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You're Invited
to the
4th Annual
Paths to QUALITY
Celebration
Dinner!!



- Special Guest Speakers:**
- * Pattie Ryan, Deputy Director IACCRR
 - * Dianna Wallace, Executive Director IAEYC
 - * Tonya Williams, President Wabash Valley Chapter IAEYC

Sponsored by: Wabash Valley Chapter of Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC)

We are having our 4th Annual *Paths to QUALITY Celebration Dinner* and would like for you to attend! This dinner is to honor Paths to QUALITY Providers and to provide information to providers interested in learning more about the program. It will be an excellent opportunity for you to ask questions and to network with other professionals in your field. We will have guest speakers & door prizes.

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Date: Thursday November 17, 2011
Location: Booker T. Washington Community Center Gym
1101 S 13th St, Terre Haute IN 47802
To RSVP or for questions call:
Kelsey Morris
at 812-232-3952 or 800-886-3952 ext 36
or kmorris@casyonline.org



The CASY office will be closed:

- Tuesday, November 8 – Election Day
- Friday, November 11 – Veteran’s Day
- Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Friday, November 25– Thanksgiving Holiday



Congratulations



Newly Enrolled Providers

Sonshine Kids Daycare
Morgan County

Puzzle Pieces
Childcare Center, LLC
Morgan County

Teddy Bear Home Day Care
Clay County

Providers who recently increased to

Level 2

Charlene's
Happy Home
Vigo County

Level 3

Loving Ways
Vigo County

Paths to QUALITY-Making a Difference!

Paths to QUALITY has been a statewide child care rating system since 2008. In this time the state has shown through research and assessments that the program is making a difference in the quality of care Indiana's children are receiving. There are many reasons to celebrate in CASY's area of West Central Indiana! We currently have 175 sites enrolled in Paths to QUALITY while the state has nearly 2100 enrolled! In our area we currently have 100% of eligible Unlicensed Registered Ministries, 96% of Licensed Child Care Centers, and 55% of Licensed Child Care Homes enrolled. Of those enrolled we have 97 level 1's, 46 level 2's, 22 level 3's, and 10 level 4's with a capacity of children being impacted at 3,700! We also have many sites at level 1 that are getting very close to requesting their rating visits. Statewide there are 92% of eligible Unlicensed Registered Ministries, 84% of Licensed Child Care Centers and 53% of Licensed Child Care Homes enrolled representing over 80,000 children. The impact that this program has had on the lives of children and families as well as the impact of quality improvements in the care providers are offering has set the program as a leader in our nation. Quality initiatives such as Paths to QUALITY are making a difference in the lives of children every day by assisting in school readiness and lifelong learning. If you would like more information about the Paths to QUALITY program please call our office or visit our website so that you too can make a difference through Paths to QUALITY!

Classroom Labeling as Part of a Print-Rich Environment

Providing a print-rich classroom environment exposes children to reading in a functional way. One aspect of a print-rich classroom is labeling. Labeling helps to create an environment that puts children at ease and contributes to self-directed learning. Labeling also:

- Helps children recognize that words have meaning
- Helps children develop responsibility as they care for the materials they use
- Turns clean-up time into a valuable learning opportunity
- Gives visual clues to the location of items
- Makes it easier for the staff to maintain inventory of classroom materials
- Adds to the appeal and organization of the classroom



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Labeling Guidelines

To make labeling the environment a worthwhile venture that contributes to a child's understanding of print, there are basic guidelines that should be followed.

- Use upper and lowercase letters properly- only proper names begin with an uppercase letter.
- Words are printed or typed neatly.
- All words are spelled correctly.
- The letters used in a label are of the same size, type, and color.
- The words and letters in a label read from left to right.



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Bins and Baskets

Bins and baskets placed on classroom shelves at the children's level can be labeled with words and pictures. To assist in putting the bins away in the proper place, make sure the shelf is also labeled. By labeling the shelf, you help children know where the basket or bin belongs. Picture labels may come from a commercial labeling system, be cut out of catalogs or packaging, or be simple drawings. To increase the life of the label, attach the labels to the shelf or baskets with clear contact paper. For even more durable labels put the picture and word on an index card and laminate it. Punch a hole at the top two corners and use slide or zip ties (found at hardware or home improvement stores) to affix the labels to the baskets.

