

# Child Care Today

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## 8th Annual Provider Appreciation Event a HUGE Success!!!



We wondered what folks were thinking when they arrived at the brunch at MSU Management Education Center on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> .....what they were thinking of the tissue packets placed at their seats. All was revealed once Jeff Zaslow, co-author of The Last Lecture took the stage. As we sat mesmerized by Jeff's stories of his experience writing the book with Carnegie Mellon Professor Randy Pausch....we heard the soft rustling of the tissue packages being unwrapped....some of us laughed until we cried,

some of us just cried. Surely all of us walked away with a newfound respect for living in today - not waiting to say "I love you" - not waiting for tomorrow to do what can be accomplished today. What a beautiful tale of family, the wonder of childhood, and the blessings we all have, yet often overlook. It was, by all accounts, the best appreciation event to date. If you missed it, we hope you'll join us next year. If you attended, look forward to our next event...as you stated in your evaluations, "How can you top this?" Give us time; we'll do our best to deliver! Special thanks to our board member Jill Thomson and family for their generous donation toward the event!

### Libraries and Little Ones

The Oakland County Child Care Council sponsors the Libraries and Little Ones early childhood literacy program. We have been busy visiting all of the libraries in Oakland County to present a story time that includes activities and snack for parents and their children ages 5 and under. Our upcoming events are:

July 2009

Walled Lake City Library      Madison Heights Public Library

August 2009

Baldwin Public Library      Royal Oak Public Library  
Independence Township Library      Berkley Library

September 2009

Novi Public Library      Waterford Township Library  
Farmington Community Library      Lyon Township Library  
Franklin Public Library      Oxford Public Library

For more information please contact Sherry Scruggs at 248-333-9545 ext. 113 or [sscruggs@oaklandchildcare.org](mailto:sscruggs@oaklandchildcare.org)

Oakland 4C's Early Learning Communities- Hazel Park (ELC-HP) is located within Webster Elementary School and is being developed to offer a place where child care providers can share ideas with each other and take advantage of free professional development training, coaching and mentoring, learn and support groups, community events and outreach, equipment and resource lending library and rewards. Early Learning Communities, funded by UWSEM, promotes and supports positive caregiver-child relationships and child development learning and works to build a well-equipped workforce of providers with a focus on Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers. The ELC will also seek to empower parents to understand and expect high quality early care and education for their young children.

## Upcoming Events

### **Learning Through Play: The Active Learning Way**

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Participants will learn the 5 ingredients of active learning and the benefits of active learning.

### **Tiny Tales (Story time)**

Every Friday in July from 10:30- 11:30 a.m. at the Hazel Park Library

Each week there will be songs, books, crafts, parent information and a snack. Each child will also receive a book to take home.

This program is open to Family/Group, R/A, FFN providers as well as homeschoolers and siblings of any age.

You must R.S.V.P. in advance.

### **Provider Network Meeting**

Social Event FREE DREAM DINNERS---DATE TO BE DETERMINED. If you would like to come and meet other providers while gathering some important information call Danelle Watts

Our next event will be in July.

### **I-Billing**

August 5, 2009 12-1:30 p.m. Both parents and providers are welcome to attend.

### **Understanding Preschool Development**

August 10, 2009 1 to 3 p.m.

Participants will learn about brain development and characteristics of preschool thinking.

For further information or to RSVP please contact Danelle Watts, ELC-HP Director at 248-658-5531 or 248-333-9545 ext. 104 or by email [dwatts@oaklandchildcare.org](mailto:dwatts@oaklandchildcare.org)

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Thank you!



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# Got Questions? Give us a Call!

There have been numerous changes for child care providers in the past few months. Remember, we are here to help! You can reach us at 248-333-9545 or via email at [info@oaklandchildcare.org](mailto:info@oaklandchildcare.org).

## REVISED FAMILY/GROUP RULES

Effective June 3, 2009, there have been a few changes to the family & group rules.

For the complete document of the changes, visit [www.mi.gov/dhs](http://www.mi.gov/dhs). On the right side, click on "licensing" then on the left click "child care" then onto "rules and statutes."

## DHS PARENT BILLING

Beginning in May, parents who receive DHS subsidy for their child care are required to report their hours of care on the same biweekly basis as their child care providers. Keep in mind that the reporting requirements for providers have not changed in any way. There is an updated Provider Handbook and Reporting Instructions document available at [mi.gov/dhs](http://mi.gov/dhs).

