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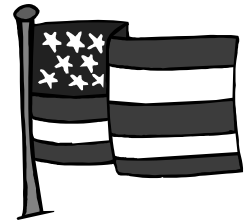
## YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Are you registered to vote? Are all members of your family registered? They should be! Child Care Providers, Parents, and others who can be a voice for children have the chance to make a big difference in elections, but, sadly, many do not take advantage of this opportunity. That can change this year. Your vote counts!

### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

You can register to vote if you are:

- \*at least 18 years old
- \*a United States citizen
- \*a resident of Oklahoma



In Oklahoma, you must register to vote in the general election by October 8, 2004.

There are several ways to register to vote:

\*In-person: Go to your local County Election Board (the address can be found in your local telephone book).

\*By Mail: Visit [www.oklahomachildcare.org](http://www.oklahomachildcare.org) and click on the "Register to Vote" link. This will take you to a voter registration form you can print off and send in.

Voter registration applications are available at post offices, tag agencies, libraries and many other public places.

If you are already registered to vote, you can help by encouraging your friends, family, co-workers and even strangers to register.

### **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

Elected officials make decisions about things that are important to you, including:

- ~your job
- ~your health care
- ~your environment
- ~your security
- ~money for child care and education

Voting is your chance to choose the decision makers and tell them what you want. How many times have you heard people complain about the government, and what it's doing or not doing? Everyone has a right to complain—it's called freedom of speech. But if you didn't vote, you really can't complain, can you? Like the ad says, JUST DO IT!

***For yourself, your family, your country  
Make sure your voice is heard on Election Day!***

*This information has been adapted from: The League of Women Voters: "Voter Information"*

# O-SI-YO

by Tina Smith

Resource and Referral Specialist

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

September 11

October 9

November 13

Tuesdays 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

September 21

October 19

November 16

## PROGRAM UPDATES

You can update your child care program information online! Go to [www.cherokeekids.net](http://www.cherokeekids.net) and click on the Provider section. Go to Provider Assistance and you will see a list of links. Go to the link, Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association, Inc., Registration Form. This link will take you to a registration page. You can use this page to register your child care information with the Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center and you can also use this page to update any changes in your child care program.

Remember, you can always contact us at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 to update any child care program information.

# THE SOONER THE BETTER

Have you ever had questions about how a child is growing and developing? The SoonerStart Early Intervention Program can help answer your questions.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Infants and Toddlers through 36 months of age who have two 25% delays or a 50% delay in cognitive, adaptive, language, motor or personal-social skills or who have a documented medical diagnosis which will most likely cause a developmental delay.

## WHAT ARE SOONERSTART SERVICES?

Families will work as a team member with staff to address the concerns and goals for their child and family.

## COST?

There are no direct costs to families regardless of income.

## WHO DO YOU CALL?

If you have further questions about the program or would like to refer a child, please call Michele Presley at (918) 458-6577 or 1-800-426-2747. This program is available in every county in Oklahoma. Please call if you simply have any concern about a child's development. It is never too soon!

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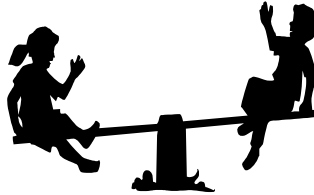
## PLAY UNDER SIEGE

At the July 31 memorial service for **SCHOOL AGE NOTES'** founder, Rich Scofield, Tracy Ballas reminded us that Rich's most recent passion had been to fight against the diminishment of play in America's preschools and schools. She charged us to carry on this fight on Rich's behalf. In light of this charge, we are printing the expert below from the article, "Play Under Siege," by Edward Zigler in the Winter 2004 issue of **21Community News**:

"Children's play is under attack. Many preschools and elementary schools have reduced or even eliminated playtime. Play is being replaced by lessons targeting cognitive development and the content of standardized testing, especially in the area of literacy. This change resulted partially in findings showing that American children often lag behind children from other nations in academic performance. The change also reflects an attempt to eliminate the gap in achievement between poor and minority children and those from higher income, non-minority backgrounds. The...No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 focuses on cognitive development, literacy, and 'numeracy' and includes the initiative that all children learn to read by 3rd grade. The reading mandate and accompanying testing resulted in further emphasis on literacy training, particularly in phonics, in the early elementary grades..."

"Research offers clear evidence for the critical importance of play for children's development. Play has been found to contribute to several areas of development, including social, emotional, and cognitive development, including literacy. Thus, the current attack on play defies the evidence and appears misguided..."