Children will see the pictures and begin to associate the written word with the object. Labeling of this kind provides young children the opportunity to practice sorting, matching, and organizational skills. Matching the basket label and shelf label also makes for easier clean up.

Classroom Environment Labels

Common items such as the clock, bathroom, and sink should be labeled near the item. This promotes letter and word recognition and encourages reading. Cubbies and other individual spaces for children should be labeled clearly with each child's name, using upper and lowercase letters as appropriate. For younger children, a picture of them, in addition to a child's name can be included on the cubby label to make identification of the space easier than with the name alone.

Introducing Labeling in the Classroom

Children will notice the labels immediately as a new addition to their classroom environment. They will need some assistance in the beginning to understand how to use the labels and what they mean. Challenge the children to try to figure out what they think the labels are to be used for. After you've made their list, explain that the labels help them find and replace materials in their classroom. Throughout the day, remind and encourage them to find the two labels that match. It is also essential that the staff model how materials are put away. For example, a teacher might say during clean up time, "I need to put these musical instruments away. Here's where they go, because this label says 'musical instruments' and I see a picture of them."

Another idea to help children understand the labeling system, is to involve the children in the initial process of labeling the room. The staff might print the labels ahead of time and assist the children in finding the item the label goes with. Children can also search through catalogues for matching pictures.

Early Education Professional Development Grant Reimbursement



Clay, Parke, Sullivan,
Vermillion and Vigo
Counties only

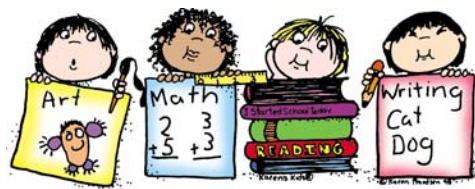
The Professional Development Grant Program supports attendance at continuing education programs for child care providers/early education professionals that work directly with children ages 0-6.

Success by Six Professional Development Grants may be used for conferences, trainings, or workshops that focus on early education, child development or child care. Conferences, trainings, or workshops must be significantly related to the applicant's position and improve the applicant's ability to do his or her job and the agency's ability to foster the healthy development of young children. Applications due 10th of every month.

Professional Development Grants may only be used for the following expenses: Registration/conference/training fees. The minimum cost of the registration must be \$30. Trainings with minimal registration fees of less than \$30 are not eligible for a grant. Total grant available: **\$ 150 maximum and only one grant per person per calendar year.**

Complete Guidelines & Application available at: casonline.org/successby6grantmay2011.pdf

"A Child's Play" training series now available!



We are excited to announce that we are the recipient of a United Way of the Wabash Valley grant. The purpose is to support early education and curriculum in the areas of creative art, music/movement, language development, blocks/dramatic play, and science/math. This series is to assist you in developing everyday learning experiences for the children that you care for. It is designed for providers that are new to the field, those considering enrollment into Paths to QUALITY, or those that are working on achieving levels 2 or 3 on Paths to QUALITY. The trainings are available to those in our United Way of the Wabash Valley counties of: Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo. The cost for each training is \$5 per person and each person will get a resource to take home! Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity. Look for these trainings on the training calendar and register today!

Reminder for Child and Adult Care Food Program providers: Full compliance with CACFP 21-2011 modified milk requirement policy went into effect October 1, 2011. The modification requires that fluid milk served in the CACFP be consistent with the most recent version of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The 2010 Dietary Guidelines recommend that persons over two years of age consume fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) fluid milk. This is **now** a requirement for Child and Adult Care Food Program providers; **fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) fluid milk must be served to children 2 years of age and over.** Whole milk and reduced-fat (2%) milk may **not** be served to participants **over** two years of age.

Note: Per FDCH licensing and IDOE CACFP it is recommended one year old (12 months to 23 months) children are be served whole milk up to their two year birthday.



