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NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILD ALONE

Reported Heatstroke Deaths of Children in Parked Vehicles Rise by Nearly 70 Percent GM, SAFE KIDS urge parents and the public to take action, practice prevention

As temperatures rise this season, General Motors and the National SAFE KIDS Campaign are urging people to be vigilant about preventing heatstroke fatalities among children who are intentionally left or forgotten in, or who gain access to a hot, unattended parked vehicle.

According to GM research, across the country there were almost 70 percent more of such fatalities reported in 2003 than in 2002. Since 1996, GM researchers have identified a total of 228 fatalities based upon media reports, however, the actual number could be higher. This year, GM researchers have already identified four fatalities. One occurred in early March in Oregon, on a day when the high temperature was less than 70°F.

"This news is shocking and we are pleading with everyone—parents, bystanders, and the news media—to take action to help prevent more of these tragedies from happening this year," said Deb Nowak-Vanderhoef, a GM safety executive. "We especially want to reach out to bystanders who see unattended children in a hot vehicle, to urge them to contact emergency services immediately. It could save a child's life."

Since 2001, GM and SAFE KIDS have been educating the public on the dangers of leaving children unattended in motor vehicles with a campaign called "Never Leave Your Child Alone."

Until now, education and outreach efforts have been aimed mostly at parents and other people who transport children. This year the partner organizations are extending their campaign to involve bystanders.

"Many of these deaths happen when a child is left behind or forgotten by an adult, while others occur when a child gains access to an unlocked car and can not get out," said Dr. Angela Mickalide, program director of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. "We want parents to know that leaving a child alone in a vehicle, even for a few minutes, is never OK. We also want people to know that if they see a small child alone in a vehicle, they need to get help."

GM research shows that children are also dying when they gain access to an unlocked vehicle, often in their own driveway, and then are not able to get themselves out. GM and SAFE KIDS urge adults to lock their vehicles at all times and put the keys in a secure place and out of reach of children—even at home.

In studies commissioned by GM of Canada, Dr. Oded Bar-Or of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, has shown how susceptible children are to heatstroke. The first study, completed in 2001, revealed that a child left in a hot, closed vehicle in dry heat can face serious risk of injury or death in just minutes. The second study, released in early 2003, showed that when substituting humid heat for dry heat, injury or death can occur in half the time.

Previous research and real-world incidents have demonstrated that on a warm, sunny day, even at temperatures as mild as 60°F, a closed vehicle can be lethal. Because a child's body temperature increases three to five times faster than an adult's and children are not able to dissipate heat as efficiently as adults, every minute counts when a child is trapped in a hot vehicle.

To help prevent more fatalities, GM and SAFE KIDS offer these tips:

- ✧ **Never leave a child unattended in a motor vehicle, even with a window slightly open.**
- ✧ **If you see a small child who is unattended in a motor vehicle and in need of help, contact emergency medical services. If you are in an OnStar-equipped vehicle, simply push the red emergency OnStar button. You will be quickly connected with an OnStar emergency services advisor who will expedite the call to public safety.**
- ✧ **Always lock your vehicle—especially at home—and keep keys out of children's reach.**
- ✧ **Make sure all children leave the vehicle upon arrival at a destination. Be especially careful if transporting children on a specific day or time that is not part of your normal routine. In the case of infants that may be sleeping, get into the habit of placing your purse or briefcase on the floor of the rear seat where the child is seated to make sure you have to go into the rear seat before leaving the vehicle.**
- ✧ **Teach children not to play in, or around vehicles.**
- ✧ **Watch children closely around vehicles, especially when loading and unloading.**

This information taken from the National SAFE KIDS website at www.safekids.org. Information is also available on the General Motors website at www.gmability.com

O-SI-YO

by Tina Smith

Resource and Referral Specialist

This will be the last newsletter some providers will receive due to recent changes in the Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association's service delivery area plan. As of July 1, 2004, child care providers in Rogers county will be in the service delivery area of the Tulsa Child Care Resource Center. However, if you live in Rogers county and you have a Cherokee Nation contract, you will continue to receive this newsletter to make you aware of services available to Cherokee Nation contracted providers. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center will continue to offer extended hours one Tuesday and one Saturday per month. We encourage you to take advantage of these extended hours. You may want to come by and check-out some curriculum books or borrow a video. We also have a die cut machine and a laminating machine available for your use. Parents may need a child care referral or information on the developmental stages of their children.

