



Children Are Our Specialty

Supporting Child Care Providers & Advocates in Our Community

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CHAOS MEMBERS,

Wow, has this summer gone fast! I can't believe it is already the start of the school year and the start of our CHAOS training year. We have some GREAT events coming up this year so I hope to see each and every one of you at our meetings. Some of the meetings will NOT be a Cargill this year, so it is important that you check our newsletter for details of the calendar or our CHAOS Facebook page for details. Also, please remember, if you bring a new person to our meeting, you will receive a door prize in appreciation of your efforts!!

Speaking of our Facebook page, if you are on the computer, make sure to "LIKE" the CHAOS page. We have been putting some great links and ideas on it to help with YoungStar planning. It is also a tool to get some advice for things in between our meeting dates so get don't be afraid to post and get involved with the conversations that are posted.

The first month's meeting will be starting in September. At this event, it is the start of our "year" so we will be discussing licensing problems and concerns to help everyone avoid getting wrote up by the State of WI or Rock County Certification. This will be an interactive meeting so I ask that you share what you may have come across in the past to help others. I have been told by a licensor that they plan on coming more often and staying less time so it will be important to stay on top of some of the details of the rules at hand.

I would like to start something new this year and see how it goes. On the meetings that we are at Cargill, please feel free to bring items in your daycares that you are not using and have them available to sell or give away. Have any items clearly marked w/prices and make sure it is in good working order so there are no disappointments. We will set aside a space in the corner for any items brought. So many times, we switch things out and other providers may love to own the things that we are no longer using!

Our board positions will be discussed at the October meeting so that we can do the elections in November. If you would like to get more involved with the background part of this continuing education group, please consider either running for a board position or volunteering to help with the planning, ect.

Can't wait to see everyone in September at Cargill!

Your president, Leah Zastoupil

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

THURS, SEPT 22	REGULATIONS DISCUSSION: SUGGESTIONS, CORRECTIONS FOR QUALITY CARE AT CARGILL
THURS, OCT 20	HEALTHY KIDS – TRAINING BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS, EARLY SIGNS OF ILLNESS AT CARGILL
NOVEMBER 12	HEARTBEAT OF CHILD CARE CONFERENCE BLACKHAWK TECH COLLEGE
THURS, NOV 17	PAMPER THE PROVIDER & ELECTIONS: TIME TO RELAX AND ENJOY SOME TIME TOGETHER! ALSO WE WILL BE HOLDING ELECTIONS FOR 2012. AT ACADEMY OF COSMETOLOGY
THURS, JAN 19	ROUND ABOUT: VISIT CHILD CARE CENTERS: TOUR SOME CENTERS TO SEE YOUNGSTAR RATINGS IN ACTION.
SAT, FEB 18	SENSORY WORKSHOP BY 4C'S & MAKE & TAKES RESOURCE ROOM WORK TIME
THURS, MARCH 15	TEACHER -LED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IDEAS
THURS, APRIL 19	CARE HOUSE/CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING CAREHOUSE, JANESVILLE
MAY	PROVIDER APPRECIATION AT BLACKHAWK TECH COLLEGE DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Additional Training from 4-C's

Visit <http://www.4-c.org> for more information

Ages and Stages Questionnaire

Active Early

Conscious Discipline: Preventing Power Struggles

Creating a Food Safe Environment-Rock County

CSEFEL Pyramid Model for Social Emotional Competence-Rock County

CPR/AED

Family Involvement-Rock County

Fall Certification Workshop: Communication and Cooperation!

First Aid

Intentional Teaching: Assessments, Portfolios and Curriculum-Rock County

Resource Room Extended Hours

Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporter Training (SCAN-MRT)-Rock County

Super Kids: Promoting Healthy Social and Emotional Growth in Young Children

Strengthening Families-Rock County

Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) & Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Prevention

Teaching Beyond Happy and Sad: Building Emotional Literacy in Young Children-Rock County

WI CACFP Sponsors' Forum Wellness Training

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YoungStar Business Practices-Family Child Care Part I-Rock County

YoungStar Business Practices-Group Child Care Part I-Rock County

YoungStar Business Practices-Group Child Care Part II-Rock County

YoungStar Business Practices-Family Child Care Part II-Rock County





Heartbeat Conference

The Heartbeat of Child Care Conference will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Blackhawk Technical College. Many wonderful topics and presenters are in store for you this year.

Jack Hartman will be the keynote. Jack will be presenting two workshops. Visit his website at: <http://www.jackhartmann.com>

Internet Safety, Sensory Arts & Crafts, Ethics and Confidentiality, Creative Use of Leftovers, Learning Bags, Classroom Success Using Sensory Strategies, Taking Care of the Provider, Budgeting and Finance, Stewards of Children, Baby Steps: Six Emotional Stages From Birth to Four, and Using Non Verbal Techniques To Support Children with Communication Delays are some of the presentations you will have the opportunity to attend.

Conference brochures will be distributed at the September CHAOS meeting. If you do not attend the September CHAOS meeting, you can download the conference registration form from the CHAOS website starting Monday, September 26th.

