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Staff Changes at Delaware Child Development



Debra Gibson,
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Just as the seasons change, so do things at Delaware Child Development Resource and Referral. Bobbi Krob, our Stillwater Resource and Referral Specialist, has taken a job with the Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral office. Although we will miss her, we are very excited for her future and as providers, you may get to see her soon as she will be doing trainings and technical assistance across the state.

We are pleased to announce that Pam Davis will be our new Stillwater Resource and Referral Specialist. Pam has a Bachelor's degree in Family Relations & Child Development, specializing in Early Childhood Education. She has 15 years experience working in the early childhood education field in private child care, Air Force Youth Programs, Head Start and Early Head Start programs as direct care, content area and administrative staff. In her spare time, Pam enjoys spending time with her husband and their 2-year-old daughter working their hobby farm, reading, scrapbooking, cooking, sewing and traveling. Please drop by and meet Pam in the Stillwater office Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or during extended hours the second Tuesday of every month from 5 p.m. – 8p.m.

In our Ponca City office, Debra has become the regional coordinator for Delaware Child Development Resource and Referral so we are adding a Resource and Referral Specialist. Christy Newland-Owens will be the new Ponca City Resource and Referral Specialist. Christy comes to us as a native of Kay County living in Ponca City. She has worked with children and families for many years through Edwin Fair Mental Health Center, United Way Americorps program, Birthchoice, and as a passionate and dedicated worker in the nursery, preschool and vacation bible school classes at her church. Christy holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and plans to continue work on her Master's degree, focusing on early childhood development and education. Christy enjoys spending her spare time with her husband and children and scrapbooking.



Christy Newland-Owens,
Ponca City

Angie Barbee will continue as the Resource and Referral Specialist in the Bartlesville office. We wish the best to Danielle Valle, who has left to pursue personal goals. Please feel free to come by any of our offices, meet our new staff and check out our resource libraries. We look forward to serving you in the days ahead as you serve our most important people... our children!



Pam Davis, Stillwater



Angie Barbee,
Bartlesville

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Mission Statement: Improve and maintain the quality and affordability of child care in central Oklahoma through collaboration with community and state organizations, as well by assisting child care providers in locating adequate resources and referring parents to child care programs that meet their specific needs.



The Kay County Home Child Care Providers Association held a Provider Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, May 10th in Ponca City. DHS and Delaware Child Development assisted in the event, which included a pot luck dinner, bingo, and door prizes. Left to right: Judy Peters and Lisa Jennings.

Photo by Debra Gibson

Delaware Child Development Welcomes Healthy Families & Babies

We are excited to announce that Healthy Families and Babies have moved under the umbrella of the Washington County Child Care Foundation/Delaware Child Development. Marilyn Powell, Sheri Robertson and Sally Johnson are now located at the Delaware Child Development's main office at 5110 Tuxedo Boulevard in Bartlesville.

The Healthy Families & Babies program aids parents in adjusting to parenthood, enhancing their parenting skills, and provides knowledge for healthy beginnings.

Family Support Workers understand the challenge families face with the addition of a new baby. Certified staff offers information on how to stimulate and enhance children's development as well as offer caring support.

The ultimate goal of Healthy Families & Babies is to offer parenting information, referrals to community resources, and to enhance healthy family development.

Families may be eligible for participation in home visitation, center-based activities, and Play School. For more information on enrollment criteria please contact Marilyn Powell, Program Director at 918.337.6509 or HealthyFamilies@delawarechild.org.

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DCD Child Care Assistance

The Delaware Voucher Program is designed to help Native American families help themselves. It was established to provide families with quality child care assistance while parents are working, attending school, or in a certified training program.

Children must be eligible for child care assistance to participate in the Delaware Child Development Voucher Program. They must be Native American (our program is open to all federally recognized Tribes) and should have a Tribal membership card or a CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) card. If the child does not have either of these cards at the time of application for services, the parent(s) must have a Tribal membership card or a CDIB card. Children can come on the program for the first 6 months on the parent(s)' card, but should have their own card on file after that period of time has passed. Eligibility for a child with a legal guardian requires that the child have his/her own Tribal membership or CDIB card and legal proof of guardianship has to be provided.

The family must also be income eligible. This is determined by the number of family members living in the household and the gross income earned by the parent(s) and any other household member. Parents/legal guardians have to be working or attending school or training full time. If working, proof of income is required. If attending school or training, a copy of registration and a class schedule is required.

Families participating in the Voucher Program must live in our service area. This includes Washington, Craig, Nowata, and Rogers counties, Tulsa County north of Admiral Street, Labette and Montgomery counties in Kansas. For more information or to get an application for services call Karen Lay, Voucher Program Assistant, Delaware Child Development, 918.337.6502 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or visit www.delawarechild.org and click on "Child Care Assistance."

Prevent Dehydration

Dehydration can be a serious problem for young children during the hottest days of summer. Severe dehydration can lead to a condition called heat exhaustion. The key to

prevention is to make sure children drink plenty of water. Some signs of dehydration include dizziness, stomach cramps, irritability, flushed cheeks and leg cramps.

The Texas Children's Hospital offers some tips to help prevent heat exhaustion:

- * Fluids are lost when children sweat, so make sure to have them drink before, during and after outside play at least every 20 minutes.
 - * Children under 5 years old should have a minimum of half a glass of fluid every 20 minutes, and child over 5 a full glass.
 - * Sugary or caffeinated beverages do not fully replenish a dehydrated body, so water is the best option.
 - * Also, it is best to avoid outdoor activities during the hottest parts of the day.
- Enjoy your summer and stay safe!