Saturdays 9:00 am—12:00 pm

May 8

June 12

July 10

August 14

Tuesdays 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT CONTEST

The Oklahoma Better Baby Care Campaign parent involvement workgroup has developed a fun and innovative way for child care homes and centers to display their parent involvement efforts and possibly win a wonderful prize for doing so. Beginning in July 2004, all of the conferences supported by the OKDHS voucher credit system will be hosting a parent involvement poster contest. Every licensed or permitted child care home and center is eligible to enter these contests by showing how they involve parents and families of the children they care for in a poster. Each conference will select winning posters. These posters will then go to a state level contest. The winner of the state level contest will receive a trip to the 2005 NAEYC conference in Washington, D.C. The rules of the contest are as follows.

-  Each licensed or permitted home or center can enter one poster in each conference.
-  At least one employee must attend the conference for which a poster has been entered.
-  Posters must be on a standard 20X30 poster board.
-  Each home or center is eligible to win one time.
-  Activities depicted on the poster will be verified at the state level.
-  Judging criteria are on a 100 point system—60 points for the facility's level of parent involvement (based on the percentage of staff and parent participation), 30 points for creativity of parent involvement activities, 10 points for poster quality (design and explanation).

There is no set design for the posters. Homes and centers are able to create any type of poster they choose to demonstrate their parent involvement. Entry forms will be mailed out with the conference registration forms. Homes and centers will need to provide an explanation of their poster as well as a description of any other parent involvement activities they offer not depicted in the poster. Examples of posters can be viewed on the DHS website at www.okdhs.org. For more information on voucher credit sponsored conferences or the parent involvement poster contest, please contact Jill Heise at OKDHS, Division of Child Care, (405) 521-3561 or 1-800-347-2276.

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Oklahoma Child Care
RESOURCE & REFERRAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING

June 7	Tahlequah—EMS Pediatric CPR	Time: 6:00 pm—10:00 pm
August 9	Tahlequah—EMS First Aid	Time: 6:00 pm—10:00 pm

**Cherokee Nation EMS began a new cost and payment policy on April 1, 2003.
 Pediatric CPR is \$20.00 and First Aid is \$25.00. (FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE)
 Pre-payment is required and must be received
 at Cherokee Nation EMS 5 days prior to the date of the scheduled training.
 A minimum of 8 participants must be registered for the training to be held.
 Make payment to Cherokee Nation EMS and mail payment and registration form to:
 Cherokee Nation EMS
 Attn: Jimmy Summerlin
 22114 South Bald Hill Road
 Tahlequah, OK 74464
 If you have any questions, please contact Jimmy Summerlin at EMS at (918) 458-5403**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION FORM :

CHEROKEE NATION EMS TRAINING PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

What county do you live in? _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Date of Training: _____

Type of Class: _____

Organization / Workplace: _____

Ethnic Descent: Cherokee Native American _____ Other Native American: _____
 Other Descent _____

JUNE TRAINING

June 1,3,8 & 10

TAHLEQUAH—CCRC

Time: 4:00 pm—6:30 pm

Discovering Nature with Young Children (content area #2, 1 CEU)—Participants will learn how to open young minds to the wonders of nature by learning science content and inquiry skills, preparing a science rich environment, assessing the classroom for open exploration and more. Come join the fun and earn 1 C.E.U. through Tulsa Technology Center. Trainer: Gaynia Jones. **Registration Fee is \$18.00. Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 for information on registration.**

