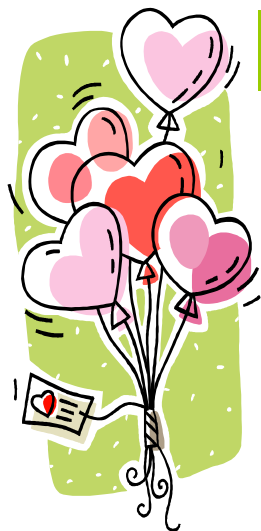


# JDFC PROVIDER

Linking Child Care Providers In Warren and Forest Counties



## ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE KID DAY



Celebrate the children in your life on Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, Thursday March 20, 2003.

This day, nationally sponsored by Camp Fire USA, is held annually on the third Thursday in March. Adults are to write letters of love and encouragement to the children in their lives.

The Jefferson DeFrees Family Child Care Center has participated in this event for the past 3 years. Teachers write letters to the children in their classrooms while younger children receive stickers and buttons. Parents, grandparents and other family members are encouraged to write letters. A special snack is provided (this year it will be ice cream sundaes) and all children receive a free

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day t-shirt. The t-shirt design and color can be seen at left.

The JD Family Center encourages providers and the community to participate in this special day. We care for children every day, March 20 show them why they are an Absolutely Incredible Kid!

If you'd like to purchase a t-shirt(s) please contact the JD Family Center, by Friday, February 21. The shirts, come in youth and adult sizes and the cost is \$10 per shirt. Payment must accompany your order.

For more information about Absolutely Incredible Kid Day or to order t-shirts, contact the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center at 723-6350 or check out the Camp Fire USA website; [www.campfireusa.org](http://www.campfireusa.org)

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[www.jdfamilycenter.org](http://www.jdfamilycenter.org)

## NEWS FROM THE CCIS

The staff would like to thank all of the providers for the referrals for subsidized funding. If you need more applications, please contact our office.

We currently have money available for services in both counties. If any of your private pay families express an interest, the following are the income guidelines:

Maximum gross yearly income	
Family of 2:	\$23,880.00
Family of 3:	\$30,040.00
Family of 4:	\$36,200.00
Family of 5:	\$42,360.00
Family of 6:	\$48,520.00

The School Readiness training that was held in December was wonderful. As a member of The Early Care and Education Coalition, we wish to again thank Sue Kibbey and Phyllis Wright for their great presentation.

Just another reminder that any providers who wish to apply for the Sustaining grants through the Child Care Resource Developers (CCRD) need to do so by March 3, 2003. Please feel

free to contact our office at 726-1361 if you have any questions.

The CCIS will continue to undergo multiple changes over the next two years with the new state system for delivering subsidized child care funding for eligible families. Our Resource and Referral portion was initiated this past year in stages and most of the "bugs" have been worked out. In July, we will attempt the subsidy portion, again in stages. Providers will see us doing business a little differently, but we will keep you updated as changes occur.

As you all know, our office does more than pay for subsidized funding. We are an information service and receive applications to pass on from various agencies and program, such as Blue Chip and Adult Basic insurances. In addition, we can assist providers with CCRD grants as mentioned above, Keystone Stars, state registration and licensing, and problems you might encounter in your facility. If we don't have what you need, we can usually refer you in the right direction. Just give us a call!

## SCHOOL READINESS BEGINS AT BIRTH

Free school readiness booklets are available for parents, grandparents and child care providers, compliments of the Warren-Forest Child Care/School Readiness Coalition, the local Early Care and Education Committee.

The booklets are available at Warren-Forest EOC's Child Care Information Services at McClintock Center, 1209 Pennsylvania Ave. West, Warren; Youngsville Public Library; Rouse Children's Center; Warren County Cooperative Extension; Jefferson DeFrees Family Center; Warren Public Library; State Health Center; Warren County School District's Central office; and all Head Start Centers.

In Forest County, the booklets are available at East Forest School; West Forest Elementary School; Sarah Stewart Bovard Memorial Library; Forest County Even Start; Focus on Forest's Future office; Forest County Children and Youth Services office; Marienville Medical Center; Forest County Assistance Office and Head Start Center.

