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Big changes at Rainbow Fleet

June Training Schedule

Behavior & Guidance
June 2 7-9pm

Understanding Emotional Regulation
June 3 7-9pm

Involving Parents in Day-to-Day Learning Activities
June 5 7-9pm

DHS Inquiry Training class
June 5 1-4pm

Self-Regulation
June 9 7-9pm

Stress and Caregivers
June 12 7-9pm

We Got This!!
June 16 7-9pm

Supportive Social & Emotional Developments of Infants & Toddlers
June 17 7-9pm

Cooperative Learning
June 23 7-9pm

Planning Your Day The ELG Way
June 24 7-9pm

I hope this email finds you enjoying the early summer season. We've seen some big changes at Rainbow Fleet in the last few weeks and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Carrie Bullard and I was recently hired as Rainbow Fleet's new executive director. I'm excited to be part of this outstanding team of child care services professionals and look forward to the opportunities that lay ahead for our organization.

My background includes management, operations and fundraising positions in the legal services, political campaign and restaurant industries. I know I will draw heavily on these varied experiences as we add a new chapter to the history of this wonderful agency.



I plan to use this newsletter each month to keep you informed of new developments at Rainbow Fleet, as well as highlight resources, services and our staff that you may not know much about.

For example, have you ever visited our Resource Center? Packed with educational toys, games and books, the Rainbow Fleet Resource Center is a perfect place for child care service providers to find fun and engaging activities for children ages 0-5. It works just like a regular library. You check out an item and it's yours to use for 30 days. Best of all, it's only \$40 per year! Call us to schedule a visit. It's certainly worth a look!

Our Resource Center is just one of the many reasons to visit us at Rainbow Fleet. We also offer many helpful training seminars each month. See the sidebar for a training schedule. Please stop by to say hello the next time you're in the Paseo. I always enjoy visiting with the providers we serve.

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

Rainbow Fleet has a long and storied history, and an exciting future ahead. Stay tuned, we're going to do amazing things!

Thanks,



Carrie

P.S.

Looking for a fun and easy summer craft project? We recently showed our friends at [KSBI-TV's Oklahoma Live](#) how to make homemade sidewalk chalk. Check it out!

Resource Center Item of the Month

What do you do when you can't go outside? This Rainy Day Activity Pack is the answer! From *The Mudpie's Book of Boredom* to Crazy Eights to Reader Rabbit Sing-a-Song, this pack is bustling with fun and educational activities for those days when the kids are stuck inside. This and many other great toys, books and activities are available from our Resource Center.



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
ros-sonj@osuokc.edu

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

Rose State College, (Midwest City) 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 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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