



The Crier

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Is Your Child Wired To Collide

This class will be held Wednesday, June 9, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Vinton Center, 111 West Third Street. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.** Learn how to be able to list the nine traits of temperament. Understand how these traits show themselves developmentally and as disorders. You will also learn how to identify the traits that are creating the anger, frustration and defiance of your child. Learn strategies to turn around the responses into more positive, appropriate ones—with Dr. McGuire MD, FAAP, board certified developmental and behavioral pediatrician. Meets CDA Competency: To support social and emotional development and to provide positive guidance.

Committed to Quality? You May Qualify For A Loan – Plus A Grant!

First Children's Finance is offering loans and Quality First grants to Iowa Family Child Care Providers dedicated to quality care.

- Are you considering a home renovation project for your child care business?
- Do you need additional supplies, toys, and equipment for your child care?
- Are you implementing a new curriculum? Do you need materials?

First Children's Finance provides financing to Iowa Family Child

Care Providers to help meet your child care quality goals.

Quality First Grants are tied to First Children's Finance loans. You must qualify and close on a First Children's loan of at least \$5,000 to be eligible for a grant. The maximum loan available is \$25,000.

- Grant funds are determined based on your rating level under the Iowa Quality Rating System.
- Grant funds range from \$200 up to a maximum of \$1,000.

Call us today!

Grant funds are limited and awarded on a first come first serve basis.

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Universal Precautions/Bloodborne Pathogens & CPR Opportunity

A session on Universal Precautions/Bloodborne Pathogens will be held Tuesday, April 20th from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Happy Time Child Development Center 1310 1st Ave. in Vinton. This educational opportunity is open to all Benton County home and center providers. Universal Precautions is a one hour class required yearly by OSHA

(Occupational Safety and Health Administration) for all child care center staff. Home providers may also take the class but it is not a requirement and can be used as a one hour credit for health and safety. Universal Precautions training applies to anyone who is involved in caring for others

where exposure to blood or other body fluid may occur. It covers how to protect oneself from exposure and what to do if an exposure occurs. American Heart Association CPR Renewal for Benton County child care providers will follow Universal Precautions from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.



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Reminder: Call our office no later than February 15th with any childcare openings you have available. We will list them in our next parent newsletter.

Worlds Of Wonder: Science Activities For Kids

Children of all ages will love these fun, practical and engaging science activities using nature and physical forces. Help children understand the world around them and how it works., with Janet Andersen-Heller, Parent- Child Educator with Grant Wood Area Education Agency. Meets the requirements for child care provider. Meets CDA Competency: Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development. This class will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Vinton Center, 111 West Third Street. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.**

Build Social/Emotional Skills For Children

Learn activities and games for kids to help them improve social skills, get along better in a group and gain social situations practice all the while having fun with Janet Andersen-Heller, Parent- Child Educator with Grant Wood Area Education Agency. Class is for adults. Meets CDA Competency: Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development. This class will be held Tuesday, May 18, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Vinton Center, 111 West Third Street. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.**

Together, We Can Fight The Flu

Did you know the seasonal flu season lasts until May? It usually peaks in January and February. The 2009 H1N1 flu virus however spread to our country last April, continued over the summer, peaking in late October. A third wave of H1N1 is possibly predicted to strike again and can be curbed if more of our population would take advantage of the available vaccinations. Cases of seasonal influenza will also be on the rise soon.

It's not too late to get vaccinated for the H1N1 and seasonal flu. The Center for Disease Control and Iowa Department of Public Health are urging us all to get vaccinated to curb the spread of influenza. They have named the Week of January 11th through the 16th National Influenza Vaccination Week. They stress these vaccinations are safe and effective and are currently in ample supply. In Benton County, contact the Virginia Gay Hospital Home Health Agency for influenza vaccination sites and times for seasonal and H1N1 vaccines by calling 319-472-6360. They are located at 309 1st Ave. in Vinton. For up to date information about influenza and vaccines go to the Iowa Department of Public Health website: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us> and the CDC site: www.flu.gov.