CANCELLED! June 8,10,15 & 17

CLAREMORE—MARTHA VANZANT FCCH

Time: 6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Daily Program for Young Children 3 to 6

June 8,10,15 &17

TAHLEQUAH—CCRC

Time: 6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Dollars and Sense (content area #5, 12 hours)—A child care business skills training class focusing on family child care homes. Learn better business practices such as developing a business plan, record keeping, policies, parent contracts, setting realistic prices and marketing. Reviews communication skills with exercises on assertiveness, communicating with parents, presenting yourself as a small business owner and listening skills. Registration Fee: \$25 which includes Dollars and Sense workbook. Trainer: Kim Phillips. **Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 for information on registration.**

June 12

TAHLEQUAH—CCRC

Time: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

A Joyful Journey to Literacy with Pam Schiller (content area #2, 6 hours)—This seminar addresses how to teach young children the mechanics of reading while ensuring that they are also developing the disposition for reading. A discussion of literacy continuum provides a developmental sequence that can be used as a road map to guide children on this crucial journey. A review of the “windows of opportunity”, emerging from early brain development research, offers a timetable for the journey that is consistent with the natural development of auditory and visual discrimination in young children. Participants will leave with a road map, timetable, and collection of strategies and activities to help foster children’s development of early literacy skills. Participant will receive 6 hours of training. **Registration Fee is \$10.00. Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 for information on registration.**

June 15

PRYOR –GREENBRIAR

Time: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Room Arrangement (content area #5, 2 hours)—What do I do with my room? Learn about how a room should be arranged, what materials are needed and how they should be organized. Examples of center areas will be shown. Trainer: Gaynia Jones. Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 to register.

Location Information

*The Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center is located in the James Danielson Children’s Village in Tahlequah.

*Greenbriar is located at 845 S Vann in Pryor.

*The Grove Downtown Community Center is located at 104 W 3rd Street.

Cherokee Nation facilitates training by recruiting educators employed by other agencies. Ideas and practices presented are not necessarily endorsed by the Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center.

*ARE YOU A CHEROKEE SPEAKER? HAVE YOU DREAMED OF BECOMING A TEACHER?
As part of the Cherokee Language Project, the Cherokee Cultural Center is looking for Cherokee Speakers who want to pursue a degree in Education. For more information please contact Joyce Rock at the Cherokee Cultural Resource Center at (918) 458-6170 or e-mail her at
Joyce-Rock@cherokee.org*

JULY TRAINING

CANCELLED! July 6,8,13 & 15

CLAREMORE—MARTH VANZANT FCCH

Time: 6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Language

July 8 & 13

GROVE—COMMUNITY CENTER

Time: 3:00 pm—8:00 pm

Behavior and Guidance II (content area #3, 10 hours) - Builds on *Behavior and Guidance* and *Families and Child Care: A Team for Children*. When children display aggressive behavior, there is no quick or easy solution. The child care provider must find the right mix of child development, guiding behavior techniques, working with the family, working with the child, and activities to support the child displaying the aggressive behavior. Trainer: Bridget Tobey. **Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-6230 or 1-888-458-6230 to register.**

July 13,15,20,22,27

TAHLEQUAH—CCRC

Time: 6:00 pm—10:00 pm

ELCCT (Entry Level Child Care Training) (content area #6, 20 hours) - Introduction to child care training. The course provides new and/or future child care professionals with knowledge needed to provide quality care for young children while helping each individual child develop to his or her full potential. The course contains information and learning activities that stress the importance of the caregiver and child care work. Trainer: Debbie Smith. **Cost: \$20. To register please contact the Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230.**

July (date to be announced)

TAHLEQUAH—CCRC

OTTAWA COUNTY (place to be determined)