Attention CASY Food Program providers, Master Menu Changes Coming: Effective November 1, 2011 the long standing CASY Master Menu is being replaced by CASY Menu Templates for the Minute Menu System. After November 1, no longer use any CASY Master Menu copies you may have. The menus have been updated for more choices, variety and to meet the USDA 2010 Dietary Guidelines and CACFP requirements. The new CASY Menu Templates are now available on the Food Program web page at www.casonline.org. If you wish to have a hard copy of the CASY Menu Templates contact the CASY Food Program office at extension 27 to have a copy mailed to your facility. For any questions regarding these new menus or other menu questions contact the CASY Food Program office at extension 28 or 29.

CASY CROP & CRAFT

Saturday Nov. 5, 2011

9:00 am - 5:00 PM

Booker T Washington Community Center Gym

1101 S. 13th Street Terre Haute, IN 47802

Cost: \$25 Per Person (includes lunch, snacks & refreshments)

Registration form available online or

Email: jones@casyonline.org

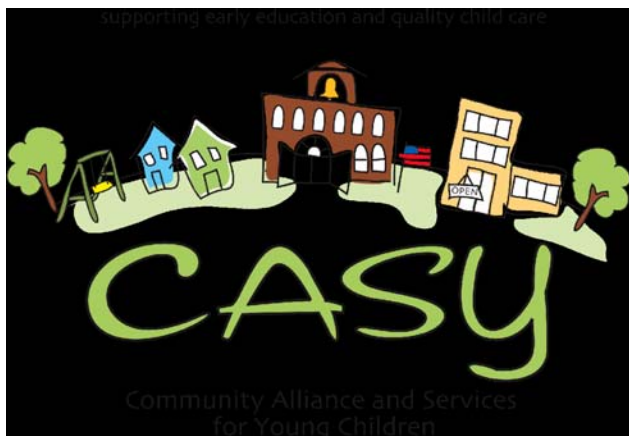
Bring your own supplies & work on your scrapbook

pages or other craft projects

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Circuit machine & cart available no charge!

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Make it take it with unique
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612 232 3962 ext 30 or email

jones@casyonline.org

All proceeds go to CASY programs.

Orientation I and II Trainings

Orientation I and II Trainings: Wanting to become a licensed child care provider? You can begin by attending our Orientation Trainings.

Orientation I - Part 1 of 2 on opening a Child Care site. Start up workshop for those interested in opening a Licensed Home, Licensed Center, or Unlicensed Registered Ministry to learn about basic health, safety, and start up requirements, plus information on the different types of child care programs in Indiana. Strongly encouraged, but not required for Unlicensed Registered Ministries. *CDA Subject Area: I (1 hour), V (.75 hours), VI (.25 hours)*

Orientation II – Part 2 of 2. For Licensed Family Child Care Providers. Learn about licensing regulations and what steps to take in the process. *CDA Subject Area: I (1.5 hours), V (1.5 hours), VI (.5 hours)*

11/3/2011 Orientation I- 6:00pm-8:00pm- Putnam County Library (Putnam)

11/17/2011 Orientation II- 4:30pm-8:00pm- Putnam County Library (Putnam)

12/7/2011 Orientation I- 6:00pm-8:00pm- BTWCC (Vigo)

12/15/2011 Orientation II- 5:15pm-8:45pm- BTWCC (Vigo)



Wabash Valley Chapter of

Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children

2011-2012 Meetings

New this year... All of our Wabash Valley Chapter meetings will include a training topic. You will receive a training certificate for attending. Meetings are open to all Wabash Valley IAEYC members.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

All meetings/trainings (6:30pm-8:30pm)

