



Child Care Resource and Referral
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More than an Office

August Training Schedule

DHS Inquiry
August 6 1-4pm

CPR & First Aid
August 16 9am-5pm

Community Building
August 18 7-9pm

**Health & Safety and
Low Cost Toys**
August 21 7-9pm

CPR & First Aid
August 30 9am-5pm

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

Happy August everyone!

Many of the programs and resources Rainbow Fleet offers are housed right here in our Paseo office. You have probably visited us to pick up toys or supplies from our Resource Center or to attend one of our many trainings.

We always enjoy having visitors, but feel it's important to take our services into the community as well.

That's why our child nutrition program team is out and about teaching the child care providers in our program about the requirements and changes with the USDA's child nutrition program. The program is a great resource to help our providers serve healthy and nutritious meals and snacks to the kids in their care.



I'm proud that our agency takes these trainings out into the communities we serve to make this information more accessible and convenient for providers. We enjoy meeting with and hearing from our providers. These interactions help us assess our role and fine tune our services to better fit the needs that exist.

Speaking of needs, do you have trouble convincing your kids to wash their hands before eating or after a messy craft project?

Teaching kids how to properly wash their hands is key in preventing illness. Some little ones just don't want to take the time to give their hands a proper scrubbing.

That's where Scrubby Bear can help.

Our friend and resident hand washing expert, Scrubby Bear will visit your child care facility to help your kids learn to wash up in a fun and entertaining way. Scrubby Bear's visits are free and just a phone call away.



Don't get sick, wash up quick!

That's all for now. We hope to see you at an upcoming training session or maybe talking with a giant, hand-washing bear.

Thanks,

Carrie Bullard

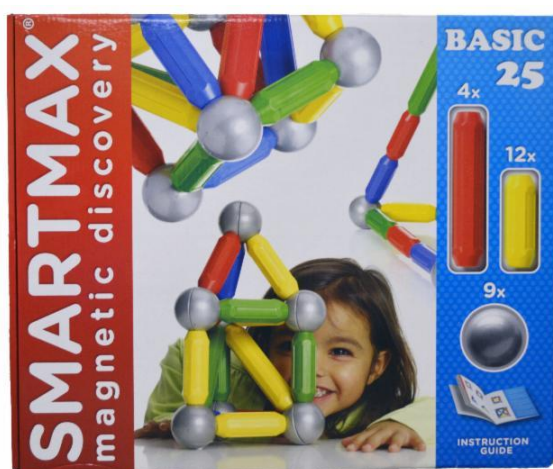
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P.S.

Speaking of hand washing, things got a little messy during our last visit to KSBI's Oklahoma Live! studio. Check out [this clip](#) to see how we created some homemade slime!

Resource Center Item of the Month

Take a look at the SmartMax Magnetic Discovery kit. This wonderful learning toy lets children experience how magnets work and use their imaginations to build and create. The pieces are extra-large so they're easy for small children to use. Stop by the Resource Center to see this and many more new toys and games.



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
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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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