

High Plains Early Learning Connections Training Newsletter

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The High Plains Early Learning Connections Partnership serves ESU 15 & 16 and supports training and assists those who work with children ages birth through age eight in the counties of:

Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Thomas and Red Willow

In this New Year...

By Cathy Abraham

Mend a quarrel
Seek out a forgotten friend
Give a soft answer
Express your gratitude
Inspire someone else

Listen to a child
Share some treasure
Apologize if you were wrong
Laugh
Make someone else laugh

Thank someone that helped you
become who you are
Encourage someone to be all
they can be
Give it your all
Love that challenging child
Keep a promise

Take some time for yourself
Dance with children
Speak your love
Take pleasure in the magic of a
child learning something
for the first time
Set some goals

Give your co-workers the benefit
of the doubt
Encourage the discouraged child
Give away your smile
Forgive someone
Check out how little and cute a
baby's toes are

Reach out to that challenging
parent
Reach out again
Speak only kind words
Do what you know is right
Smell a newborn

Embrace the wonder of a child
Do something without having to
be asked
Read a book

***Remember what you do
is very, very important!***



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Management Training Program Fact Sheet

The Management Training Program (MTP) is receiving an enthusiastic response across Nebraska . This is an invitation for you to participate in the next series, starting in the late fall.

The Management Training Program:

- The MTP consists of eight training sessions. Sessions 1 - 7 are 6 hours in length. Session 8 is 3 hours. The training sessions are planned throughout the school year calendar (September - May) usually meeting two times a month, or in some cases all day on Saturday. **You must attend all sessions.** Follow-up activities are also part of each module.
- The MTP modules consist of topics related to the business side of child care. Some of the topics covered in the MTP are: record keeping, budgets, insurance, taxes, health and safety policies, child development, partnerships with families, marketing, ethics, staffing, leadership, and public relations.
- The MTP is designed for child care centers, preschools, and family child care programs.
- Upon completion, participants will have developed or updated their own policy and procedures manual for the program they represent. The manual is developed piece by piece with the completion of the assignments after each training session.
- The MTP costs \$195
- Participants receive a wealth of information from the materials, trainer, and other members in the program. It is an excellent opportunity to network and learn from each other.
- Participants who have completed the MTP tell us the program has made a difference in their early childhood program.

This is your chance to be part of this exciting and worthwhile program. Complete the registration form, attach a check and return the information to Deb Frates, ESU 16. *Space is limited.*

Completing this training fulfills the DHHS Licensing requirement 391 NAC, Regulation 3 006.08B



Please bring the following to the first session:

- 3 Ring Binder
- Program Budget
- Current Policy and Procedure Manual
- Curriculum Information to share
- Sketch of your center
- Parent contracts
- Any other forms you wish to share

2013-2014 High Plains Management Training Program

What is the Management Training Program?



The Management Training Program is designed to increase your knowledge about young children, their development and the business skills of managing an early childhood program. It is also designed to improve the quality of services to children and families.

The program consists of eight separate modules taught in an interactive workshop format. Workshops modules 1 - 7 are 6 hours in length, module 8 is 3 hours. Follow-up activities are included with each module to provide opportunities for reflection and application of new information. You will create (or revise) your policy and procedures manual.

LOCATION: ESU 16 Conference Room
1221 W 17th Street
North Platte, NE

REQUIREMENTS: Participants must:
Complete all components ~ attendance, follow-up work
Compile their Policy and Procedures Manual

COST: \$195.00 - *Please make checks out to ESU 16*



Register Early!!!

You must attend all sessions!!

ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS	TOPICS	TIME
October 19	Module 1 - Business of Childcare	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM CST
November 16	Module 2 - Child Development & Learning	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM CST
January 18	Module 3 - Policies & Procedures	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM CST
February 15	Module 4 - Supporting Children Center Wide	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM CST
March 8	Module 5 - Effective Workforce	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM CST
April 12	Module 6 - Inside of the Building	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM CST
May 17	Module 7 - Relationships in Childcare	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM CST
June 21	Module 8 - Transitions	9:00 AM - Noon CST

2013-14 High Plains Management Training Program Registration Form
Class size limited to 20 participants.