Some of the most frequently asked questions we receive from parents:

1) How do I find my Parent ID number and Personal Identification Number (PIN)?

Your Parent ID number is your DHS grantee number. Your PIN is an automatically assigned 6-digit number that will be mailed separately. Keep this information.

Note: You will be required to change your PIN every 180 days. If you forget your PIN, you can submit a PIN change request by calling 1-800-444-5364, and a new PIN will be mailed to you.

2. What are "Parent Actual Activity Hours?"

"Parent Actual Activity Hours" are the number of approved activity hours the Parent/Client engages in. These activities are limited to: Employment, High School Completion, DHS Approved Activities, Family Preservation, and Travel Time.

The number of child care hours you have been authorized for is based on your total approved activity hours.

3. Can I bill from my providers location?

Yes, providers can make a computer or telephone available at their location for parents to report their hours. Providers, however, cannot report hours for a parent by using their parent ID and pin.

4. How do I as a parent record ill/sick hours for my child(ren)?

There was an oversight regarding this area of reporting. There is currently no space on the form DHS-641 for ill/sick hours. Parents should include ill/sick hours (for the number of hours child would have actually been in care) in their child care hours and notate "ill/sick" hours on the form.

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## **ATTENTION ALL ACCREDITED PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THOSE IN PROCESS...**

Scholarships and incentives are still available for programs going through Accreditation or Re-accreditation! The Michigan 4C Association can only accept applications until September 14, 2009, so eligible programs are encourage to apply early! Please note: You must have at least one DHS-subsidized child enrolled in the program to qualify (Head Start programs automatically qualify).

\*Family/Group Homes going through the NAFCC Accreditation/Re-accreditation process can be reimbursed up to \$300 for the Self-Study step and up to \$500 for the Application step. As soon as the Family/Group Home receives their accreditation certificate, they can apply for an additional \$150 incentive.

\*Center Programs going through the NAEYC Accreditation/Re-accreditation process can be reimbursed for steps 1 and 2(enrollment and application) as well as steps 3 and 4(Candidacy/Onsite visit). Fees vary based on the size of the center. As soon as the center receives their accreditation certificate, they can apply for an additional \$500 incentive.

Any programs that have received their accreditation status as of August 1, 2008 and have not yet applied for the scholarship and/or incentive, YOU MAY STILL APPLY FOR THIS REIMBURSEMENT, but do so right away!

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

### **19th Annual Community Sharing for Healthy Caring A Regional Early Childhood Conference**

**November 7, 2009**

**8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

**Howell High School Campus  
Howell, MI 48843**

**Look Inside for the  
Training Calendar and  
Registration Form!**



### **Thank You Oakland 4C Members**

Suzan Barbe*	Barbara Hobgood*	Abnery Perez*	Ada Stone*
Carroll Berman*	Renae Horak	Deana Piosson*	Susan Thomas-Williams
Shelly M. Brooks*	Joan Jensen*	Elnora Ramsey*	Toneshia Thompson*
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\*2009 New Members

Many thanks to our corporate partners: Costco—Bloomfield Hills, Denny Arney - AAA Clarkston, TCF Bank - Clarkston, and AT&T for their support of our membership drive during the Provider Appreciation Event on May 16, 2009.

**For more information or to become a member please call Billie Ragland 248-333-9545 or email [bragland@oaklandchildcare.org](mailto:bragland@oaklandchildcare.org)**

## Child Care Provider Services

### Low Cost/Free Professional Development Courses

Whether you operate a small home business, take care of a relative's child or work in a large child care center, we have something to offer you. A selection of courses include: child development, caring for infants and toddlers, developing learning tools and teaching resources, planning learning activities for children, working with children who have special needs, and job duties of a child care administrator. Students can also earn college credit or training hours towards a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. Some classes are offered free of charge through the Michigan Child Care Futures Project. Classes are held at various Oakland County locations.

### Technical Assistance and Consultation

We offer opportunities for CDA candidates to receive technical support and assistance with their Resource File and Competency Statements, and lend an ear when you need support.

### Networking Opportunities

Meet with other child care providers in your area. We have established groups in many Oakland County communities. Share your challenges and successes. Find new friends, discover resources, and enjoy social get-togethers.

