

Summer | July 2019



Child Care Resource & Referral
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Summer News & Training Bulletin



Family Child Care Provider Self-Care Night

Do you ever feel like all your time is spent taking care of others? Do you ever long for some time with other adults? We have a great opportunity for you! We will be hosting a self-care night for family childcare providers. A light dinner will be provided. Participants will have the opportunity to make a spray, roll-on, and scented play-dough using essential oils. In order to be sensitive to possible allergies, only orange, grapefruit, lemon, and peppermint essential oils will be used.

Please call the office to register for this event. Space is limited.
Douglas County providers August 20th, 2019 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.
541-440-7705

Klamath and Lake County providers August 30th, 2019 from 6pm to 7:30 pm.
541-882-2308

A banner for an essential oils training session. The background is a sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with a person's arms raised in a gesture of openness. The text is overlaid on the image.

**USING ESSENTIAL OILS FOR
YOU AND YOUR PROGRAM**

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Central Background Registry

The Central Background Registry Application Fee and Field Print Fee is waived for all applicants. If you apply through the online portal, there are still some kinks being worked out. You will be asked to enter payment information. Your card will not be charged. If by chance it is charged, you will receive a reimbursement.

The Spark Program Update Report (SPUR)



Beginning in May 2019, Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System, Spark, requires that programs who have been participating in Spark for a year or longer complete the Spark Program Update Report. It will collect updated information about programs, their continuous quality improvement efforts, and their commitment to maintain quality standards. While the Spark revisions are underway, the current Spark system is still fully functioning and all the same benefits, monetary and otherwise, are available.

Programs will receive this report through email or mail. Completing this report is required for programs to remain in good standing. Being in good standing is required to be eligible for future Spark opportunities, such as additional funding.

If you have any questions, please call the QRIS Helpline: 877-768-8290 or e-mail grishelp@wou.edu

New Commitment to Quality for Spark Providers 2019 Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Funds

What: Additional CQI funding is available to eligible Spark programs who have already received Spark support funds. Programs who haven't previously received support funds must apply for support funds before they can receive CQI funds.

Why: These additional funds are for programs engaged in Spark to help them continue to make quality improvements that connect to their Quality Improvement Plan and support the implementation of best practices for children.

When: The deadline to apply is September 30, 2019, and funds will be distributed until they run out or until the deadline has passed, whichever comes first. Applications will be collected and processed the first of each month beginning August 1, 2019.

How Much:

Small Program (0-20 Licensed Capacity) - \$1,000
Medium Program (21-49 Licensed Capacity) - \$1,500
Large Program (50 + Licensed Capacity) - \$2,000

Lead Testing Reimbursements



Western Oregon University is still reimbursing programs for lead testing.

Lead testing reimbursement is still available for license exempt providers (there is no deadline for this reimbursement).

Lead testing reimbursement is also still available for licensed providers. As of right now, we must receive their reimbursement and W-9 on or before **July 5th, 2019** to be eligible for reimbursement.

Incentive Payments

Starting 04/01/19, the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program has limited funding to provide incentive payments to DHS approved child care providers caring for children receiving ERDC during alternative hours which include:

- Care provided before 6am and after 7pm on weekdays, and/or,
- Care provided anytime on weekends.

Child care providers can request alternative hour incentive payments by submitting an application which can be found on the DHS Child Care website and is also being mailed to currently listed child care providers.

- Providers who provide at least 20 hours of alternative hour care for an ERDC-eligible child during a month will receive a \$250 incentive payment, and providers who provide at least 40 hours of alternative hour care for an ERDC-eligible child during a month will receive a \$500 incentive payment.
- Payments are made by the Direct Pay Unit.
- Providers can request incentive payments for care starting 01/01/19.
- Incentive payments is available through 09/30/19 or until funding is no longer available.

Center Pre-pay Pilot Expansion

- Starting 04/01/19, DHS will allow certified centers (CNT provider type) to bill for anticipated hours of care to be provided for a month. Previously, all providers had to wait to bill for actual hours of care provided.
- Prepayment is being expanded after a successful pilot period with a limited number of certified centers
- Prepayment only applies to certified centers (CNT) caring for families receiving ERDC (program M5).

Registration Fees

The Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program can now help eligible families pay for child care registration fees.

Payment for registration fees may be requested when:

- the fee is required for a child to begin or continue care with a *licensed* child care provider,
- the registration fee amount has been confirmed by the provider, and
- the fee is charged to all families.

Families can call their local DHS office with questions or to make a payment request.

Providers can call the Direct Pay Unit (DPU) at 1-800-699-9074 or 503-378-5500 for more information.



Coming This Fall

Spark Training

Have you ever considered becoming Spark rated? Spark is Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System that recognizes providers and programs. Coming this Fall, there will be series of Set 2 trainings available to prepare you for completing a Spark Portfolio.

SAVE THE DATE:



Save the Date
Early Childhood Care & Education Conference:
Growing Leaps & Bounds
Umpqua Community College • Lang Center
Roseburg, Oregon
October 25 & 26, 2019
Registration Opens August 2019
\$65/Early Bird: \$59
For more information call **541-440-7706**
Featured Speaker: **Patty Kimbrell, M. ED.**



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Writing Workshop with Minaz Chauthani, M.S. OTR/L

- Foundations of Handwriting - CKC: HGD 3 hours
- Designing and Evaluation of Effective Pre-Writing Strategies for Pre-Schoolers - CKC: LEC 3 hours

Date: TBD

Location: Douglas County

\$20 registration fee.

Have a Safe & Happy summer, from Care Connections & Education!



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