured at the capitol is Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

How do I participate?

Any community group or individual has the power to “**Take a Turn**” making a difference for children. “**Build a Blue Ribbon Tree for Kids**” with the rest of the state.

1. Select a Tree or Construct a Tree (out of any materials you choose)
 - a. If utilizing a ‘live’ tree, choose one that has high visibility;

Note: Please ask permission if required.

- b. If constructing a ‘unique’ tree, **creativity appreciated and encouraged.**

2. Decorate tree with Blue Ribbons (store bought or home-made – *flagging tape works wonders*)
 - a. Hang ribbons on trees to represent any of the following:

- The number of new babies born in your community;
- Something significant to your agency, program, or community (i.e. number of families served by your program/agency);
- Or use the ribbons to show your community support for children in general (benefit – NO counting ribbons on this selection).

3. Get logged in the **Tree Registry!**

HOW TO HELP CHILDREN COPE WITH DISASTERS



Get Ready. Get Safe.

TRAINING LISTED ON THE OTHER PAGE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2014

Child care providers have the invaluable job of teaching our children during the critical early developmental years, putting them on the path to a bright future. Working in partnership with many of these communities, Save the Children knows that child care professionals also carry the tremendous responsibility of caring for children in even the most unpredictable and vulnerable situations—emergencies.

Each day in the U.S. more than 17.5 million children are cared for outside the home, but disaster can strike anywhere at any time, including the many hours children are separated from their families. Save the Children wants to help equip child care professionals with skills and resources needed to protect children and provide for their unique needs when disasters strike.

Save the Children's Child Care Emergency Preparedness Training

helps child care professionals development

and implement robust emergency plans that cater to the specific needs of their program. Written by Save the Children's nationally recognized emergency experts, the course teaches participants best practices in evacuation, relocation and family re-unification. The curriculum also provides guidance for practical applications to improve overall emergency protocol.

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- Identify hazards and risks at their child care site.
- Create a written plan that addresses the emergency needs of their program.
- Communicate, practice, and update their emergency plan on a regular basis.

The 4-hour course is available in-person or online to child care owners, administrators and staff for programs of all affiliations and sizes, including center-based programs, family child care providers, service organizations, sports programs, faith-based programs, and before- and after-school and summer programs.

Improve your skills and take your practice to the next level by ensuring that all the children in your care will be protected during emergencies. To learn more about Save the Children's Child Care Emergency Preparedness Training through the U.S. Center for Child Development and Resiliency visit: www.savethechildren.org/uscenter

Since Hurricane Katrina, we've served more than 500,000 children affected by U.S. emergencies.

With more than 90 years of emergency response experience, Save the Children is committed to ensuring the unique needs of children are met before, during and after disasters. Through advocacy, partnerships and the Get Ready Get Safe initiative, Save the Children helps U.S. communities to better protect and support children in times of disaster.

Learn more at www.savethechildren.org/

GetReadyGetSafe.



Rainbow Fleet Training for April 2014

Is Your Care Prepared ? Get Ready. Get Safe.

Fee: FREE

Trainer: Vanessa Price

Date: Saturday, April 5th, 2014

Time: 9am-12pm(Noon)

Clock Hours: 4

(Class Size limited to 30; we will make a waiting list for 10)

CPR & First Aid

Fee: \$50.00

Trainer: Rick Kernes

Dates: Saturday, April 19th, 2014

Saturday, May 17th, 2014

Time: 9am-5pm

Clock Hours: 7

Special Needs & Inclusion

Fee: \$20.00

Trainer: Kadion Lilly

Date: Thursday, April 19th, 2014

Time: 7am-9pm

Clock Hours: 2

Play

Fee: \$20.00

Trainer: Amy Huffer

Date: Tuesday, April 15th, 2014

Time: 7pm-9pm

Clock Hours: 2

Accident & Disease Prevention

Fee: \$20.00

Trainer: Rick Kernes

Date: Tuesday, April 22nd., 2014

Time: 7pm-9pm

Clock Hours: 2

Communicating with Parents

Fee: \$20.00

Trainer: Amy Huffer

Date: Thursday, April 24th, 2014

Time: 7pm-9pm

Clock Hours: 2

Please email us or call us with any trainings that you would like to see

offered here at Rainbow Fleet!!

lbrooks@rainbowfleet.org and 521-1426

525-3111

We are in the process of scheduling updated training for May, June and July. So be looking for our new Training Schedule handout and on our website at www.rainbowfleet.org.