### Community Resource Room

Available to all child care providers, we offer free information about child development, activities for children, health and safety issues, nutrition and running a successful business. Internet access, copy machine, laminator, instructional videos and activities for children while you browse are available.

### Equipment Lending Library

Through generous grant opportunities, equipment is available for loan by licensed providers! Items that are available for lending are highchairs, baby monitors, gates, potty chairs, and other items. In addition, we have numerous resources and materials to assist you in working with children who may have developmental or special needs. Call the Council office for a listing of the equipment available. Loan times vary depending upon the equipment.

### The Oakland County Child Care Council Training cancellation procedure

To find out if a class has been cancelled due to weather, call the office at (248) 333-9545 ext. 201 for a message. This is the only extension where a message will be left. The cancellation message will be on voice mail one hour before the start of class for a Saturday class or by 5:00 pm for evening classes. No message will be left if the class is going to be held.

### Training Etiquette

Please do not bring children with you to training. We reserve the right to deny providing a certificate of completion to a participant who is disruptive, inattentive, or intermittently absent from class due to telephone calls or other distractions.

**To register for classes  
complete the enclosed  
registration form on page 4.**

### Directions to the Oakland County Child Care Council Office

*The Oakland County Child Care Council is located at 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101. Hulet Drive is accessible from Franklin Road which is off of Square Lake Road between Telegraph and Woodward Avenue. Please visit the main page of our website for a map to our location.*

*Training Room will be open 15 minutes before class begins.*

To access information on upcoming workshops and conferences visit the Child Care Provider Services page on our website @ [www.oaklandchildcare.org](http://www.oaklandchildcare.org)



Registration for Summer 2009 Classes
One Registration Form per Person...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # where I can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of care provided (please circle) Family Group Center Relative/Aide(In Home) Parent

For classes requiring a prerequisite please answer the following:

- (X) I have taken Date taken
Basic Training
Infant/Toddler A (Foundations)
Inclusive (Special Needs) # 1

Class Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Blank lines for class name and dates.

Total trainings: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is on a first come first served basis.
If your registration is received after a class has reached capacity, you will be notified.
ALL registrations must be received five days prior to the first day of class.
As a courtesy to other trainees and instructors please do not bring children to classes.
No refunds without notice 7 days prior to the start of the class.

Mail registration to:
Oakland County Child Care Council
550 Hulet, Suite 101
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
Attn: MCCF Registration

For more information, please contact Provider Services at 248-333-9540
The Oakland County Child Care Council reserves the right to CANCEL or CHANGE class location due to enrollment needs.

# Specialized Topics in Child Care

All fees listed are Per Person.

Must attend all dates listed for a class in order to complete and receive your certificate.

Date	Day	Time	Class Name and Location	Class Fee	Materials Fee	Total Cost	Hrs
July 13, 20, 27 July 16, 23, 30	M TH	6:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Infant and Toddler Part B @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302 Prerequisite: Infant and Toddler Foundations (A)	FREE	FREE	FREE	16
July 14	T	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Outdoor Environments @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$15	\$5	\$20	2
July 25	S	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	CPR and First Aid @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$35	\$0	\$35	6
July 28	T	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	One Size Doesn't Fit All - Curriculum Models @ Farmington Community Library 32737 W. 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills, 48334	\$15	\$5	\$20	2
August 4	T	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Building Social Emotional Quality in Your Early Care and Education Program @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$15	\$5	\$20	2
August 5	W	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Administrative Part 2 @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$75	\$10	\$85	15
<b>This is a correspondence course - please see class description for details.</b>							
August 12	W	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Nutrients in Disguise: Promoting Healthy Eating in Your Child Care Program @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$15	\$5	\$20	2
August 18	T	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Blood Borne Pathogens @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$5	\$5	\$10	1
August 25	T	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	Developmentally Appropriate Practices @ Farmington Community Library 32737 W. 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills, 48334	\$15	\$5	\$20	2
August 26	W	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Stewards of Children Adults protecting children from sexual abuse @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$0	\$12	\$12	2.5
September 16	W	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Parent Involvement and Communication @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$15	\$5	\$20	2
September 26	S	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	CPR and First Aid @ Oakland 4C 550 Hulet Drive Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, 48302	\$35	\$0	\$35	6

**No refunds without notice 7 days prior to the start of the class.**



# Oakland County Child Care Council Professional Development Course Descriptions

## **FREE CLASSES - 16 hrs**

### **Infant & Toddler Training Part B - Classroom - 16 Hrs**

Specialized training dealing specifically with cognitive development and social-emotional growth and socialization for Infants and Toddlers. Topics include: socialization, guidance, developing emotional strengths, and helping children & parents adjust to a new program. Participants can earn 1.6 Continuing Education Units from MSU, and optional college credit.

