

Regional News & Notes

ERC Resource & Referral, Inc., dba Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas

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SURVEY TIME

Your Feedback Helps to Guide Services & Programs Offered

Child Care Aware® of Kansas and Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas have combined our annual surveys to make the process more convenient for child care providers. This year's condensed survey is enclosed. Your feedback gives us vital information on how both organizations can improve our services to you.

Please take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey and return it to our office in the envelope that is included. You can also visit our website at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org> for a link to complete the survey online. Please complete and return the survey no later than Nov. 15, 2018.

THANK YOU!

Do You Know Someone Interested in Becoming a Child Care Teacher?

Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas is offering a new preparation program to those interested in becoming an early childhood teacher. This program, titled *Classroom Ready Child Care Teachers*, is a short-term training program that will enable participants to be eligible for hire as assistant teachers in local child care programs upon completion.

The program includes the KDHE health and safety required trainings for all new child care providers, a peer learning community session, interviewing tips and more. Participants will also receive a fingerprint background check, a new requirement in order to be eligible for hire at a child care program. The program costs \$150 for each participant, but \$100 scholarships are available to Shawnee County residents.

If someone you know is interested in a new career in child care, let us help! Contact Rebecca at rebecca@east.ks.childcareaware.org or 785-440-4525.



The "Regional News & Notes" mailing features resources and news specifically relating to child care providers in the Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas (Region 3) service delivery area. You will still receive the Child Care Aware® NEWS newsletter containing class schedules, a family focus, etc., from Child Care Aware® of Kansas.

Better Your Business Practices

Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas is offering the opportunity for child care programs to take their business practices to the next level. Starting this October, the agency will be offering four child care business-related classes and a round table opportunity for those that would like to grow their child care business. The classes will be available at the Topeka office (1100 SW Wanamaker Road, Suite 201) and include:

- Legal Issues in Child Care (Oct. 22)
- Child Care Contracts and Policies (Nov. 8)
- Marketing Your Child Care Business (Nov. 12)
- Child Care Business Ownership (Dec. 10)

The round table will be Nov. 15 and will focus on marketing-related topics, including promotion, social media, websites and more. All of these opportunities will not only be instructed by our knowledgeable staff, but will also include guest speakers that are reputable professionals in their fields. These professional development opportunities were made possible with a grant from the Topeka Credit Union Foundation. Check out the class calendar on our website at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org> for all of the details!

Take Required KDHE Health & Safety Courses in Just 2 Days

Attention new child care providers or current child care providers that would like to brush up on child care health and safety classes... Did you know that Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas offers the KDHE required health and safety courses in just two days of classes? You can also receive a discounted cost from our agency if you register for Parts 1 and 2 of the Foundations of Quality Child Care classes at the same time. These classes are offered at our Topeka office (1100 SW Wanamaker Road, Suite 201) and are taught over two Saturdays in one month. They are designed to provide foundational knowledge and best practice information on health and safety topics for those providing child care. For more information about upcoming classes and a detailed course description, visit <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>.

Time is Running Out to Register for the 2018 Southeast Kansas Conference

Registration for the FREE 2018 Southeast Kansas Conference is coming up fast. Don't miss your opportunity to register for "Fired Up or Burned Out?" featuring keynote speaker Holly Elissa Bruno. The conference is Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and includes lunch. It will be held in Allen Community College's Technology Building (1801 N Cottonwood Street, Iola, Kan.). Bruno will cover the importance of taking care of ourselves as the caregivers, and help attendees reclaim their joy and make work fun again. The deadline to register is 8:00 a.m. on Oct. 1. Seating is limited and spots are filling up fast. For more information and to register for the conference, visit <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. This conference is brought to you by Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas and Allen Community College.



Mark Your Calendar...

2018 Southeast Kansas Conference
Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018

Holiday Office Closures
Thu., Nov. 22, 2018
Fri., Nov. 23, 2018
Mon., Dec. 24, 2018
Tue., Dec. 25, 2018
Tue., Jan. 1, 2019

Lending Library Opportunities

Topeka's Weekend Lending Library Hours

(1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., 2nd Flr., Topeka)

- Sat., Sept. 15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 6, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 20, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 3, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lawrence's Extended Lending Library Hours

(United Way Bldg., 2518 Ridge Ct., Lawrence)

- Tue., Sept. 11, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tue., Oct. 9, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tue., Nov. 13, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tue., Dec. 11, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Do You Have Child Care Openings?

Visit <https://stage.worklivesystems.com/program/16> to update your information online. You can also call the Child Care Aware® of Kansas Resource Center at 785-357-5171 or 877-678-2548 and select option 1 to update your information with a Resource Specialist.

Thank you!

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