

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!

Can you believe it? The first month of 2017 has already flown by, and the CCS office is making preparations for a very busy spring!

We are thrilled to have had a record 126 childcare professionals in attendance at our last Saturday training featuring local author and motivational speaker, **Debbie Sonberg**. During her inspiring workshop, Debbie shared how we can make a monumental difference in the young lives we touch, and she encouraged us to become Keepers of Hope for children – especially those who come from difficult family situations. Some of the comments from Debbie's evaluations include:

- *Absolutely fabulous!*
- *I loved everything about this training!*
- *You were truly amazing. God bless you! Keep changing and inspiring the world!*
- *You are the best! Keep up the good job! So many people need to hear this message of hope!*

If you missed getting to hear her speak (or you just want to see her again), Debbie will be assisting our February 11th speaker and also leading a break-out session at the Child & Youth Conference in April!



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CCS is sponsoring another **SATURDAY TRAINING** at the West Texas Training Center.

THE COMMUNICATION CONNECTION:

What You Need to Know about Language Development

Presented by **Alia Brewer, M.S. CCC/SLP**
Licensed & Nationally Certified Speech-Language Pathologist

Saturday, February 11, 2017

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Cost: \$5

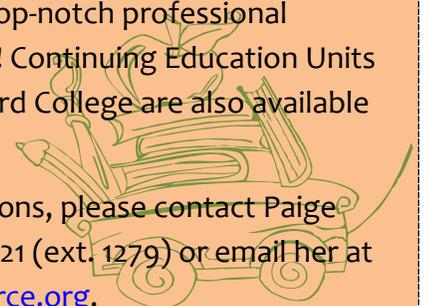
Please register early so that we can make sure there is enough seating for everyone who wishes to attend!

NO APRIL FOOLING AROUND...

The **Third Annual Child & Youth Conference** is coming up on **Saturday, April 1st** from **7:30 AM–4:00 PM**. This event will take place at the West Texas Training Center and will feature keynote speaker, **Dan St. Romain**. A nationally-known speaker and educator, Dan will be speaking on **The Changing Face of Discipline** and offering two additional break-out sessions. We are so proud to bring him to West Texas to share his expertise and passion for high-quality care with us!

If you haven't already pre-registered for this exciting event, you still have until **February 24** to do so at the **Early Bird price of \$25!** After that date, the cost increases to \$35 (as long as slots are available). Conference registration includes a light breakfast, a boxed lunch from WhichWich, and **7 clock hours** of top-notch professional development training! Continuing Education Units (CEUs) through Howard College are also available upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact Paige Bickford at 325-653-2321 (ext. 1279) or email her at pbickford@cvworkforce.org.



ATTN: REGISTERED & LICENSED CHILD CARE HOMES

Looking for another way to boost your professional knowledge and experience? Did you know that it's possible for licensed and registered child care homes to become military family child care providers?

Goodfellow Air Force Base will sponsor local RCCHs and LCCHs to become licensed through the Base as Family Child Care providers. GAFB will provide all the toys, materials, and training needed to become part of their team! They are always looking for new providers, and they are especially needing caregivers willing to provide special needs care, evening care, and weekend care.

Goodfellow's FCC Coordinator **Carmen Trufant** will be holding her next quarterly training in **April 2107** for anyone interested in exploring this option. This is a four-day training, and attendance is required prior to starting the background checks necessary to become a military family child care provider. For more information, please email Carmen at maria.trufant@us.af.mil. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to expand your home child care business!

DID YOU KNOW? In addition to helping with child care needs, **Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley** is available to assist individuals, families, and businesses with employment, training, and other resources. We are here to serve you!



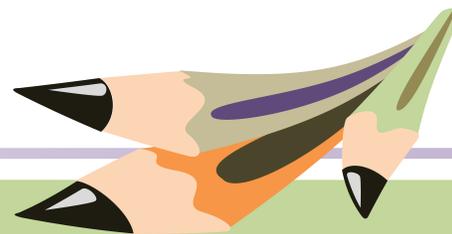
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WE COULD USE YOUR HELP...

If you know of any low- or no-cost training resources (online programs, local professionals, etc.) that you would recommend for other early education teachers, please let us know about them!

Collaborating as a child care community helps us ALL grow as professionals and benefits the children of the Concho Valley!



3 CORE CONSIDERATIONS of DAP (Developmentally Appropriate Practice)

- **Knowing about child development and learning.** Knowing what is typical at each age and stage of early development is crucial. This knowledge, based on research, helps us decide which experiences are best for children's learning and development.
- **Knowing what is individually appropriate.** What we learn about specific children helps us teach and care for each child as an individual. By continually observing children's play and interaction with the physical environment and others, we learn about each child's interests, abilities, and developmental progress.
- **Knowing what is culturally important.** We must make an effort to get to know the children's families and learn about the values, expectations, and factors that shape their lives at home and in their communities. This background information helps us provide meaningful, relevant, and respectful learning experiences for each child and family.

Taken from <http://www.naeyc.org/dap/3-core-considerations>

For more information about DAP, the 3 Core Considerations, the 12 Principles of Child Development and Learning, and the 5 Guidelines for Effective Teaching, read the NAEYC position statement "Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth through Age 8", adopted in 2009.

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