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Last April, many of you celebrated Georgia's *Month of the Young Child* with your own daily activities and by coming out with parents and children for a fun-filled downtown Albany Children's Parade and mayoral proclamation by Mayor Pro-Tem, John Howard. Attending also was Albany's Downtown Manager and CEO, Don Buie, extremely impressed by the number of parents, children and child care providers that cared enough to march for quality care and the prevention of child abuse. Our staff at Southwest GA's Child Care Resource & Referral thank everyone that participated by announcing this event to parents and businesses, transporting children, and making this an overwhelmingly successful event. Children do *Bring Communities Together!* Thank you for caring about children and the future of our communities.

IMPORTANT DATES:

2008 GAYC Annual Conference
October 10-11, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia
2008 NAEYC Annual Conference
November 5-8, 2008 in Dallas, Texas

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Child Care Resource & Referral of Southwest Georgia Training Calendar

June 3, 2008

What Every Toddler Teacher Should Know About Biting

Darton College, **Albany**

Building J, Room 128

6pm-8pm 2 State Approved Hours \$5/Person

This workshop will give the participants the opportunity to learn why children bite, what they can do to eliminate the occurrence, how the environment contributes to their behavior, and how to effectively communicate with the parents.

Presented by Sheri Barlow

June 26, 2008

Out of the Box: Promoting Literacy in the 21st Century

Roddenberry Library, **Cairo**

320 N Broad St

6pm-8pm 2 State Approved Hours \$5/Person

This workshop aids early childhood educators and families in maximizing literacy-learning opportunities for children birth to 4.

Presented by Bisa Lewis

June 26, 2008

The Nuts and Bolts of Literacy

Roddenberry Library, **Cairo**

320 N Broad St

8pm-10pm 2 State Approved Hours \$5/Person

This training aids early childhood educators and families in helping children from birth through preschool to become successful readers.

Presented by Bisa Lewis

***You are not registered
until your fee is
received!
Register early...
spaces are limited
& classes close fast!***

July 12, 2008

Renewal CPR & First Aid

Darton College, **Albany**

Building J, Room 128

9am-1pm \$20/Person

State Required Course

Presented by Judy Gaines, AHA

July 12, 2008

Fire Safety

Darton College, **Albany**

Building J, Room 128

9am-2pm 2.5 State Accepted Hours \$5/Person

State Required Course

Presented by Inspector Gwen Mitchell-Jennings

July 24, 2008

Early Intervention/Babies Can't Wait

Darton College, **Albany**

Building J, Room 115

6pm-8pm 2 State Accepted Hours \$5/Person

Have you heard of "Babies Can't Wait?" Come learn who they are and when to make a referral because ... Babies Can't Wait!

Presented by Ouida Holder, Babies Can't Wait

July 31, 2008

Planning Menus That Count

Darton College, **Albany**

Building J, Room 128

7pm-9pm 2 State Approved Hours \$5/Person

The purpose of this training is to aid providers in planning appropriate meals for children ages 1-12.
Presented by Bisa Lewis

Quality Improvement Project



Attention Family & Group Child Care Providers!

If currently a Family or Group Home provider and interested in improving the quality of your business, look for the Quality Improvement Mini Grant Orientation date to be announced. This program will evaluate and improve the level of quality in your facility through one-on-one technical assistance, training and other free resources. Be on the lookout for more information on the 2008-2009 quality improvement grant in the mail.

Are you interested in meeting other FCC/GCC providers to share success stories and advice? Plan to attend the FCC/GH Association meetings held each month at the CCR&R. For more information, contact me by phone or e-mail. We provide hands-on activities you can use in your home care, food, and great fun. Hope to see you there!

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Child Care Referrals

Did you know that the Child Care Resource & Referral gives free referrals to parents looking for child care? Update your program information to help keep you in business, by filling in the update form you receive by mail with a postage paid envelope for easy return, by faxing to us, or online: <http://ccrr.darton.edu> and click on the orange tab, provider enrollment/update form. Databases are updated quarterly to ensure information given to parents is accurate. If you receive a parent call and have no vacancies, refer them to us to locate quality care.

If you are a provider and have earned or received any higher education, credentials, certifications, achievements, etc., let us know that we might congratulate you in future publications. Received 100% licensing compliance? Tell us — it's news-worthy!

Georgia Resources For Children With Special Needs

Babies Can't Wait/Early Intervention serves children ages birth to 3 years who have a developmental delay that effects speech/language development, hearing, vision, motor function, and/or intellectual development. Also covers medical conditions that affect growth and physical development.

<http://health.state.ga.us/programs/bcw>

Georgia's Department of Education website has information about registering in Georgia's schools, how schools serve exceptional students, what parents' rights and responsibilities are, and where parents and students may find additional resources in their community.

<http://www.doe.k12.state.ga.us>

Parent to Parent is an organization based on the simple idea that connecting parents who have children with the same or similar special needs can result in mutual learning, reduced stress, and creation of support networks. Parent to Parent maintains a database of information on social service agencies, specialized therapists, and other resources that can benefit parents of children with special needs. They will also match parents with each other based on their children's disabilities.

<http://www.parenttoparentofga.org>

Georgia Learning Resources System is in place to provide parents with training and resources beyond the scope of what school systems typically offer. There are several GLRS locations around the state serving regions of several counties each. The GLRS for our region is located in Albany at 433 Mercer Ave.

<http://www.glsr.org>

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities focuses on disabilities that begin either at birth or sometime within the first few years of life. The Council works to coordinate efforts around the state to better serve these individuals and their families with the life-long needs they often face.