Orientation to Program Evaluation—Beginning July 1, 2004—Programs needing to meet the *Reaching for the Stars* program evaluation requirement should select one person to attend this required training. Upon completion of the training, each participant will receive a Certificate of Participation, Self-Assessment Checklist, and important information for completing the program evaluation process. This training meets the *Reaching for the Stars* program evaluation requirement which is required within 6 months of approval of *Two-Star*. It replaces the *Utilizing Self-Assessment for Program Improvement* training sponsored by CECPD. **If center or home staff have already attended the CECPD sponsored training, then attendance at this new training is NOT required. Watch for future environment scale training opportunities from CECPD in the fall of 2004!**

The purpose of the Tier I two-hour training is to acquaint providers with the ingredients necessary to do program evaluation. This will include a review of Star policy and offer opportunity for discussion. **NO environment rating scale books are provided with this training.**

OPERATION CHILD CARE

We would like to invite **all local child care providers** to participate in Operation Child Care by donating 4 hours or more of child care to Service Members of the National Guard or Reserve who are on R&R (Rest and Recuperation) leave and have one or more children between the ages of 0-13 years of age.

As a provider your efforts will contribute to the increased morale of Service Members. Help us **show them our appreciation** for their service to our country and send a message of support and respect from their local communities.

OPERATION CHILD CARE allows National Guard & Reserve Members who are on 2 weeks of Rest & Recuperation (R&R) leave from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan access to a few hours of **donated child care** from licensed providers and trained 4-H babysitters.

Whether it's one-on-one time with their spouse, personal business or an afternoon of recreational activities, local child care providers can help provide service members **peace of mind** regardless of how hectic their schedules are.

We are recruiting providers who would be willing to volunteer their services. For more information about how you can become involved in this wonderful opportunity please contact the Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 and ask for Bridget, Kim or Tina.

For more information on the Operation Child Care National Program contact Child Care Aware at 1-800-424-2246 or visit **www.ChildCareAware.org**

Parent Involvement Poster Contest!

Join the fun!

New at our 4th Annual Child Care Conference !



RULES

- Bring your poster on July 31st, 2004
- Each **licensed** home or center can enter one poster
- At least one employee must attend the conference in order to enter
- Each home or center can win only one time
- Parent involvement activities will be verified at the state level
- Poster size must be on a standard 20"X30" poster board
- Fill out entry form and attach an explanation of poster and any other involvement that is not depicted on the poster
- There is no set design. Entrant may use any type of media.

The winner of the state level contest will receive a trip to the 2005 NAEYC conference in Washington, D.C. Examples of posters can be viewed on the DHS website at www.okdhs.org

For information about this local contest in Tahlequah contact Gaynia Jones at 918-458-7613 ext. 256 or 1-888-458-6230.

For more information on voucher credit sponsored conferences or the parent involvement poster contest, please contact Jill Heise at OKDHS, Division of Child Care, 521-3561 or 1-800-347-2276.

Local prize: "Gift of Ideas & Resources"
A basketful of curriculum books and other resources
valued at \$100.00

Posters are judged on:

- Parent Participation 60%
- Creativity 30%
- Poster Quality 10%

NAME/ FACILITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL (optional) : _____

CENTER or HOME: _____

COUNTY: _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED: _____ NUMBER OF STAFF SERVED: _____