Name _____ email _____

Where You Work _____ Type of Program _____center _____home

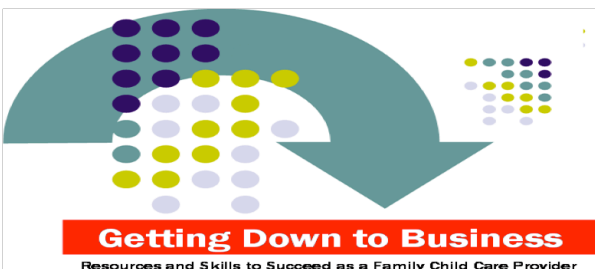
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Return Registration Form by October 16, 2013 to:
ESU 16 * P.O. 915* Ogallala, NE 69153 Atten: Deb Frates



Brought to you by the High Plains Early Learning Connection Partnership and ESU 16



DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS

This training series is especially designed for Family Home I & II child care providers and is meant to increase the knowledge and skills of providers. The Getting Down to Business training consists of 4 modules. Each module is 5 hours long. A total of 20 hours of inservice will be awarded.

Module One: The Business of Childcare

Module Two: Child Development & Learning

Module Three: Policies & Procedures in Family Homes

Module Four: Relationships in Family Child Care

Registration Fee: \$90.00
Please make checks out to ESU 16

Fall/Winter Training 2013-14

When: On the following Saturdays
October 12, November 2,
December 7, 2013 and
January 4, 2014

Where: North Platte
ESU 16 Conference Room
1221 W 17th Street
North Platte, NE

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM CST
(8:00 AM- 1:00 PM MST)

**Getting Down to Business
Registration Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Lunch will be provided!

**\$90.00 registration fee for must
accompany form to reserve your spot.
Please make checks payable to ESU 16.**

Send to:
ESU 16
Box 915
Ogallala, NE 69153
Attention: Deb Frates



**COMPLETING THIS TRAINING FULFILLS
FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME 1 & 2
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF BUSINESS
TRAINING.**



BUILDING GREAT KIDS

North Platte Early Childhood Conference

Saturday, October 26, 2013

7:45 AM - 3:30 PM CST

North Platte Community College, South Campus Theater

Conference-at-a-Glance

7:45-8:15 a.m.

REGISTRATION/NeAEYC HIGH PLAINS CHAPTER MEET & GREET

8:20-8:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

TRACK 1 – EARLY LEARNING GUIDELINES: SCIENCE

8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

TRACK 2 – EARLY LEARNING GUIDELINES: APPROACHES TO LEARNING

8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

TRACK 3 – TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

Track 3 sessions include:

- * Supervision of Children * Nutrition *
- * Let's Adapt a Book *
- * Safe With You series*
- *Inspiring Young Minds *
- * Becoming an Early Childhood Professional*

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Crystal Welch
Mid-Plains Center for Enterprise
(308) 535-3714
1-800-658-4308 Ext. 3714 or 3715

Domain:

Creative Arts

Description: This workshop will provide information on how to support young children's learning in the domain of creative arts. Strategies on how to provide creative experiences for young children will be explored.

Participants will...

* Define how art is integrated into other disciplines.

*Demonstrate strategies that allow children to express creativity through music.

*Demonstrate ways to include music in a creative manner in early childhood settings.

Where:

McCook Community College
McMillen Hall Room 201
1205 East 3rd Street
McCook NE 69001

When:

October 15th – Part 1
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM CST

October 22nd – Part 2
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM CST

Must attend both nights to receive 6 hours of in-service!

Trainer: Cheryl Roche

Target Audience:

Childcare staff, Preschool staff,
Para-educators, Parents

Fee: \$15.00

Includes snacks and materials.

Registration Deadline with Fee
October 11th

Bring your own ELG books for a prize!