We are putting all of our trainings on CECPD Website, so you can look it up on there as well.

www.cecpd.org



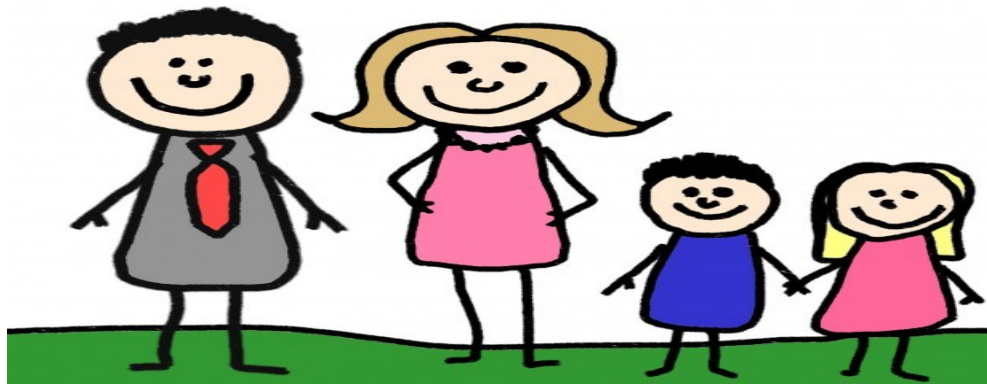
Please Help Us Welcome Our New Executive Director

Carrie Bullard joined Rainbow Fleet as Executive Director as of March 20, 2014. Carrie brings management, fundraising and event planning experience to Rainbow Fleet. Carrie most recently served as Director of Operations at Edmondson & Associates Consulting and as a legal assistant at Gable Gotwals beginning in January of 2011. Prior to that, Carrie served as the Finance Director for the

Edmondson for Governor campaign, overseeing efforts to raise \$2.7 million, as well as training and supervision of the finance staff, ethics reporting and donor relations.

Carrie also served as Manager of the Holland for Insurance Commissioner campaign, where she worked to develop and implement budgets, fundraising plans, campaign events and media relations efforts. She also served as General Manager of Café 501 in Edmond for five years. As GM, Carrie was head of customer relations, staff relations, inventory, daily accounting and payroll.

Carrie earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has one son, Noah Michael Bullard, and she currently resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Please Meet Our New Hispanic Services Referral Specialist

Estimadas Proveedoras:

Mi nombre es Florencia Briglie y soy la nueva Especialista Bilingüe de Recursos y Referencias para el Cuidado Infantil. Comencé a trabajar para Rainbow Fleet en Noviembre del 2013. Una de mis funciones es promover los servicios que ofrecemos en RF para padres y proveedores en toda el área Oklahoma City y sus alrededores, otra de mis funciones es apoyar a los proveedores de cuidado infantil en su desarrollo profesional; por lo tanto estaré ofreciendo algunos talleres y cursos en español que les ayudarán a mejorar la calidad de sus servicios.

Empieza la primavera y es una época en la que pueden pasar más tiempo al aire libre con los niños. Una idea divertida y económica:

1. Busque una alberca plástica pequeña para niños.
 2. Hágale unos huecos para que pueda drenar el agua.
 3. Llénela con tierra ---plante semillas, o flores pequeñas, agua, fertilizante.
- ¡A los niños les encantará trabajar en su "jardín"!

¡Espero que no duden en contactarme para cualquier pregunta que tengan y tener la oportunidad de conocerlas a todas pronto!

Florencia Briglie

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405-818-5716



Dear Providers:

My name is Florencia Briglie and I am the new Resource & Referral Hispanic Specialist. I started to work at RF on November 2013. One of my functions is to promote around the community the services that we offer at RF for parents and providers in all Oklahoma City Area; another is to support child care and home day care providers. So, I would be offering some training in Spanish that would help you enhance the quality of your services.

Spring is here and is a season where you can spend more time outside with the children.

A fun and inexpensive idea:

1. Get a small swimming pool and be sure to punch holes for drainage.
2. Fill with dirt---plant seeds, or small flowers, water, fertilize and watch the flowers grow!
3. The kids will love to work their "garden"

I hope you don't hesitate to contact me with any question that you have and also to know all of you soon!

Helpful Contacts

Caring Van: 405-316-7216 www.bcbsok.com

Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD):

1801 North Moore Avenue, Moore, OK 73160; 405-799-6383 www.cecpd.org

CECPD offers various programs for individuals in the childcare field, some programs offered are R.E.W.A.R.D. Oklahoma, CDA/CCP Advisement, Environmental Rating Scale, ELCCT training, The Leadership Academy, Literacy Programs, Video Lending Library, and Oklahoma Registry.

Scholars for Excellence in Child Care

Program Scholars Coordinators:

Oklahoma City Community College, (South OKC) Bonita Spinner 405-682-1611

Oklahoma State University OKC, (North OKC)

Jeff Rosson 405-945-9168/1-800-560-4099 rossonj@osuokc.edu

Redlands Community College, (El Reno, OK) Karen Hewitt 405-422-1286

Rose State College, (Midwest City, OK) Jennifer Bachhofer 405-733-7449

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program will ensure that eligible child care professionals in the state of Oklahoma have an opportunity to further their education while earning a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Certificate of Mastery, Director's Certificate of Completion, and/or an associate degree in child development or early childhood education.

Reaching for the STARS (DHS): Central Oklahoma-Jennifer Towell 405-522-0256 www.okdhs.org

STARS is a program held by the State of Oklahoma, that has been implemented to improve the quality of child care for children.

Warmline: 1-888-574-5437

Warmline offers free telephone consultation to childcare providers and families on numerous topics of concern. Consultants refer providers to appropriate services and resources within their communities.

