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## 2-1-1, the County's best kept secret.

Southeast Michigan is now plugged into 2-1-1, United Way's multilingual hotline that links callers needing help to more than 5,000 health and human services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week through an easy to remember phone number.

Launched in December 2005, United Way for Southeastern Michigan 2-1-1 replaces Tel-Help, which served metro Detroit callers for 61 years. The newly introduced information and referral (I&R) service makes connecting to help fast and simple. In fact, think of the system as the equivalent to emergency 9-1-1, for non-emergency individual and family needs.

## Communication the electronic way

Our newsletter is not the only thing that has gone electronic. We have a listserv of child care providers that receive information about community activities, workshops and other events. We can also send an email when it is time to update your provider profile. If you would like to be added to the listserv please contact Becky at [rduelong@oaklandchildcare.org](mailto:rduelong@oaklandchildcare.org). Indicate "Listserve" in the subject line and please be sure to include your name and business name in your message.

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*Thank you!*



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## SPECIAL EDITION!!

### Where Do I Find the 4C Newsletter and Training Calendar?

As most of you have noticed by now, we are no longer mailing out a printed copy of our quarterly newsletter to each licensed child care provider. This special edition is a one time benefit!

You will now find our newsletter and training calendar on our website: [www.oaklandchildcare.org](http://www.oaklandchildcare.org). Our newsletter and training calendar will always be on our homepage. All registration for training is handled via U.S. mail, or fax for free classes. We are unable to register you for any classes over the telephone. All fee based classes must include payment with your registration form.

Our schedule for posting the calendar is as follows:

**Calendar posted on the website:**

early March  
early June  
early September  
early December

**For classes held:**

April-June  
July-Sept  
Oct-Dec  
Jan-March

At this time we are not offering CPR and First Aid Classes. We recommend that you contact your local Red Cross, community education office or hospital to find a class near you.

We post workshops, conferences and training by outside groups on our website. If you have questions about a class being acceptable for licensing

requirements, we recommend that you view the technical assistance manuals posted on our website under Provider Services.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Saturday,  
September 15, 2007  
2nd Annual

Community Fair and Marshmallow  
Drop in South Oakland County

If you are  
interested in  
volunteering or  
donating please  
contact Danelle Watts  
@ 248-681-9192 x30

Proceeds will help provide scholarships  
for child care

#### PROVIDER UPDATES

The Oakland County Child Care Council maintains a database of all licensed child care programs in Oakland County. This includes homes, centers, preschool and school-age programs.

Our contract requires that we update all providers quarterly. With over 1,300 providers in the county, we are constantly working to keep our database current.

**Beginning immediately, we will contact each provider twice before suspending referrals.**

This contact will be by telephone first, then email or U.S. mail. Please be sure to remind your family or staff how important it is to your business that you receive your messages and mail in a timely manner.

#### LICENSING ACTIONS

If our office receives notice from The Office of Children and Adult Licensing (OCAL) that there is a recommendation for a license revocation, or that a license is being summarily suspended, we will immediately suspend referrals pending the final licensing action taken. When you have been notified of any such licensing action, please call our office so that we can note your program should not receive referrals.

# Who's the Liaison in your Neighborhood?

The Oakland County Child Care Council employs United Way Success by 6 Initiative Community Liaisons to assist both child care providers and parents in accessing services that exist in their communities.

For providers, they offer site visits to distribute information about services and agencies and network meetings so that providers can get together for socialization and brainstorming. For families, liaisons offer parent education workshops, resource assistance and child care information.

If you would like more information, please contact the liaison in your area.

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To reach a liaison by telephone, call 248-681-9192 and we'll connect you.



## Tell us what you really think!

Child care providers are at the heart of what we do. We strive to provide you with the knowledge and services you need to help you offer a quality child care program. We would like to receive your comments. Please visit our website and fill out our provider satisfaction survey. We would like to know what things you like and find helpful about our agency, as well as the areas that you would like for us to improve upon. All of your responses will be anonymous, so please give us your honest feedback. We will use this information for future policy and procedure changes as funding or contract requirements allow.

## Partnering with the Oakland County Child Care Council

Partners are a vital part of our operation here at the Council. Your support helps us continue to offer our services to both parents and providers. Please read the dues and benefits of partnership listed below:

Annual Partnership dues are:

- Student/Senior \$20 - Receive a printed copy of our quarterly newsletter and 5 free yards of laminating
- Individual \$30 - Receive a printed copy of our quarterly newsletter and 5 free yards of laminating
- Non-Profit \$65 - Receive three printed copies of our quarterly newsletter and 7 free yards of laminating
- Profit \$150 - Receive three printed copies of our quarterly newsletter and 7 free yards of laminating

In addition, all partners are added to our listserve.

For more information about becoming a partner, please contact Billie at [bragland@oaklandchildcare.org](mailto:bragland@oaklandchildcare.org) or visit our website to print a partnership form.

## Are you looking for new materials and ideas?

Our office boasts a wonderful service, our resource library. We have an extensive list of titles relating to all areas of programming and child development. Our library is divided into the following categories:

- \*Infant/Toddler Development
- \*Discipline
- \*School-Aged Development
- \*Special Needs
- \*Arts and Activities

- \*Preschool
- \*Curriculum Development
- \*Health and Safety
- \*Nutrition
- \*Business Development
- \*Family Relations

You are welcome to visit the library any time during our business hours, but please call ahead to check on room availability. We do not lend books, but would be happy to make copies of any information you

want for ten cents per page. Our resource library also offers a wealth of brochures and information from community agencies and other sources that may be helpful for you or your families. All of the brochures are free, and we can provide you with contact information if you need to order a large quantity.

# REGISTER TODAY!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Provider Appreciation Brunch

“Super Heroes of our Community”

Saturday May 5, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)

MSU Management Education Center

811 W. Square Lake Road

Troy, MI 48098

### Keynote Speaker: Jenifer Strauss

Let a Story be Told...Let a Story be Heard...Let a Story be Told Again

### “Storytelling...Connecting Communication and Imagination to Education”

In this world of technological advancement and its explosion of information, our children are experiencing an imagination deficit.

Its time to balance the budget!

In a dynamic keynote, former teacher and storyteller, Jenifer Strauss will present a compelling argument for the use of Storytelling as a cognitive development tool and motivate you to use “STORY” as a powerful link for connecting imagination to education and help others do the same.

Jenifer will address storytelling in emergent literacy, current research on the effect of media in the family, brain development, and evidence for the successful use of storytelling for reading readiness, and cognitive development across classroom curriculum, and within the family environment.

**(Attendees will receive a training certificate for 1.5 hours)**

#### Seating is limited...so register today!

- \$12.00 per person if **registration received by April 30, 2007**
- \$15.00 per person **for registrations received after May 1, 2007**  
(space not guaranteed)
- \$20.00 per person **at the door**  
(space not guaranteed )

Please send check or money order to:

Oakland County Child Care Council

Attn: Provider Event Committee

2111 Cass Lake Rd, Suite 104

Keego Harbor, MI 48320

**There will be food, fun and prizes!! You won't want to miss it!!**

#### Registration for 2007 Provider Appreciation Brunch

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work in a:

Family Home    Group Home    Child Care Center

Licensee name \_\_\_\_\_

Center name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*ONE FORM PER PERSON, FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED\*\***  
**REFUNDS ONLY IF CAPACITY IS REACHED**