"There should be no need to defend either play or cognitive training, as research and educational practice clearly demonstrates the two-way relationship between the two. To foster learning, educators, parents, and policymakers must focus on the whole child. All systems of development are inter-related and therefore the proper focus of education and child rearing."



## TODAY'S PLAY LANDSCAPE

The web site for the advocacy group **Playing for Keeps** ([www.playingforkeeps.org](http://www.playingforkeeps.org)) offers this description of contemporary play:

"Children have more playtime choices today than ever before. There are classic toys, "high-tech interactive" toys, board games, organized sports and activities, video games, computer games, the internet and cable TV remotes that encourage channel surfing as a playtime activity.

"Unfortunately, in some cases these toys and media expose children to violent themes and content. And, in some cases, they tend to encourage children to spend a considerable amount of time playing indoors, often by themselves—and often without the benefit of parental supervision as more parents work full-time today.

"With a more violent society in general today, playing outdoors unsupervised has nearly fallen by the wayside, especially for young children. In addition to missing out on valuable playtime experiences, limited outdoor play affects children's physical well being. Experts believe that children do not get enough exercise today and this is cited as a leading factor in the rise of childhood obesity.

"To prepare children to succeed in our rapidly changing and complex world, today schools are placing greater emphasis and focusing their budget dollars on traditional academics. Consequently, recess, physical education, music and art classes are disappearing from school schedules nationwide. To many, it seems as if the education system has all but expunged "constructive playfulness" from the learning process.

Above articles from **ExchangeEveryDay**. For more information visit [www.childcareexchange.com](http://www.childcareexchange.com)

# SEPTEMBER TRAINING

**September 2,16,22 & 30** MUSKOGEE—MRMC CONFERENCE ROOM A Time: 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  
**Health and Safety (content area #1, 10 hours)**—Helps plan for children's health and safety; contains guidelines for providing safe places for young children. Teaches how to help children learn good habits. Discusses common illnesses and emergency procedures. Suggests ideas for communication with parents. Trainer: Sherry Grooms. ***Please contact Sherry Grooms, MRMC, at (918) 684-2448 to register.***

**September 7,14,21 & 28** MUSKOGEE—MRMC CONFERENCE ROOM A Time: 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  
**Language (content area #5, 10 hours)**—A methods class introducing and promoting language skills for infants through young children. Trainer: Sherry Grooms. ***Please contact Sherry Grooms, MRMC, at (918) 684-2448 to register.***

**September 13** MUSKOGEE—MUSKOGEE CO. HEALTH DEPT. Time: 6:00 pm—8:00 pm  
**Speech, Language and Hearing Techniques for Language Stimulation (content area #2, 2 hours)**—A workshop focusing on techniques to encourage language stimulation in the child care setting. Trainer: Health Department Staff. ***Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 to register.***

**September 13,14,15,16,20,21,22 & 23** GREEN COUNTRY TECH—OKMULGEE Time: 6:30 pm—9:00 pm  
**Director Series: Human Relations (20 hours)** - Provides the child care center director or administrator with the opportunity to identify, consider, and reflect upon both the inter- and intra-personal relationships that are developed and nurtured in the administrative role. Trainer: Melody Watson. ***Please contact Melody Watson at (918) 906-8610 for information on registration.***

**September 14,16,21 & 23** CCRC—TAHLEQUAH Time: 1:00 pm—6:00 pm  
**Director Series: Program Development Module (20 hours—2 CEU's)**—Provides opportunity to identify, consider, and reflect upon best practices in administering the development and maintenance of the child care center program. The participant will review and develop a better understanding of their role in policies and procedures; financial accountability and responsibility; legal concerns and protections; maintaining an appropriate environment for infants and toddlers, preschool children and school-age children; maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment; and appropriate food handling and nutrition. Trainer: Gaynia Jones. ***Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 to register.***

**September 16,23,30 & October 7** CCRC—TAHLEQUAH Time: 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  
**Behavior and Guidance I (content area #3, 10 hours)**—Suggests ways to encourage positive behavior. Considers caregiver's skills as key to good discipline. Suggests ways to handle difficult situations and explains differences in typical and severe problem behaviors. Trainer: Debbie Smith. ***Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 to register.***

**September 23** CCRC—TAHLEQUAH Time: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm  
**Make Your Own Books Workshop**—Sponsored by the Greater Tulsa Area Family Child Care Organization. A fun and creative workshop that will inspire you to make books for use in your child care program. Trainer: Jean Parker. ***Fee: \$5 Please contact Rhonda Dunn at (918) 683-0009 for registration information.***

**September 23** CONNORS STATE COLLEGE—MUSKOGEE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS Time: 6:00 pm—8:00 pm  
 (8TH FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM)  
**Introduction to Program Evaluation**—See information on page 7

## Location Information

\*Carl Albert State College—Sallisaw Campus is located at 1601 S Opdyke in Sallisaw.