Prerequisite: Infant & Toddler Foundations (A)

CDA Subject Areas: #1(2hrs) #2(2hrs) #3(4hrs) #4(2hrs) #6(1hr) #7(1hr) #8(4hrs)

## **FEE BASED CLASSES- 1 to 15 hrs**

### **Administrative Training Part 2 by Correspondence- 15 hrs**

Learn about the financial management of a program. How to set up a budget, tips for grant writing and fundraising will be shared. Students will also look at ways to recruit and retain families in their programs. Class meets once to get materials and assignments. Participants complete the remaining hours through

correspondence. Assignments must be completed and returned to Oakland 4C by September 9, 2009. Participants can earn 1.5 Continuing Education Units from MSU, and optional college credit.

Prerequisite: Administrative Training Part 1

CDA Subject Areas: #4(3hrs) #5(9hrs) #6(3hrs)

### **Developmentally Appropriate Practices - 2 hrs**

In November of 2008 NAEYC presented the third edition of Developmentally Appropriate Practice. What's new, improved and relevant for today's programs? This workshop will give you an overview and how you can use the information immediately.

CDA Subject Areas: #1(2hrs)

### **One Size Doesn't Fit All - Curriculum Models - 2 hrs**

In early childhood, there are many philosophies and curriculums from which to choose. Which one is right for your program? (Reggio Emilia, High Scope, Waldorf, Montessori to name a few.) Come and investigate these and others. With this information, we'll discuss ways you can work to develop your own personal and program philosophy. CDA Subject Areas: #1(2hrs)

### **Outdoor Environments - 2 hrs**

In child care programs we are uniquely positioned to "get back to basics" when it comes to outdoor play experiences for our children. Come learn, share, and grow in a deeper appreciation for the opportunities well-planned outdoor environments can provide!

CDA Subject Areas: #2(2hrs)

## **FEE BASED CLASSES - continued**

### **Nutrients in Disguise: Promoting Healthy Eating in Your Child Care Program - 2 hrs**

Sneak vitamins and minerals into your child care menus. Join us for a presentation that will allow you to taste test some foods that are sure to be hits with your children! Taste testing included!

CDA Subject Areas: #2(2hrs)

### **CPR and First Aid Training - 6 hrs**

Participants will learn Infant/Child and Adult CPR as well as Pediatric First Aid. Certification cards will be provided upon completion. Text available for purchase but not included in the price of the class.

### **Stewards of Children 2.5 hrs**

#### **Adults protecting children from sexual abuse**

This training integrates the simple principles of choice, consciousness, and personal power to promote an understanding of the nature and impact of child sexual abuse. The curriculum is direct about holding each adult accountable, and generous in providing powerful, specific support for personal change.

CDA Subject Areas: #6(.5hr) #7(1hr) #8(1hr)

### **Blood Borne Pathogens - 1 hr**

This training is designed to provide a basic understanding of blood borne pathogens, common modes of transmission, and methods of prevention. CDA Subject Areas: #1(1hr)

### **Building Social and Emotional Quality in Your Early Care and Education Program - 2 hrs**

Just like learning to walk, talk and eat independently, children need guidance to develop the skills necessary to get along with others and manage their emotions. These critical skills are part of social and emotional health. In this presentation, through hands on experience participants will learn about what social and emotional program quality is and how it can impact children's developing relationships and emotional development. (Special emphasis on infants and toddler care) CDA Subject Areas: #3(2hrs)

### **Parent Involvement and Communication - 2 hrs**

Is your idea of parent involvement attending meetings and events? Are you frustrated by the lack of participation? Come and learn how parent involvement and communication can be not only enhanced, but become an integral part of your program - making the child care experience for families more meaningful! CDA Subject Areas: #4(2hrs)

**No refunds without notice 7 days prior to the start of the class.**