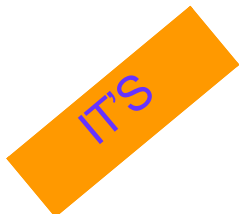


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Linking Child Care Providers In Warren and Forest Counties

SCHOOL READINESS INFORMATION



REGISTER NOW FOR AN EXCITING EVENING

School Readiness Workshop

December 12, 2002

6pm in TWO locations

Warren Public Library

West Forest Jr & Sr High School Distance Learning Room

What Children Need To Know To Start School

With Presentations From

Sue Kibbey, Nancy Cherico and Lynn McCaslin

Learn ideas to teach dexterity, language, math, reading, manners, self help skills and more!

All registered participants will receive a goodie packet courtesy of Child Care Information Services

Better Kid Care School Readiness Dec. 12.

Warren Co. Cooperative Extension, 609 Rouse Ave., Youngsville, PA 16371 563-9388

Forest Co. Cooperative Extension, 526 Elm St. Box 7, Tionesta PA 16353 755-3544

Registration Deadline Dec. 9, or the first 30 registered in Warren Co.; unlimited at Forest Co. site

Name (s) _____

Check one: ___ child care provider, or ___ parent.

Check one site: ___ Warren Co., ___ Forest Co.

Phone: in case of poor weather conditions _____

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SCHOOL READINESS WORKSHOP

Want ideas to help the young children in your care learn the skills they need to start school? The School Readiness Workshop is for you and best of all it's FREE!

The workshop combines presentations and a satellite downlink "What Children Need to Know to Start School". It will be held in Warren and Forest Counties simultaneously, Thursday December 12 from 6 to 9pm. Providers will receive 3 training credits.

Sue Kibbey a kindergarten teacher in Youngsville, will share Early Childhood Indicators and Standards she works with in the school district. The same is being offered at a site in Forest County by Nancy Cherico, a principal at West Forest Elementary School, and Lynn McCaslin who works with Even Start Consortium, a family literacy program in Forest County.

The instructors are full of ideas to teach dexterity, language, math, reading, ideas for helping children understand consequences, following through on tasks, self help skills, manners and other school readiness skills.

"What Children Need to Know to

Start School" will come from Penn State University and is funded by PA Pathways and Better Kid Care. The downlink will include school readiness, simple things you can do to prepare children for school, and starting infants and toddlers on the right path for school readiness.

Both the Warren and Forest County school districts are cooperating with information to help parents and childcare providers with school readiness. The CCIS is compiling a packet of school readiness "information goodies."

The workshop will be held at the Warren Public Library and the West Forest Jr & Sr High School Distance Learning Room in Tionesta. Providers are encouraged to register by Monday, December 9 so they can receive a packet of school readiness information. Registrations can be done through the Warren County Cooperative Extension, 563-9388 or Forest County Cooperative Extension, 755-3544.

School readiness is a community priority! Child care providers, schools, businesses and families need to recognize everyone has a role to play in school readiness.

FREE GOODIES

What's better than a free training session? Free goodies!

The Warren-Forest Child Care/School Readiness Coalition, Planning for Early Care and Education has gathered a variety of school readiness goodies and will be giving away free packets to registered providers.

Donations so far include prizes from Discovery Toys, immunization information, affordable health care information and lots more.



AND FREE MONEY!

Thanks to Sharon Enfield of the CCRD, providers in Warren and Forest Counties learned more about the **Sustaining Grants** at workshops held November 25. Sharon did a great job sharing information, answering questions and helping providers with ideas for their grant requests.

In addition to the Sustaining Grants several other funding sources are available. **Capacity-Building Grants** provide up to \$10,000 to start a new center or expand the number of children served by a current child care provider. **Quality Improvement Grants** include covering some of the cost for training and support for family day care homes, accreditation, supports for children with special needs and specialized services for infants and toddlers. **Operational Enhancement Grants** help current providers meet local and state requirements.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these three types of grants, contact the Western Region Child Care Resource Developer at 1-877-349-4850.

MEET THE PRESENTERS

10 Reasons To Attend

10. Two great locations.
9. An evening out.
8. Meet other providers.
7. Great giveaways.
6. Free refreshments.
5. IT'S FREE!
4. Great presenters.
3. Terrific downlink.
2. Three credit hours of training.
1. New ideas and activities to do with your children!

Mrs. Cherico is principal of West Forest Elementary. Her extensive background includes being a certified Reading Recovery teacher, elementary Learning Support teacher and Special Education Coordinator and Federal Programs Coordinator. Currently, she administers the Forest Area School District's curriculum, professional development, special education, ESL program, and federal programs including "No Child Left Behind."

Lynn L. McCaslin is Site Coordinator for the Riverview Even Start Consortium's family literacy program in Forest County. In addition to teaching preschool at Camelot Child Care Center in Oil City and at Tiny Tot Kindergarten & Nursery in Hobbs, NM she has worked with several school districts in New Mexico. The majority of her experience has been in the kindergarten and first grade classrooms and teaching reading and reading readiness.

Sue Kibbey is a veteran teacher with 31 years of experience in the classroom. She has a Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education and Masters in Education from Edinboro University and is qualified to teach children from preschool through 8th grade. Her career includes 28 years as a kindergarten teacher in the Youngsville Elementary School.



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