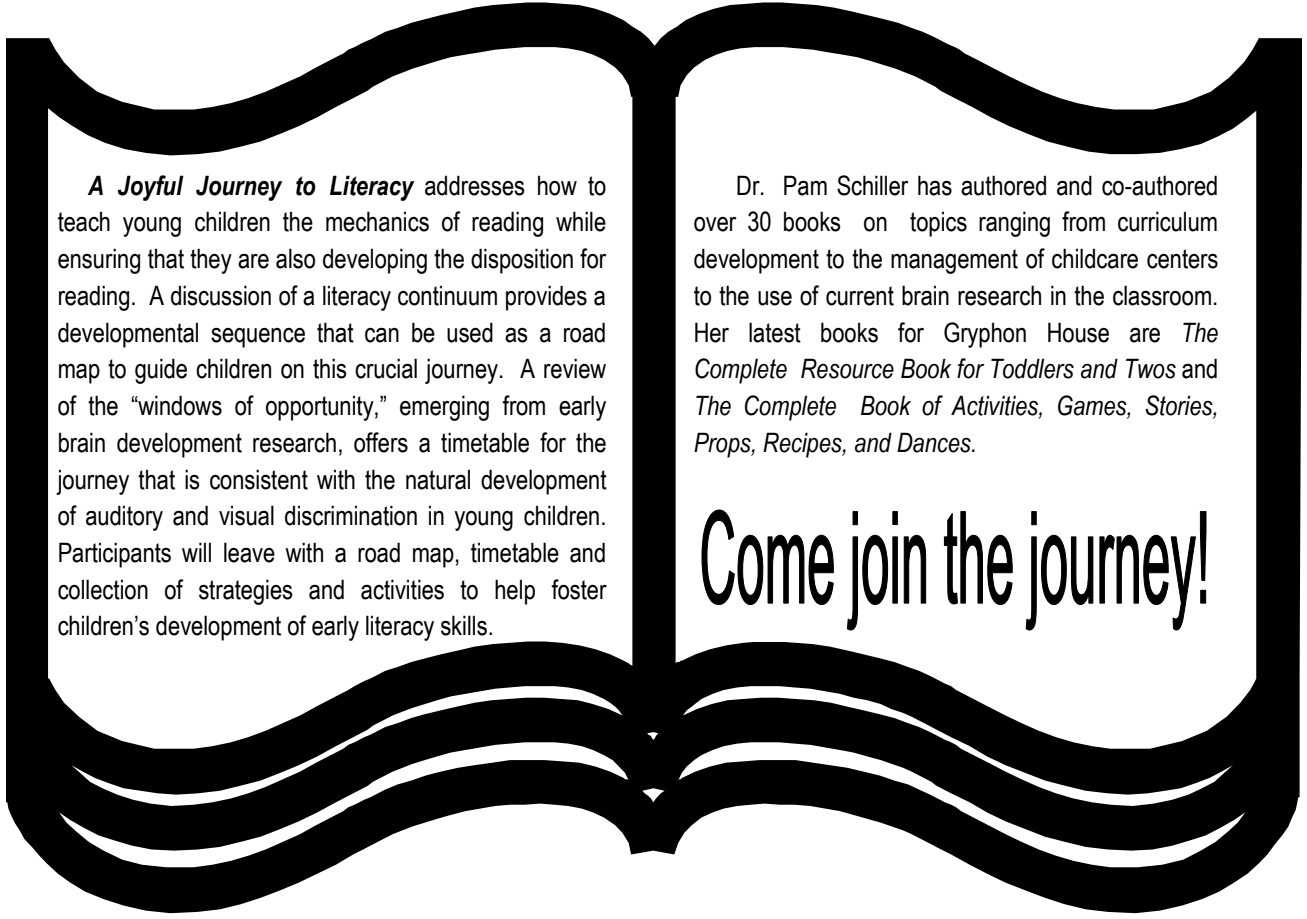
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE POSTER : (ON SEPARATE SHEET ATTACHED TO THE BACK)

Developed by the Oklahoma Better Baby Campaign parent involvement workgroup.

"A Joyful Journey to Literacy"
Dr. Pam Schiller

**6 hours
 Training**

June 12, 2004
 Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center
 Tahlequah, OK
 \$10.00 fee



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Dr. Pam Schiller has authored and co-authored over 30 books on topics ranging from curriculum development to the management of childcare centers to the use of current brain research in the classroom. Her latest books for Gryphon House are *The Complete Resource Book for Toddlers and Twos* and *The Complete Book of Activities, Games, Stories, Props, Recipes, and Dances*.

Come join the journey!

Name: _____ Phone number: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____
 Facility name: _____

Send \$10 .00 registration fee and this slip to:
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 Child Care Resource Center
 Attn: Deanna O'Laughlin
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