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

\*Christian Child Care 2 is located at 616 W Delaware in Vinita.

\*Green Country Technology Center is located at 1100 N. Loop 56 in Okmulgee.

\*Connors State College—Muskogee Downtown Campus is located at 227 N 2nd St. in Muskogee.

\*The Muskogee County Health Department is located at 530 S 34th St. in Muskogee.

\*Muskogee Regional Medical Center (MRMC) is located at 300 Rockefeller Drive.

**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.**

# OCTOBER TRAINING

**October 2,5,7 & 9**

**CARL ALBERT STATE COLLEGE—SALLISAW**

**Time: Weeknights 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am—5:00 pm**

**Director Survival Training (Administration and Management Training, 20 hours)** - Focuses on moving directors to a new level of leadership. This course includes information about the family, director style, creating a vision and implementing it in to the policies and procedures. Also this course incorporates the STARS, ECERS, and OASP project information to provide the director the tools to move the facility to the next Star level. Trainer: Shawn Woodward. **Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 to register.**

**October 5,7,12 & 14**

**CCRC—TAHLEQUAH**

**Time: 6:00 pm—8:30 pm**

**Child Development II (content area #7, 10 hours)** - Focuses on four aspects of development—physical, mental, social and emotional. The content shares information on observing and recording children’s development; emphasizes careful observation of behaviors indicating growth; provides suggestions for enriching development through play; gives specific assistance on supporting play for each aspect of development. Trainer: Gaynia Jones. **Fee: \$10 Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6239 to register.**

**October 6,13,20 & 27**

**MUSKOGEE—MRMC**

**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. **Fee: \$20 Please contact Sherry Grooms, MRMC at (918) 684-2448 for registration information.**

**October 23,26,28 & 30**

**CARL ALBERT STATE COLLEGE—SALLISAW**

**Time: Weeknights 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  
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**October 26**

**CCRC—TAHLEQUAH**

**Time: 6:00 pm—7:30 pm**

**Cherokee Thanksgiving Cultural Ideas**—A fun workshop that covers Cherokee culture and Thanksgiving. Includes hands-on ideas to use in your lesson plans. Be ready to get involved. Trainer: Gaynia Jones. **Fee: \$5. Please contact the Child Care Resource Center at (918) 458-7613 or 1-888-458-6230 to register.**

## CLASS REGISTRATION CHANGES!

Beginning October 1, 2004 the Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center will implement a **“Registration fee”** policy.

The registration form and the registration fee must accompany all enrollment requests. Enrollment must occur at least one week prior to the class. There will be no refunds. You may send a replacement staff person.

The range of fees will vary depending on the type of class. The amount for each class will be listed in the newsletter. (Fees are subject to change.)

Registration confirmation will be by phone or mail. A waiting list will be maintained to fill any vacated slots. If the class is full your fee will be returned to you after the class has started.

**Enrollment form:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Facility name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Beginning Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Registration fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration fee and above form to:  
 Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource Center  
 Attn: Edna Jones  
 PO Box 948  
 Tahlequah, OK 74465

# Introduction 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. The training will be conducted by the Stars Outreach Specialists. **NO environment rating scale books provided with this training.**

**Registration is necessary for this FREE training!** Participants are strongly advised to pre-register to assure resources at the training site. **LIMITED ENROLLMENT BASED ON TRAINING SITE OCCUPANCY.** The training may be cancelled due to low pre-registration numbers. Training room door will be closed 30 minutes after start time.

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## Regional Training Registration Information

### Fax or mail to:

Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care

Attention: Rosemarie James

P.O. Box 25352

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

(405) 521-2152 (local)

(800) 347-2276 (statewide)

(405) 522-2564 (Fax)

### Complete Registration Information:

Please register me for the DHS sponsored *Introduction to Program Evaluation* training.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

K8# \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number with Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

Training Date \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_

# CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING

September 28	<b>Tahlequah—EMS</b> Pediatric CPR	Time: 6:00 pm—10:00 pm
October 6	<b>Tahlequah—EMS</b> Pediatric CPR	Time: 6:00 pm—10:00 pm
October 25	<b>Tahlequah—EMS</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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