



Please post newsletter and training calendar!

Child Care Resource Network wants to reach **EVERYONE** in our early childhood community!

To receive the newsletter, training calendar, and helpful articles by email contact CCRN at CCRN@soesd.k12.or.us or call (541) 842-2575 to be added to our distribution list.

Be sure to add CCRN's email to your contacts!
We want to stay in touch!

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Empowering early educators to inspire children

Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System News

Two important messages about Spark from The Research Institute (TRI) at Western Oregon University, which administers the program:

*** Additional funding is available!**

Great News! Programs that are participating in Spark can qualify for **additional funding, from \$1,000 - \$2,000**, to help with their continuous quality improvement efforts!

This opportunity will begin in July and is only available until September 30, 2019. To be eligible, programs must have a current Commitment to Quality (C2Q) or Star rating or will be participating by September 30th. If a program has not yet submitted a portfolio they have until September 30th to do so, or can get signed approval from a CCRN Quality Improvement Specialist. Call CCRN with any questions on eligibility or to get involved.

The application, instructions, and other requirements can be downloaded at <http://triwou.org/projects/spark/earlylearning>. The form will be posted around the first week in July, or you can contact the Spark/QRIS helpline at qrishelp@wou.edu or 877-768-8290 to have one mailed to you.

Not participating in Spark yet? A CCRN Quality Improvement Specialist can help. Email at CCRN@soesd.k12.or.us or call 541-842-2575. Show your commitment to quality and get the support you need to strengthen your program!



*** Time to complete the Spark Program Update Report (SPUR)**

Beginning in May, 2019, Spark, Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System, requires that all programs that have been participating in Spark for a year or longer complete the **Spark Program Update Report**.

Programs will receive this report through email or mail. **Completing this report is required for programs to remain in good standing** and be eligible for future Spark funding and support.

So far, only eight programs in our area have submitted their reports. To complete the Update Report online (the preferred method), click below: [Spark Program Update Report - English](#)
[Informe de Actualización del Programa](#)

This report will collect updated information about programs, their continuous quality improvement efforts, and their commitment to maintain quality.

If you have any questions about the Spark Program Update report, please call the QRIS Helpline at 877-768-8290 or e-mail qrishelp@wou.edu.

LIBRARIES™ ★ ROCK! ★

Are you using your LIBRARY???

Libraries are one of the best resources going! If you and your families are not taking advantage of all your library has to offer, you are missing out.

For child care providers, both Jackson and Josephine libraries have programs to bring books right to your doorstep and to present a story time.

Reading to young children is one of the best ways to raise a successful reader, and has so many other benefits. Sharing books is a time for parents and children to bond and be close. Reading together as a group creates shared experiences between teachers and children, leading to rich conversations and discussion.

Reading builds children's vocabulary, helps them recognize and understand feelings, fosters empathy, opens up new worlds, and inspires curiosity and learning - and your library is here to support all these benefits!

Encourage parents to go to library story times, take out books to read together, and get library cards for their children.



Josephine Community Library



The “**Storytime in a Bag Program**” at Josephine Community Library offers an array of books selected to feature a specific theme with activities and an accompanying guide. Child care providers can borrow “Storytime in Bag” materials with a library card and also request that a library volunteer deliver “Storytime in a Bag” to their program and stay to share a story.

To request a library storytime volunteer, contact Youth Services Librarian Susan Davis at 541-476-0571 x.107. For more information click on [Storytime in a Bag](#).



The **Outreach to Child Care Program** of Jackson County Library Services provides monthly book bags and storytimes to child care sites throughout Jackson County.



Nancy Peterson, Megan Pinder, Marne Kapule

The books are available in English and Spanish. This is a wonderful opportunity to have new books to read with your children each month.

The Outreach to Child Care staff, shown above, want to spread the joy of books with more programs. Call now, while there are openings.

Contact Nancy Peterson at 541-774-6564 / npeterson@jcls.org or Megan Pinder, bilingual, at 541-774-6587 / mpinder@jcls.org.

