

Early Care & Education Insider

HAPPY PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY! May 11, 2012

Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is celebrated nationwide by recognizing the tireless efforts of providers who care for the children of working parents. **Do not let this day go by without a special thank you to the caregiver who is so important to you and your child!**



Provider Appreciation Day - Saturday, April 21, 2012, 8:00 am to Noon
Graciously sponsored by Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Robin and Darryl Brinkmann, John & Dorcas Park, and The Community Partnership. — A breakfast and workshop is being provided free of charge, to recognize and show appreciation to over 250 childcare providers, teachers, and educators enrolled in The Community Partnership's Early Care and Education Program. Those wishing to attend must contact The Community Partnership (573-368-2849) for registration details. The day begins with breakfast served promptly at 8:00 a.m. followed by a three clock hour workshop (9:00 a.m. to Noon).



"Music Play for Folks of All Stripes"

Presented by Jim Gill

Jim is a child development specialist, completing his graduate studies in child development at the Erikson Institute of Chicago with a special emphasis on the study of play. For this reason, each of Jim's recordings and books is created as an opportunity for playful interactions between a child and a caring adult. Anyone who has experienced one of Jim's family concerts knows that rather than performing for the children and parents, Jim leads them to sing and play together.

Jim has released six award-winning CDs of music play for young children that are favorites in family rooms, classrooms and playrooms. Jim is also the author of two children's books. His latest, **A Soup Opera**, is a sing-along opera inspired by concerts that Jim performs with symphony orchestras. The book received an American Library Association award in 2010.

MUSIC and MOVEMENT

Music can be the spark that ignites all areas of development in young children — intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language and overall literacy. In fact, **music** is a great organizer that helps the body and the mind work together. The more children are involved with **music**, the more they learn.



- Watch how children learn when you sing to them. Watch how they will imitate you and eagerly wait for your next gesture and sound. Listen for how a toddler copies the ups and downs of the melody, and even some of the lyrics.
- When reading books that rhyme, “sing” the words. Stories can be made more musical with sound effects and instruments.



0-9 months: Babies recognize familiar melodies long before they understand the meanings of words, and they imitate sounds through cooing and vocalizations. Babies often respond to singing and talking

by waving their arms, kicking their feet, and smiling. These are babies' early and very significant communications about their thoughts and feelings.

9-18 months: As soon as they're able, children start to move to the beat of **music**. Making **music** together is a fun way for children of this age to connect to each other, and to learn about the patterns and sequences of **music** and language in general. Children love to fill in the blanks of familiar songs: “Mary Had a Little _____!” They love to explore all the ways they can make sounds with their own voices and with objects.

18-36 months: **Music** builds memory skills, as when a child learns to repeat the words of a song. Toddlers love to dance with each other, which reinforces both movement and socialization. Toddlers will ask you to sing their favorite songs again and again, just as they want their favorite books to be read to them many times over.



A familiar song helps a child feel safe and secure in an unfamiliar setting. In a sense, songs become every bit as important and powerful as a beloved teddy bear or a blanket. **Music** plays an important role in establishing routines. The same song sung each night at bedtime becomes part of the transition from waking to sleeping.

- **Music** is a great way to make everyday activities more fun and easy. Make up songs about tooth brushing, getting dressed and going to the potty.
- Sing and dance to a favorite recording. Make it more interesting by changing your movement when the **music** changes.

To read the complete article, go to <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/social-emotional-development/music.pdf>.

Are you a Registered Vendor providing childcare to children receiving DSS subsidy?

- Would you like to have monthly visits from an Early Care and Education Specialist?
- Are you interested in getting your state license?
- Find out how the ECE staff can assist you in taking this step and learn about start-up grants.
- Funding may also be available to help with the cost of licensing.

Contact Kathy Edwards, Director of Early Care and Education
The Community Partnership.



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Week of the Young Child—April 22-28, 2012 — The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment - at home, at child care, at school, and in the community - that will promote their early learning. Look for more information about the "Week of the Young Child" in our Early Care & Education Insider, 4th quarter, newsletter. Also, visit the website (www.naeyc.org) for The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

30th Annual Missouri Child Advocacy Day—Wednesday, March 28, 2012 — Jefferson City, MO. This is a day set aside for parents, providers, and community members to speak up and ask lawmakers to make the health, safety, and education of Missouri's children a top priority for the state. **Let Missouri lawmakers know there are *thousands of reasons* to make children's issues a top priority for the state!**

MISSOURI'S CHILDREN:

259,000 live in poverty.	100,000 lack health insurance.
318,000 are alone after school.	12,000 drop out of school.
5,000 are abused & neglected.	310,000 under 6 need child care.

For more information and a list of scheduled activities visit the following website:
www.childadvocacyday.org

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THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, EARLY CARE & EDUCATION WORKSHOPS (Pre-Registration Required) For more information, see enclosed inserts or visit our website. All events will be held at The Community Partnership, 1101 Hauck Drive, Rolla, unless otherwise stated on event flyer or our website.	DATE(s)	Clock Hours
American Red Cross CPR & First Aid Certification Payment (\$55.00) required before date of training	Please call to be put on waiting list.	Yes
Subsidy Orientation Training https://dssapp3.dss.mo.gov/CCSOrientation/	<i>Now offered on-line</i>	1
Educare Support Group Meetings - Come enjoy networking time with other childcare providers who also understand that working with young children each day can be rewarding and challenging. We will discuss resources available to area childcare providers and you will be given a chance to share your ideas.	January 12, 2012 March 19, 2012	No
I am moving, I am Learning (see flyer)	January 7 and January 21, 2012	12
Toddler Development — Terrific Twos with Guest Speaker, Sarah Traub	January 12, 2012	2
Child Advocacy 101 with Guest Speaker, Becky Rentchler	March 19, 2012	2
Jim Gill Family Concert (1 Hour) (no-charge)	April 20, 2012	No
Provider Appreciation—Breakfast & Workshop (no-charge)	April 21, 2012	3



Other training workshops are offered by Child Care Aware of Missouri. Please visit their website for current workshops being offered & registration details.
mo.childcareaware.org