Developmental Stages of Block Play

[from Play Learn Grow Ezine & Childhood 101](#)



Block play, just like writing or drawing, follows a logical developmental sequence.

Blocks are carried around but not used for construction (very young children)

Building begins - children will make a tower or line blocks up horizontally (around 3 years old)

Bridging - children experiment with using a block to connect other blocks with a space between them, creating a bridge (3 to 4 year olds)

Enclosures - children place the blocks to enclose a space, showing knowledge of the concepts of inside and outside (4 years old)

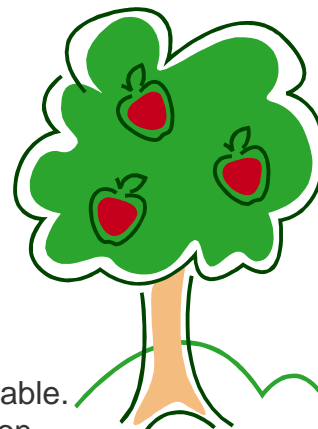
Children begin to create more elaborate designs using **patterns, symmetry and balance** to create buildings. Children begin to **name their structures** based on the function of the building (4 and 5 year olds)

Children use blocks to **represent things that they know** – like cities or houses. They also use blocks to stimulate dramatic play activities: zoo, farm, airport and other places.

10 Fun Fall Activities [from digital reflections](#)

There is so much to enjoy about Fall!

1. Take a Nature Walk
2. Collect leaves, identify, sort and do leaf rubbings.
3. Make Corn Prints or Apple Prints
4. Use items from your nature walk, to create a Fall sensory board/Nature Table.
5. Collect variety of apples and use for matching, sorting, addition, subtraction.
6. Make Applesauce from scratch.
7. Roast Pumpkin Seeds.
8. Bake pumpkin pies.
9. Make play dough apples and pumpkins.
10. Participate in a canned food drive.



Puff Paint in the Microwave

Combine the following in a little bowl:

- 1 tablespoon self-rising flour
- a few little drops of food coloring
- 1 tablespoon salt

Then add some water to make a nice smooth paste.

Paint on a thick sheet of cardboard (use paintbrushes or Q-tips)

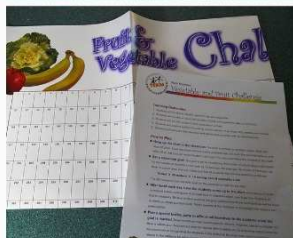
Microwave the design on high for 10 - 30 seconds until the paint puffs and it's dry.



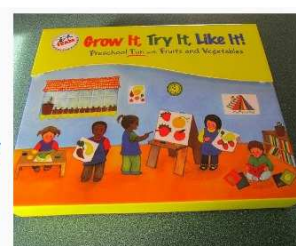
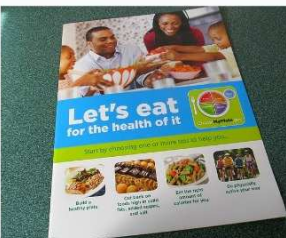
[We're sharing ideas, solutions, resources and tips for YoungStar. Join us!](#)



Young Star Tip: Use clear plastic containers with screw on lids for items that you do not want younger kids to get into if you have a mixed age group of kids.



Team
Nutrition
<http://tn.ntis.gov/>



**Free Nutrition
Resources
For Child Care
Centers**

Four Ingredients of an Effective Contract

[by Tom Copeland / Taking Care of Business blog](#)

Here are the four key ingredients of an effective family child care contract that will help you communicate clearly and reduce potential conflicts with parents:

1. **Make your contract work for you.** You can set whatever rules you want for your program. You can run a highly structured or un-structured program. You can use any curriculum you want or design your own. You are the boss of your own program. The only exception to this is that you cannot discriminate based on race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. Your state may have additional rules against discrimination.
2. **Create two separate documents:** a contract and policies. Your contract is a legal document that spells out the hours and days you will provide care in exchange for money paid by the parent. Any change to a written contract must be in writing and signed by both parties. Your policies contain all the rules for how your program will operate (sick policy, meal policy, activities, behavior guidance, etc.). You can change your policies at will.
3. **Adopt these two rules:**
 - Client will pay at least one week in advance
 - Client will pay in advance for the last two weeks of care

If you enforce these two rules, you will never have a parent leave your program owing you money. These two rules are reasonable and affordable; if the parent can't pay this full amount in advance, you can allow parents to pay a little extra each week over time. For parents who receive state financial assistance, you may or may not be able to adopt these rules.

4. **Enforce your rules with a consequence.** Do not be hesitant to enforce your rules if a parent violates them. The way to enforce your rules is to give parents a consequence for not following them. If a parent is late, charge a late fee. If a parent refuses to pay you on time, give the parent a fair warning, then terminate if her behavior doesn't change. Parents who are given clear rules to follow and understand the consequences of not following them are less likely to cause problems.

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NEXT CHAOS MEETING: THURS, SEPT 22 AT CARGILL 6-8:30 pm

LICENSING REGULATIONS DISCUSSION: SUGGESTIONS, CORRECTIONS FOR QUALITY CARE