



Early Childhood Connections OST Newsletter March/April 2005

Third Annual South Dakota Out-of-School Time Program Director's Retreat

Polishing the Professional In You

April 3-5, 2005, Cedar Shores Resort, Chamberlain, SD

The 2005 South Dakota Out-of-School Time (OST) Program Director's Retreat is aimed at directors and administrators of before and after-school and/or summer programs. Sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Social Services' Division of Child Care Services (CCS), the retreat will be held April 3-5, 2005, at Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain, SD.

The fee for this seminar is \$30. Registration is limited. CEU credit will be available. A limited block of rooms will be paid for directly by CCS at the conference hotel and will be assigned by CCS as registrations are received. Please list your roommate preference on your registration form.

Sunday, April 3, 2005

- 5 pm - 7 pm Registration Check-in at Cedar Shores Resort
- 6:30 pm - 7 pm Light Dinner Reception and Welcome
- 7 pm - 8:30 pm Robert Prentice: "Key Principles of Effective Leadership - Teamwork Works and Empowered Decision Making"
- 8:30 pm - 10 pm Networking Fun With a Twist

Monday, April 4, 2005

- 8 am - 9 am Continental Breakfast/ Networking
- 9 am - 12 noon Tracey Ballas: "Hire, Fire, and Inspire" Part 1: What makes a great staff person? How to find and train great staff (qualities, recruitment, orientation).
- 12 noon - 1 pm Lunch
- 1 - 5 pm "Hire, Fire, and Inspire" Part 2: How to keep great staff for a quality program (training, motivation, team-building, effective supervision, evaluation)
- Evening Tentative tour of Akta Lakota Museum with a special presentation. Evening meal may be included.

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

- 7:30 am - 8 am Continental Breakfast and Space Design Bubble ideas for gym space transformation)
- 8 am - 12 noon Tracey Ballas: "Professional Advocacy and Leadership"
- 12 noon - 1 pm Lunch
- 1 pm - 4:30 pm Short Sessions/Variou Topics of Interest for Directors
- 5 pm Wrap-up, Retreat Ends

Registration information
available at:

[http://www.state.sd.us/
social/CCS/OST/
OSTConference/index.htm](http://www.state.sd.us/social/CCS/OST/OSTConference/index.htm)

1-800-227-3020 ext 6432

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OST Training Calendar

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REGION 1 - OST Core Module Training - \$5/evening

Mar 7	Tuesday	6:30 - 9:30 pm	OST Module 5 - Behavior Management/Guidance OST Module 6 - Social & Cultural Awareness	Rapid City
Mar 29	Tuesday	6:30 - 9:30 pm	OST Module 7 - Health & Safety OST Module 8 - Children with Special Needs	Rapid City
Apr 26	Tuesday	6:30 - 9:30 pm	OST Module 9 - Program Mgmt & Professionalism OST Module 10 - Families/Communities/Schools	Rapid City

OST Series I - School-Age Growth & Development - No Charge

Teacher Renewal Credit Available for OST Series Training

Mar 12	Saturday	9:00-2:30 pm	Exploring the Continuum of Developmental Tasks of School-age Children from 5 to 12 AND Exploring Four Areas of Development	Martin
Apr 9	Saturday	9:00-2:30 pm	Exploring Developmental Needs and Characteristics of Different Age Groups AND Exploring Individual Differences Among School-Age Children	Martin
May 7	Saturday	9:00-2:30 pm	Managing School-Age Children in Groups AND Guiding the Behavior of Individual Children	Martin

OST Series III - Developing & Implementing Quality OST Programs - Part One - No Charge

Teacher Renewal Credit Available for OST Series Training

Mar 1	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Developing and Implementing Effective Indoor Interest Areas	Rapid City
Mar 15	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Developing and Implementing Effective OST Outdoor Environments and Interest Areas	Rapid City
Mar 22	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Exploring Diverse Activity Formats, Planning Tools, and Staff Roles	Rapid City

OST Series III - Developing & Implementing Quality OST Programs - Part One - No Charge Teacher Renewal Credit Available for OST Series Training				
Feb 5	Saturday	9:00-2:30 pm	Creating & Maintaining Safe OST Environments AND Creating & Maintaining Healthy OST Environments	Belle Fourche
Mar 5	Saturday	9:00-2:30 pm	Designing Effective Indoor OST Play & Learning Environments AND Developing & Implementing Effective Indoor Interest Areas	Belle Fourche
April 2	Saturday	9:00-2:30 pm	Developing & Implementing Effective OST Outdoor Environments & Interest Areas AND Exploring Diverse Activity Formats, Planning Tools, and Staff Roles	Belle Fourche
OST Series IV - Developing & Implementing Quality OST Programs - Part Two Teacher Renewal Credit Available for OST Series Training				
April 5	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Involving School-Age Children in Activity Planning and Implementation	Rapid City
April 12	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Developing Activities That Encourage Creativity and Cognitive Development	Rapid City
April 19	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Creating Successful Clubs in OST Program	Rapid City
May 3	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Developing Activities That Support Character Development and Promote Social Interactions	Rapid City
May 10	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Providing Homework Support	Rapid City
May 17	Tuesday	6:30-9:00 pm	Helping Children with ADD Succeed in OST Programs	Rapid City
Health & Safety Classes - CPR (\$20) - First Aid (\$5)				
Mar 3	Thursday	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Infant & Child CPR	Rapid City
Mar 15	Tuesday	6:30 - 8:30 pm	First Aid for Child Care Providers	Rapid City
Mar 21	Monday	6:30 - 8:30 pm	First Aid for Child Care Providers	Rapid City
Apr 14	Thursday	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Infant & Child CPR	Rapid City
Apr 19	Tuesday	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Infant & Child CPR	Rapid City

These classes and other topics may be available upon request in other locations.
 Call Candy at Early Childhood Connections to make arrangements.