Bartlesville Lamination Schedule

In by 7 pm on Thursday
Out after 3 pm on Friday

Items brought in after 7 pm on Thursday may not be available until the FOLLOWING Friday.

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Are you currently a family child care home provider on the Child and Adult Care Food Program? If you are not on the program or if you would like to join our program please look at what we have to offer.

With the Delaware Child Nutrition Program you will be part of a small sponsorship that gives you more individual attention.

We offer on-line computer claiming that does away with trying to keep up with paper and stamps.

Direct Deposit is available to help you receive your reimbursement in a timely manner.

Annual Trainings are held quarterly on a variety of subjects so you have all the information you need to make your business a success.

We cover all of Northeast Oklahoma from Kay to Ottawa then down to Lincoln & Cherokee.

We're ready to pear up with you so give us a call.

Kelly Eisenberger
918.337.6508



If you have items that have been checked out of the resource library for 1 month or more, please return it on your next visit. Thanks!

Protection from Those Summertime Pests

With all the rain we've had in Oklahoma, ticks and mosquitoes have hatched out in phenomenal proportions. As we all know, these insects and others can transmit diseases.

Here are some tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website to protect yourself and the children you care for:

- Use an insect repellent on adults and children. Protect infants less than 2 months of age by using a carrier draped with mosquito netting with an elastic edge for a tight fit. Always be careful to avoid getting repellent near the eyes, nose or mouth and spray away from face to reduce inhalation of the product.
- When using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and then repellent.
- Always wash off repellent at the end of the day before going to bed.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and hats to cover exposed skin. When you visit areas with ticks and fleas, wear boots, not sandals, and tuck pants into socks.
- Inspect body and clothing for ticks during outdoor activity and at the end of the day. Wear light-colored or white clothing so ticks can be more easily seen. Remove any ticks immediately, being careful not to squeeze the body while doing so, as this releases more poison into your system.
- Be aware that mosquitoes that transmit malaria are most active during twilight periods (dawn and dusk or in the evening). When possible, avoid outdoor activity during this time.

Who Stole the Cookies?

Activity for Preschoolers: Rhymes, fingerplays, chants, and songs are great ways to make literacy connections and practice listening skills. In this activity, children will enjoy the circle time chant, "Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?".

Goals: To practice language repetition and to reinforce listening skills and following directions.

Before You Start: Clear an area in the room for circle time activities.

1. Gather the children and have them sit in a circle. You might want to have the children sit on a large carpet or on individual carpet squares.
2. And begin the chant again.
3. Tell them that they're going to speak a chant called "Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?". Say the words to the chant with the children and repeat several times.
4. Once the children are familiar with the words, select one child to be called first. Then begin the chant.

Group of Children: Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar? (single child's name) stole the cookies from the cookie jar.

Single Child: Who Me?

Group of Children: Yes, you!

Single Child: Not me!

Group of Children: Then who?

Single Child: (Single child inserts another child's name) stole the cookies from the cookie jar!

Furthermore: After circle time, enjoy a tasty oatmeal cookie served with milk.

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A "Permission to medicate" form is not needed for sunscreen because it is considered a preventative. (It is, of course, always best to secure permission from parents before using). The use of insect repellent does require a permission form because it is considered a topical medication. DHS requires that all topical medications, including over the counter medications such as diaper ointment, must be administered only with a signed medication permission slip from the parent.

Be sure to check your DHS Licensing Requirements booklet for details. Home providers may find information on "Permission to Medicate" on page 11 of their licensing booklets and Child Care Centers may refer to pages 36 and 37 of their licensing booklets for specific details on this topic. It is, of course, always ideal for parents to provide the products of their choice for their child. Remember always to err on the side of caution and if in question, obtain a "permission to medicate" form signed by parents. Also remember that your DHS licensing worker is here to support you and you may contact your worker when in question.

Kay County DHS 580.362.2548

Payne County DHS 405.707.3700

Washington County DHS 918.338.5700

Taking these few steps can help keep the summer a healthy and fun time. You may want to check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for more information. They can be reached at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>.

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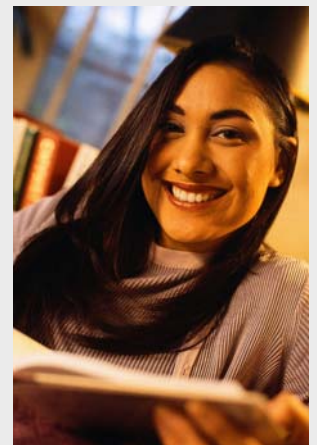
Thinking of taking some classes this fall? Now is the time to get started!

Delaware Child Development and Tulsa Community College are working together to help Bartlesville area providers advance in the field of Early Childhood Development. If you have been considering working towards your CDA, now is the time to get started!

TCC Fall Recruitment Night will be held on July 9th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Delaware Child Development Training Center, 5110 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Representatives from Tulsa Community College and Delaware Child Development staff will be present to assist new providers who are interested in applying for scholarships. This will be your chance to sign up for assistance for fall classes.

July 12th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm you will have the opportunity to enroll for fall classes. You should bring your completed scholarship applications to Delaware Child Development Training Center on this night. (Applications MUST be submitted by July 13.)

Textbook pick-up will be August 20th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm and classes will begin on August 21st. For more information, please contact TCC representative Jenger Baker at 918.595.8050 or Jennifer Champion at 918.595.8280.



Career Tech Opportunities

Bartlesville area providers wishing to complete Pathways to CDA through their local Career Tech Center should call 918.331.3333.

Stillwater area providers may contact Curtis Booher at Meridian Technology Center at 405.377.3333.

Ponca City providers should contact at Pioneer Technology Center via Marilyn Coates at 580.718.4269 or Molly Kyler at 580.718.4304.