

Ready, Set, Grow!

Children's Home + Aid
Child Care Resource + Referral Program



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Spotlight On...

Updated IDHS Training Requirements!

Please note changes to the requirements!

Required by September 30, 2017 to continue to receive CCAP payments:

- ECE Level 1-
Modules 1, 2a, 2b, and 2c
- CPR and First Aid
- Mandated Reporter
- What is CCAP (Administrator only)

Required by September 30, 2018 to continue to receive CCAP payments:

- ECE Level 1-
Modules 3, 4, 5, 6,
7a, 7b, 7c, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 9

Once completed, a report must be sent in. The step by step form can be found on our Facebook page.

For more questions or help from the CCR+R staff.

Centers-
Contact Kate at kgarrett@childrenshomeandaid.org

Family Child Care-
Contact Shari at sstreile@childrenshomeandaid.org

For direct questions regarding the new requirements, please email:

dhs.ccap-reauth@illinois.gov

Developmentally Appropriate Activities



Infants

Hot and Cold

Want a simple activity for infants to explore? Look no further! This activity requires two water bottles, water, and ice. You simply fill one bottle with ice and one with warm water. Let the children explore using their fingers, mouths, tongue, and feet! For pictures and further details, please click below!

<http://mamapapabubba.stfi.re/2016/09/23/baby-play-exploring-hot-and-cold/?sf=rgaoagb#aa>

Toddlers

Sponges in Water Play

With a few inexpensive sponges, you can create an interesting water play activity to be done indoors or out! Children can squeeze the sponges, stack other objects on the sponges, or observe how they float! For pictures and further details, please click on the link below!

<http://myboredtoddler.com/water-play-with-sponges/>

Twos

Play-Doh and Straws

Isn't it funny how simple materials can create the best activities? This activity uses Play-Doh and straws to practice letters and fine motor skills, but can be adjusted towards the child's interests and developmental level. For pictures and further details, please click on the link below!

<http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/15801/playdough-learning-prewriting-for-toddlers>

Developmentally Appropriate Activities



Preschool

Box of Cutting

Fine motor skills are essential part of development. We watch children grow and learn each year. In preschool a critical fine motor skill is cutting with scissors. This activity is a great tool to have readily available for a small group of children or one on one with those who may need a little more practice!

See the link below for further details and pictures!

<http://www.funwithmama.com/printable-preschool-cutting-busy-box/>

School Age

Under the Sea Creatures

Let's get creative and let our imagination go with this fun, creative activity!!

The simple items include, construction paper cut out in different shapes of various sizes, googly eyes, and glue, children can create any sea creature they imagine! Click the link below for details and pictures!

<http://www.paper-and-glue.com/2017/03/invitation-to-create-ocean-craft-under-sea.html>

Tips, Tricks, and Fun Facts



Looking Forward:

If you have not done so, please complete the training needs survey! We want to hear what you would like to see offered! The survey takes less than 5 minutes! Visit the link below to complete!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BRFYMQM>

Credentials:

The current price of \$30 for a credential is only guaranteed until June 30, 2017. If you are planning on applying for a credential, we encourage you take advantage of the current price!

Professional Development:

Attention providers please watch for information regarding the Professional Development Funds and Quality Improvement Funds applications for the fiscal year 18 cohorts, training stipends & accreditation funds later this summer!

Program Tip:

With summer temperatures rising, please be certain to keep your children hydrated. Offer numerous times of day to get a drink, especially when coming in and out. Signs of heat exhaustion can be fatigue and nausea. Please keep a close eye on the children you care for while enjoying these beautiful summer days!