Books available through our Lending Library

Title	Description
The Self-Esteem Activities for The Elementary Grades	Enjoyable, easy-to-use experiences that help children: understand express feelings
The Snack Sneak	Logic Games, Mysteries and Quests
There's Gotta Be a Better Way: Discipline that Works!	
Time To Enrich K-6 Activity Kit	For Before & After School Programs Instruction Manual
Tools for Schools	Resource package for school-based school-age child care operated by a local provider under contract to the school or school district.
Training New After-School Staff	Welcome to the World of School-age Care!
Treasure Hunts!	Treasure and scavenger hunts to play with friends and family
Valuing Diversity: The Primary Years	Addresses diversity and human uniqueness in teaching materials and environments.
Who Says You Can't	How to Create Quality in School-Age Care
Working For Children and Families	Safe and Smart After-School Programs
Making Toys for School-Age Children	Using everyday materials to create high-quality learning materials.
Nature for Fun Projects	Nature for fun projects with hands-on experiments and activities on weather seasons in your backyard.
Best Practices for School-Age Care Programs	Providing school-age care practitioners with detailed descriptions of the specific practices that research suggests will facilitate the positive development of children.
But they Spit, Scratch, and Swear!	The Do's and Don'ts of behavior guidance with school-age children.

OST Theme Tubs

Great States

Music of Many Cultures

Marvelous Math I & II

Weather Wonder

Simple Machine Discoveries

Microscopic Wonders

Bug Detectives

Movement Extravaganza

Measurement Mysteries

Be Money Wise

Electricity and Magnets

Sign Language

Fractions: Fantastic, Fun & Friendly

Magic & Mysteries

Where in the World are we? (Solar System)

SD OST Certificate Training

Overview

Currently, the regional ECE offices provide "core" training to providers. This training will continue to be provided, and will meet 15 hours of training in the areas needed to meet licensing requirements for staff.

The new series, called "Phase 2: OST Certificate Training Series" has been developed for us by a nationally recognized school-age consultant, and provides 60 hours of in-depth training in four different series of six modules each. Each module workshop is 2.5 hours.

Those that complete the "core" or basic training hours (15), plus the Certificate series of 60 hours, will earn the SD OST Certificate (total of 75 class hours).

Staff Incentives!

To kick off the new series, the Office of Child Care Services will provide incentives to each OST staff person participating and completing each series. Incentive payments will be paid to individuals who complete all six modules in each of four series. The "SD OST Certificate" will be granted once the participant can show they have completed the ten "core" modules, plus the new "Certificate" series. Incentive payments will be \$75 for each training series completed in the new Certificate Series only (the OST "core" modules do not count for this incentive). Total incentive possible is \$300; and payment will be made directly to the student at completion.

Future Training Development

This new training is part of our work in developing a state credential (similar to a CDA) for school-age care. In addition to 15 hours of "core" training, and the 60 hours of Certificate training, an additional 45 hours of enhanced training is being developed. The combined training will provide SD OST program staff the opportunity to earn a school-age "credential". Our plan is to also have the Certificate and Credential training articulate into college credit. Another plan is to offer the "core" training as an on-line course in the near future to make it easier for students to complete this requirement for earning the certificate and/or credential.

Teacher Renewal Credit Available for OST Series Training

Delicious Dip

- ½ cup cottage cheese
- 4 Tbsp grated cheddar cheese
- ½ tsp dill weed
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- ½ tsp salt
- raw vegetables

Mix cottage cheese and cheddar cheese. Add dill weed, Worcestershire sauce, and salt. Mash with a fork. Dip raw vegetables in and eat.

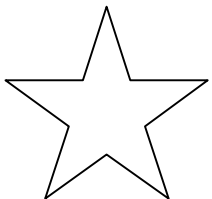
No Bake Peanut Butter Chip Cookies

- 12 oz Reese's peanut butter chips
- 1 cup raisins
- 5 c coarsely crushed corn flakes
- 1 Tbsp shortening

Melt the chips and shortening. Stir until smooth and creamy. Combine crushed corn flakes, melted chips and raisins. Stir until the cereal is cooled. Drop by tablespoon onto waxed paper. Cover and chill 1 hour. Makes 4 dozen cookies

Taken from "Snack Ideas" compiled for the 4th Annual SoDakSACA Conference.

Websites



CRAYON - Create Your Own Newspaper
<http://crayon.net/>

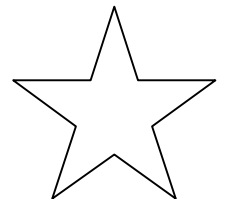
What Makes a Good Story?
<http://www.learner.org/exhibits/literature>

Word Central
<http://www.wordcentral.com/>

MidLink Magazine
<http://www.cs.ucf.edu/~MidLink>

Researchpaper.com
<http://www.researchpaper.com/>

Take Our Word.com
<http://www.takeourword.com/>



Program assistance, training, consultation, observations and on-going support is available for OST programs in Regions 1 & 2 (western and central counties in South Dakota) from Early Childhood Connections in Rapid City. For more information contact:



Our Mission:
To enrich the lives of children by working with the adults who affect their lives - parents, caregivers, and educators.

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