<http://www.gcdd.org>

Georgia's CCR&R Inclusion Coordinators offer referrals, technical assistance and support to families and caregivers of children with special needs for inclusion in typically developing settings.

<http://ccrr.darton.edu>

Training Registration Form

Mail the registration form with the appropriate fees to:

Child Care Resource & Referral of SWGA @ Albany
2429 Gillionville Road
Albany, GA 31707

**IMPORTANT: YOU ARE NOT
REGISTERED UNTIL WE RECEIVE YOUR FEES FOR THE TRAINING!!**

TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

CENTER/ GROUP HOME/FAMILY CHILD CARE _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

CLASS DATE _____ CLASS FEE _____

CLASS TITLE _____

TOTAL # OF PARTICIPANTS _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Names:

Registration Directions:

1. Complete the training registration form above.
2. Please make sure that all of the information is provided and is printed clearly.
3. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE TRAINING.**
4. No refunds for cancellations. IF you cancel a class, we will allow another class choice *at that time*. CREDITS ARE NOT ALLOWED.
5. **BE ON TIME!**
6. Make note of where your class is being held. If you need directions, call Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm.
7. Because of limited seating and possible disruptions, **PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN** to training classes.
8. Returned checks will be assessed a \$30 fee and must be cleared up before registering for other training classes.
9. Because of necessary preparations, **NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION.**

Inclusive Child Care

An inclusive childcare program includes children with special needs in daily activities in natural environments. Throughout the state of Georgia, local Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies have Inclusion Coordinators who are committed to high quality and inclusive child care for all children.

An Inclusion Coordinator works with parents of children with special needs by offering:

- referrals to child care sites,
- referrals to community resources,
- assistance in locating support services,
- informational materials as requested.

Inclusion Coordinators work with child care providers by offering:

- technical assistance through on site visits or phone consultation,
- developing support for including children,
- providing training on wide variety of topics,
- referring to community resources.

Inclusion Coordinators purchase supplies for Lending Libraries geared toward children with special needs. Child care providers and parents can check out items from the library, which include adaptive equipment, books, videos, manipulatives, toys and more. Utilize this free service by contacting Inclusion Coordinator Carey Snipes, 229.317.6917/carey.snipes@darton.edu.

Summertime Recipes for Fun

Silly Putty

1 part Sta-Flo liquid starch
1 part Elmer's white glue (not washable or school glue)
Food coloring (optional)

Mix glue and starch together until it feels like putty.

Add food coloring if desired and mix thoroughly. Store in an airtight container.

Kool-Aid Play Dough

2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup salt
3 teaspoons oil
2 cups boiling water
2 package of Kool-Aid



Mix dry ingredients together. Add water and oil. Knead carefully, as it will be hot. Store in a zip lock bag.

Child Care Resource & Referral of Southwest Georgia Training Calendar

August 2, 2008

Health & Safety Super Saturday

Darton College, Albany

Building J, Room 121

8:30am-3:30pm 6 State Approved Hours \$15/Person

Infectious Disease, Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse, and Preventing Childhood Injuries

State Required Courses

Presented by Kim Reignier

August 2, 2008

First Time CPR & First Aid

Darton College, Albany

Building J, Room 128

8:30am-2:30pm \$25/Person

State Required Course

Presented by Aaron Reignier

More Trainings

An Afternoon on Health and Nutrition

June 3, 2008 3pm-5pm 2 State Approved Hours

An Afternoon on Planning Menus

July 1, 2008 3pm-5pm 2 State Approved Hours

A Nutrition Day with Directors

June 18, 2008 10am-2pm 4 State Approved Hours

A Curriculum Day with Directors

July 16, 2008 10am-2pm 4 State Approved Hours

Super School-Age Saturday

July 19, 2008 9am-2pm 5 State Approved Hours

Child Development Associate (CDA)

Mondays, January 12, 2009 6pm-9:30pm

120 hours of training/12 CEUs

CDA Renewal

Mondays, January 12, 2009 6pm-9:30pm

45 hours of training/4.5 CEUs

For more information and to register contact:

Ideal Consultants

The Executive Center

1216 Dawson Rd., Suite 113

Albany, GA 31707

229.869.2655

FOR SALE

Retired Family Child Care Operator has supplies including an academic program for family child care. For more information, call 229.758.9664.

Georgia Association on Young Children (GAYC)

2008 Annual Conference

October 10 & 11, 2008

Gwinnett Civic & Cultural Center

Atlanta Area

Enjoy 2 full days of workshops, seminars, awards, exhibits and organizational meetings.

GAYC will also award scholarships to attend the conference. The deadline to submit a

Scholarship Application is September 1, 2008. The application will be available to

download on the conference page: www.gayconline.org.

For more information on the conference, call the GAYC office at 404.222.0014 or email the conference coordinator at gayconference@algxmail.com.





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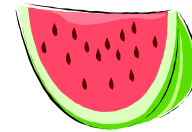
A Slice of Watermelon

Ingredients for one:

Half of a soft sugar cookie
Red-tinted frosting
Mini chocolate chips

Utensils and supplies:

disposable plate for each child
napkin for each child
plastic knife



Preparation:

1. Spread the frosting on top of the sugar cookie.
2. Put the chocolate chips on top of the frosting.
3. Eat this tasty snack that resembles a popular *summertime treat!*

The CCR&R has extra parent activity guides available from Bright From the Start if you would like more to share with parents, church groups, etc. Call our office to pick up or have delivered.