November 17, 2011– Booker T. Washington Community Center– PTQ Dinner

February 16, 2012– Vigo Co. Library

May 17, 2012– Vigo Co. Library

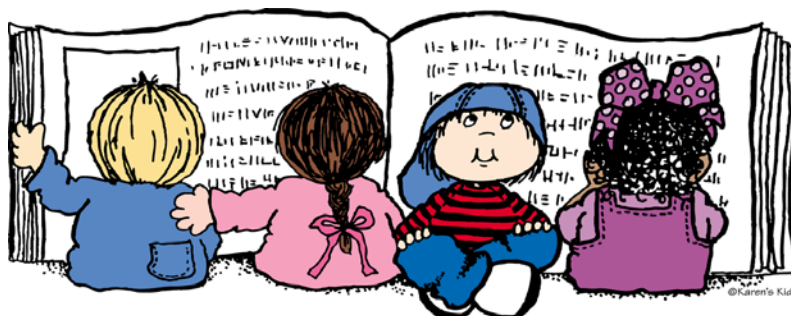
August 16, 2012– Vigo Co. Library

Please join us!!

Any suggestions or Questions please email

Tonya Williams, President

Tonyapearl@gmail.com



Breakfast and a Book



The next two Breakfast and a Book trainings must be cancelled due to meeting room conflicts.

- November– cancelled due to Crop & Craft
- December– cancelled due to Christmas Mouse House

The next Breakfast and a Book will be Saturday January 7, 2012 9:00am-10:00am. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information and to register call Kristi (ext. 38).



CPR Information CPR & First Aid

Classes include Universal Precautions

By Request, we have added various days of the week to the class schedule. All CPR, First Aid and Universal Precautions classes are \$30 per person.

- * Registration and payment must be received in advance.
- * Classes are filled on a first-come basis and money is non-refundable.
- * Classes are held at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, Small Conference Room.
- * Classes begin promptly; late attendees cannot be admitted.
- * Classes are not designed to accommodate children.
- * Call the CASY office, ext. 30 for available dates and additional information.

CCDF NEWS– SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

FOR SCHOOL BREAKS MORE THAN ONE WEEK, A FULL TIME VOUCHER MAY BE AUTHORIZED IF WE RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION.

BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE CASY OFFICE WITH A NEW PROVIDER INFORMATION PAGE WITH THE CHRISTMAS BREAK DATES INCLUDED.



The Provider Resource Room Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

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1st Saturday of the month

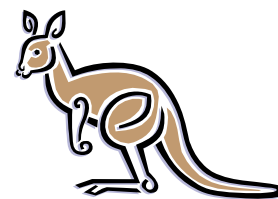
Closed 1st Saturday in November due to the CASY Crop & Craft

Closed 1st Saturday in December due to the Mouse House.

Our next open Saturday is January 7 from 9:00am - 1:00pm

Come in during our business hours to use our Provider Resource Room. We have a Lending Library with several great books available to borrow, also a Waxing Machine, Laminator, AccuCut Machine, and much more! This room is open for providers and their employees to use. We have staff available to answer questions and to show you how to use the items in the Resource Room.

For any questions feel free to contact the CASY office at
800-886-3952 or 812-232-3952



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CASY Membership

CASY Membership fees are used to enhance our programs and projects.

Membership is open to child care and early education professionals as well as business and individuals interested in supporting our mission to promote developmentally appropriate early education and quality child care.

General membership types receive:

- AAA Hoosier motor club discount membership
- Monthly newsletter
- Free Notary Public Services
- Access to Lending Library
- Access to Accu-Cut Machine
- Access to Cricut cartridges
- Access to our rubber stamp collection
- Discount coupon from Education World, Terre Haute

Child Care provider/Early Educational Professional membership receive in addition:

- 100 free photo copies per month
- Free laminating– 20 sheets per year
- Free newsletter classified ads
- Qualifies as Professional membership for CDA and renewal
- Special gifts and items throughout the year
- Discount to CASY conferences

Thank you for your support!

Your membership is a reflection of your investment in quality child care for our community.

All membership types only \$30 per year

Type of membership check one

_____ Child Care or Early Education Professional (All benefits)

_____ Individual interested in quality child care and early education in our community (General membership benefits)

_____ Business interested in quality child care and early education in our community (General membership benefits)

Name _____

Child Care site or school if applicable _____

Business name if applicable _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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