"These booklets are very handy resources for everyone who cares for children," said Tish Montgomery, Coalition member and CCIS Director. "We believe school readiness begins at birth, and we believe school readiness needs to be a community priority. School readiness can and does affect the quality of our workforce and can and does impact our quality of everyday life...Getting children ready for school is vitally important."

The booklets are published by the Channing L. Bete Co, Inc. For more information contact Tish at 726-1361 or 877-855-0013.

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

### ALL DAY WORKSHOP SATURDAY MARCH 1

Training will be held at the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center, 207 Second Avenue, Warren PA 16365 and **lunch will be provided for those attending both workshops!**

#### Meeting Behavior Challenges

Saturday, March 1

9:00am until noon

Instructors Kathleen Johnson and Ron Sudano will help you learn effective ways to handle children's challenging behavior; including helping children to learn to control their own behavior, how to talk with children so they will listen, what to do when a child has a temper tantrum and how to handle tattling and name calling.



#### Turn Rainy Days To Fundays

Saturday, March 1

1:00-4:00pm

Instructor Tina Carter will provide hands on arts and crafts, games and songs so providers can turn any rainy day into a funday!

**To register for one or both of the workshops, contact the YMCA of Pittsburgh Child Care Services, Western Region SACC Project, 616 West North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or call 800-942-4545**

#### Hot Topics for Center Directors

Thursday, March 20

11:00am-2:00pm

Warren Public Library, Warren

3 credits

Learn to recruit, hire and train staff along with new staff orientation ideas, planning professional development for all staff and innovative training ideas.



#### Activities for Learning Math

Thursday, April 10

7:00-9:00pm

Ag Learning Center, Youngsville

2 credits

Learn new low cost, fun activities for math, numbers, colors and shapes. Help parents understand what children are learning and how to set up your room for math fun.

#### Making Transitions Easier

Thursday, May 8

7:00-9:00pm

Ag Learning Center, Youngsville

2 credits

Activities and ideas for nap time, drop off and pick up times will be highlighted in the workshop along with fun activities to make clean-up easier and ideas for calming the chaos.

**To register for any of these workshops contact the Penn State Cooperative Extension, Warren County, 609 Rouse Home Avenue, Suite 200, Youngsville PA 16371, 563-9388.**

### 7 SUPER THINGS PARENTS & CAREGIVERS CAN DO

1. Talk often with your children from the day they are born.
2. Hug them, hold them, and respond to their needs and interests.
3. Listen carefully as children communicate with you.
4. Read aloud to your children every day, even when they are babies. Play and sing with them often.
5. Say "yes" and "I love you" as much as you say "no" and "don't."
6. Ensure a safe, orderly, and predictable environment, wherever they are.
7. Set limits on their behavior and discipline them calmly, not harshly.

From: Early Childhood-Head Start Task Force, US Departments of Education and Health and Human Services

## WCSD KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE REGISTRATION

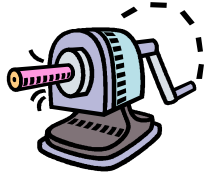
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Friday, February 28, 2003	Home Street Elementary	9:00-11:00 a.m.
	Pittsfield/Youngsville	9:00-11:30 a.m. &
	Attendance Area at YEMS	12:30-2:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 3, 2003	South Street Elementary	9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-2:30 p.m.
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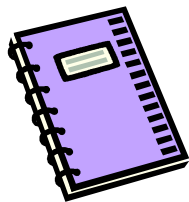


Tuesday, March 4, 2003	Market Street Elementary	9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-2:30 p.m.
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Sugar Grove/Lander	8:30-11:00 a.m. 12:30-2:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, March 5, 2003	Tidioute Area School	8:30-11:00 a.m.
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North Warren	9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-2:30 p.m.
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Thursday, March 6, 2003	Jefferson Elementary	8:30-11:30 a.m.
	Pleasant Elementary	9:00am-12:00pm
	Allegheny Valley	12:00-2:00 p.m.
	Sheffield Elementary	8:30-10:30 a.m.

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Friday, March 7, 2003	Russell Elementary/Lander	9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-2:30 p.m.
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*A Terrific Resource From Tina Davis, Orchard Terrace Family Daycare*

[www.redleafinstitute.org](http://www.redleafinstitute.org)

The Redleaf National Institute is the national center for the business of family child care providers. Their goal is to assist providers in becoming successful as a business. There is lots of great information on this site to check out.

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