



Child Care Resource and Referral
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Lots of Excitement at Rainbow Fleet

July Training Schedule

Care, Share, Repair
July 10 7-9pm

Surviving Transitions
July 14 7-9pm

**Learning Environments
for Young Children**
July 15 1-4pm

First aid and CPR
July 19 9am-5pm

Reframing Conflict
July 21 7-9pm

Classroom Management
July 22 7-9pm

**Emergency
Preparedness**
July 26 8:30am- 1pm

Active Learning
July 28 7-9pm

**Planning Your Day The
ELG Way**
July 30 7-9pm

How to Use Task Trays
July 31 7-9pm

Hello friends,

This summer has been an exciting time at Rainbow Fleet. We have several wonderful developments to report, so lets get right to it.

First, we are thrilled to welcome a new face to the Rainbow Fleet staff.



Carrie Bullard

Stephanie Henderson has joined the agency as a child care resource and referral manager. Taffy, as we call her around here, has many years of experience working with child care service providers and parents as well as a background in public education. A graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Taffy is a welcome addition to our already outstanding resource and referral staff. Welcome, Taffy, to our team.



Stephanie Henderson

In other big news, starting just this month, our agency is now providing resource and referral services in all 77 counties! We have been providing this service in Oklahoma and Cleveland Counties but are now taking our efforts statewide. This will allow us to help parents all across our state identify quality child care options in their area. We will also help child care providers across Oklahoma access resources from educational activities for the children in their care to business operations information. This is important work, and our experienced specialists are doing a great job for families and providers.

We have established a statewide, toll-free resource and referral telephone number, **1-800-438-0008**, so please spread the word!

For class description, location and cost information visit our [website](#).

Our resource center has seen some updates as well. We recently added \$10,000 in new toys and educational materials to our lending library. Make an appointment to check out the new trucks, hula hoops, bilingual toys, Rody hopping horses, counting games and much more. Your kids will love these new items!

As you can see, things are really moving forward around here! Thank you to our amazing team, board members and volunteers for working so diligently to make our already outstanding organization even better.

Thanks,

Carrie Bullard

Carrie

Resource Center Item of the Month

We're headed to the farm with this month's resource center highlight. Check out the fun in this Barnyard Activity Box. This 28-piece set has six wooden barns to help kids learn shapes, colors, numbers and animals. With items in English and Spanish, it's a great tool for teaching kids simple words in two languages.



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

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Rose State College, (Midwest City) Jennifer
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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 child care providers and families on numerous topics of concern. Consultants refer providers to appropriate services and resources within their communities.

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