

## Welcome New Counties!

We would like to say Thank You to all of the providers, community members and parents who have welcomed us into Rice, McPherson, Marion, Reno, Harvey, and Kingman Counties. Our staff have had the pleasure to visit many people in all of our new counties, and we hope to meet more of you and build a long term, positive relationship.

Child Start has already started providing many of our services in the new counties. Our publication, CRIB Notes, was sent out last month, and includes all of our professional development events that Child Start offers in every county. In addition, we are busy providing referral, coaching and support, Satellite Resource Library services (find more information in this newsletter), and CACFP in most of our new counties.

We are currently planning “Meet and Greet” events in our new counties and we hope that all of you will take time to stop by and say hi. More information about these events will be sent to you later this month. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet each of our specialists, learn more about our services, ask questions, and share your ideas.

### Warm Weather ideas for infants & Toddlers

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Warm weather is a great excuse to get outdoors, experience nature and promote physical activity. Early Childhood Programs that have an appropriate outdoor play space or environment promote a plethora of learning experiences for infants and toddlers. And it's so easy!

Everyone learns from nature. Therefore, programs should include as much natural variety as possible. Children learn about wind by watching falling leaves from trees. Wind socks/wind chimes hung outside not only teach children about wind and shadows, but incorporate color and music outdoors. Sitting in the shade cast from shrubs or bushes feels different than a sunny area. This teaches children about temperature and protects them from the hot sun.

Messy activities are enjoyable when done outside since and it's much easier to clean up. Take the water table outside, add food coloring and bring paint-brushes. Children can paint the outdoor riding toys, make “roads” from the colored water and then wash them with soapy water rags.

The trick to implementing learning outside with infants and toddlers is to introduce the children to these wonders and opportunities. If childcare providers don't make it a point to show or talk about such things with the children (yes, even infants) these opportunities for learning may be missed! So take advantage of distractions and interruptions outdoors. If a helicopter flies overhead, encourage toddlers to pretend to fly like a helicopter. Place a hula-hoop on a grassy yard for each child. Ask toddlers to locate insects in that space or turn it into a physical activity by having them jump in and out. As infants sit on the grass and feel the texture, let them touch and smell flowers from your garden bed. Bring out shallow dish pans filled with water and let the infants use their sense by touching, patting, and slapping the water.

Take advantage of outdoor play and make it fun. It's so easy!

### Professional Development Workshops

Please call 800-684-3962 or visit [www.childstart.org](http://www.childstart.org) to make reservations

#### Wellington:

10/8 Hats Off to Quality Customer Service  
11/12 Helping Parents Deal With Separation

#### Rose Hill:

10/9 Money Management for 2007

#### Newton:

10/11 Lesson Up!  
10/23 Activities That Teach Character Building

#### Anthony:

10/11 Alphabet A to Z

#### Ark City:

10/13 Help! I Can't Stop Crying

#### Kingman:

10/16 First Aid Introduction Refresher

#### Lyons:

10/23 What to Do When You Can't Go Outside

#### McPherson:

10/24 Helping Parents Deal with Separation  
11/28 Getting In Tune

#### Hutchinson:

10/29 Hats Off to Quality Customer Service  
11/03 Kaleidoscope of Kids Kare  
11/12 Small People, Small Groups

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### Quick Sneak Preview of Child Start inservice Trainings for December 2007

1	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Sedgwick	CPR
3	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Butler	The Early Catastrophe Pt 1
3	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	McPherson	Filling the Gap
4	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Kingman	HKK-M1, Active Families
4	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Winfield	PCAN: Building Collaborative Relationships (1)
5	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sedgwick	Abuse/Neglect/Illnesses
8	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Sedgwick	Vision Pt 3, 5 and Up
10	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Butler	The Early Catastrophe Pt 2
10	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	McPherson	Filling the Gap
10	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sedgwick	First Aid Refresher & Intro
11	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Kingman	HKK-M1, Active Play Design
11	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Winfield	PCAN: Building Collaborative Relationships (2)
12	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sedgwick	Conscious Discipline Pt 3
15	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Butler	Business Side of FCC!
15	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Sedgwick	CPR
17	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Butler	The Early Catastrophe Pt 3
18	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Kingman	HKK-M1, Let's Move, Learn and Have Fun
18	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Winfield	PCAN: Building Collaborative Relationships (3)
18	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sedgwick	Abuse/Neglect/Illnesses
20	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sedgwick	Tools of The Trade II
27	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sedgwick	First Aid Refresher & Intro
29	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Sedgwick	CPR