Child Care Licensing Rule Clarification



CCRN has received some questions from providers wondering if children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall are considered preschool or school age when determining teacher/child ratios.

This rule has changed, and the answer is that a child who will be entering kindergarten in the fall is considered school age “from the end of the prior school year to the start of the kindergarten school year.” So the summer before a child enters kindergarten, the child is considered school age, not preschool age, for ratio purposes.

Find the most recent licensing rules, March 2019, at <https://oregonearlylearning.com/childcare-rules/>.

Napping Rules Update

Registered and Certified Family Providers should have received information on rules updates regarding **supervision of sleeping children**, with the goal of preventing SIDS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Updated rules state that the provider must be on the same floor of the home as napping children, the door of the room where children are napping must be open and have enough light to easily see children's faces, and background noise must be low. Monitors can supplement supervision, but do not replace it; all requirements still apply.



Children's Festival

July 13-15, 2019

Britt Gardens, Jacksonville

STORY
TELLING
GUILD



The Storytelling Guild of Jackson County presents the **53rd Annual Children's Festival** at Britt Gardens in Jacksonville.

This "just for kids" event has been a family summertime experience for generations.

Admission is only \$3.00 and there are over 30 hands-on art, crafts, and science projects for children of all ages. Come for puppet making, sand and easel art, face painting, child-focused stage performances, and more. Go to the Story Telling Guild website for details.

<http://www.storytellingguild.org>



A Message From Molly Clement, Warm Line Inclusion Specialist



A reminder that CCRN Warm Line support is available at no cost to directors, teachers, and family providers in a wide range of areas, such as:

- ◆ understanding and responding to challenging behaviors
- ◆ information on setting up the environment
- ◆ engaging parents on sensitive subjects
- ◆ connecting families to other agencies for screenings, referrals, and resources

Please post the Warm Line flyer and call Molly with any issues, concerns, or just to talk over a situation with someone who understands.

In addition to these services, **Molly also coordinates Inclusive Partners** in Jackson and Josephine Counties, a program of the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Through Inclusive Partners, financial assistance and/or additional resources may be available to programs that are already serving, or will be serving, a child who may require more support, and whose family is receiving ERDC or TANF.

For information on Inclusive Partners and Warm Line support, please contact Molly Clement:

- * Phone 541-842-2590
- * Text 541-324-7720
- * Email molly_clement@soesd.k12.or.us

Counting with Pictures: Better Math for Kids



Counting pictures of items rather than the items themselves is a stronger way to support a child's concept of cardinality, according to a study from the University of Chicago and the University of Notre Dame.

This very short (1 minute!) video explains:



Counting with Pictures

Cardinality is the concept that the final number used to count items in a set refers to the total number of items in that set, and is important to a child's developing math skills.

Early Learning Workforce Survey



Southern Oregon
Early Learning Services

If you attended the
SOC-ORAEYC
Together for

Children Winter Conference last February you may have completed a workforce survey (and might have won a raffle prize, too).

Southern Oregon Early Learning Services Hub (SOELS) was collecting feedback from early educators on their experiences as part of the early learning workforce and had 123 survey responses.

The questions were developed to learn more about early learning professionals' experiences around professional development, recruitment and retention, resources, the early learning system, and job satisfaction and challenges.

The results were very interesting and SOELS wanted to share the collective feedback.

To take a look, go to the CCRN website, www.ccrnso.org, and click on Workforce Survey. The "Additional Comments" on the last 2 slides give a good sense of the range of opinions and feelings - from great to stressed - that early educators have about their work.

Email Chelsea Reinhart, SOELS Early Learning Facilitator, at Chelsea_Reinhart@soesd.k12.or.us, with any questions.

SOELS and CCRN thank you for all you do to support children and families in our region!



Exploring Water Beads



Click the Teach Preschool link for pictures, ideas, resources, and a video on using water beads in your program.

Water beads are fun!



<https://teachpreschool.org/2012/05/26/the-wonderful-world-of-water-beads/>



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