



Tips for Tots  
November 1, 2019

## **UPCOMING** **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Texas Rising Star**

The Texas Rising Star Provider Program offers providers the opportunity to participate in a voluntary plan to improve the quality of child care by meeting program criteria that exceed the Minimum Standards for Child Care Licensing. Benefits include:

- Increased child subsidy reimbursements
- Professional development
- One-on-one mentoring
- Quality Improvement equipment and materials

To find out more about becoming a TRS provider, contact Jodelle Block at 325-703-2402 or LaNae McClure at 325-703-2438.

**Saturday, November 16**

**West Texas Training Center – San Angelo**

**8:30 - 3:30**

***RESPONSIVE INTERACTIONS & GUIDANCE  
IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM***

Presenter: Prerna Richards, TECPDS Master Trainer

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**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Child & Youth Conference**

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

**8:00 to 4:00**

**Keynote Speaker: Albert Wright**

**Registration Fee: \$25 per person**

Seven hours (.7 CEU) of training will be available.  
Registration fee includes a meal.  
Registration information will be emailed soon.

Nov. 1, 2019

Dear CCS Providers,

Please remember to send your dates for holiday closures no later than November 25<sup>th</sup>. We want everybody to enjoy their holidays and receive their holiday pay.

Thank you in advance for your timely responses.

Happiest of Holidays!

CCS Department

### ***Meet LaNae McClure***

The new Concho Valley Workforce Solutions Childcare Development Specialist and Texas Rising Star Mentor/ Assessor is LaNae McClure. She is the past director of the FUMC Pre-School in Sterling City, Texas. LaNae is familiar with the process of becoming a Texas Rising Star provider as she led her facility to reach the 4 Star TRS status. Before being a director, LaNae was a Family and Consumer Science teacher for 29 years, where she taught courses in Child Development, Human Growth and Development, Principals and Instructional Practices in Education and Training, and Culinary Arts. LaNae and her husband, Bobby, reside south of Sterling City. They have one son, Garrett, who is an accountant in Dallas and three Yorkie fur babies: Itsy Bitsy, Teallie Belle and Journi Lynn. The "entire" family enjoys traveling and seeing the U.S.A. in their 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer!

## Changes Within Child Care Services

As the saying goes, "change is inevitable", and things have certainly changed in the Child Care Services Department during the past few months.

**Julie Vigil** is now **Child Care Contract Manager** at the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board.

**Kelly Beatty** became **Supervisor of Child Care Services**.

**LaNae McClure** is our new **Child Development Specialist (CDS) and TRS Mentor and Assessor**.

**Jodelle Block** is now a **CDS and TRS Mentor and Assessor**.

**Sabrina Palacios** joined our team as a **Childcare Client Services Specialist**.

**Cydney Prew** and **Desiree Valeriano** are **Childcare Client Services Specialists** and continue to assist clients in a friendly and professional manner. Our contact information is listed below:

CCS Contact Information			
Specialist	Caseloads	Direct Line	Email address
Cydney Prew	CPS, A-F, Waitlist & Teen Parents	(325) 703-2437	cprew@cvworkforce.org
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Kelly Beatty	Supervisor	(325) 703-2406	kbeatty@cvworkforce.org
Jodelle Block	CDS, TRS Assessor & Mentor	(325) 703-2403	jblock@cvworkforce.org
LaNae McClure	CDS, TRS Assessor & Mentor	(325) 703-2438	lmclure@cvworkforce.org
Judy Helm	CCS Accountant	(325) 703-2431	jhelm@cvworkforce.org
Kathy Burcham	CCS Accountant	(325) 703-2430	kburcham@cvworkforce.org
Julie Vigil	Child Care Contract Manager	(325) 655-2005 x308	jvigil@cvworkforce.org

### Make the Most of Teachable Moments

Teachable moments occur spontaneously and usually happen when you least expect them. As a teacher, you have to be paying attention and be prepared to find ways to make use of them. The key to teachable moments is to seize the opportunity and be flexible, even if it sidetracks your lesson plans. Children are curious by nature and sometimes an innocent question can become an opportunity for everyone to explore and learn about a topic you hadn't planned to teach. What can you do to make sure your interactions, atmosphere, and learning activities provide teachable moments?

- Slow down, wait, and watch what the children are doing – Be in the moment
- Take note of what children are interested in and what they are able to do
- Ask questions or wonder, -- "I wonder what will happen when you push that button."
- Use full sentences with descriptive language to help children develop new understandings -- describe using color, shape, sound, size, letters,

- Promote critical thinking -- help children sort out the facts to find answers to questions they ask
- Use simple explanations to help children understand why things happen or to evaluate a choice they've made -- "What do you think will happen when you run down the slide?" or "I'm afraid you will hurt yourself if you run down the slide."

Unplanned opportunities for teachable moments often turn into some of the most impressionable times in your young student's educational journey. Skilled teachers understand teachable moments are a fleeting opportunity and must be seized when the chance arises. Encourage children in your care to ask questions to help them better understand topics and concepts, even if it's not what you planned to teach that day.



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