**Early Learning Guidelines
Registration Form**

Name _____

School/Center _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Please register me for:

☐ Creative Arts Oct. 15th & 22nd
in McCook

☐ Approaches to Learning Nov. 9th
in North Platte

**\$15 registration fee for each
class must accompany form to
reserve your spot.**

**Please make check payable to
ESU 16.**

Send to:
Deb Frates
ESU 16
Box 915
Ogallala, NE 69153

Sponsored by: High Plains Early
Learning Connections Professional
Development Partnership, MPCC, and
North Platte Community Childcare

Domain:

Approaches to Learning

Description: This workshop will provide information on how to support young children's learning in the domain of creative arts. Strategies on how to provide creative experiences for young children will be explored.

Participants will...

* Define how art is integrated into other disciplines.

*Demonstrate strategies that allow children to express creativity through music.

*Demonstrate ways to include music in a creative manner in early childhood settings.

Where:

North Platte ESU 16
Conference Room
1221 W 17th Street
North Platte, NE

When:

November 9th
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM MST

Six hours of in-service will be awarded.

Trainer: Amy Richards

Target Audience:

Childcare staff, Preschool staff,
Para-educators, Parents

Fee: \$15.00

Includes lunch and materials.

Registration Deadline with Fee
November 6th

Bring your own ELG books for a prize!

I Am **Moving**,
I Am **Learning**



Moving with the Brain in Mind

Educator, Provider and Parent Work shop presented by:

Leslie Crandall

West Central Research & Extension Center Extension

Educator

The development of the brain in a child's first five years of life clearly shapes the learning capacity they have for the rest of their lives. Learn how the brain structure and functioning can be enhanced through movement and physical activity.

Upcoming Training

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM CST

When: November 19, 2013

Cost: \$5.00

Where: McCook Community College

McMillen Hall 201
1205 East 3rd Street
McCook, NE

**Please make checks out to
ESU 16.**

**Certificates for 2 hours of
inservice will be given.**

Moving With the Brain in Mind

November 19, 2013

Registration Form

Name_____

Address_____

City & Zip_____ Phone # _____

Email _____

To register, complete the registration form and send to:

Deb Frates, P. O. Box 915, Ogallala, NE

Please make checks out to ESU 16.

Sponsored by:

High Plains Early Learning Connections Partnership, MPCC,
and UNL Extension

"Common Sense Parenting" Parent Education Workshop For Six to Sixteen yr. olds

When: Tuesdays: October 15, 22, 29,
November 5, 12, and 19, 2013
*Must attend all classes to receive
a certificate of completion*

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM (Central Time)

Where: Heartland Counseling
110 North Bailey
North Platte, NE 69101

Cost: \$25.00 per person/couple
(sliding fee scale is available)

A Parent Educational Workshop presented by
Region II Human Services.


Parenting is full of surprises – some pleasant, some frustrating, and some painful. Common Sense Parenting will help parents develop stronger relationships with their children and prevent many of the behavior problems that lead to difficulties at home and school. The program's content is adapted from the Girls and Boys Town Family Home Program. Practical techniques, guidelines and suggestions will be taught and practiced. This class is ideal for parents with children **six to sixteen years old.**

**Pre-registration is required. Please call Shannon at
308-534-6029 Ext 152.**

**Class is limited to the first 20 registrations. Classes fill-up
fast so please call today!**

High Plains Training Calendar 2013/14

(Tentative schedule and subject to change)

October 2013			November 2013		
12	Getting Down to Business Module 1	NP	2	Getting Down to Business Module 2	NP
19	Management Training Module 1	NP	5	High Plains Partnership Meeting	OG
15 & 22	Early Learning Guidelines	MC	9	Early Learning Guidelines	NP
26	Build Great Kids Conference	NP	16	Management Training - 2	NP
			19	Moving with the Brain in Mind	MC
December 2013			January 2014		
3 & 10	Early Learning Guidelines	OG	4	Getting Down to Business Module 4	NP
5	Rock Solid Foundations	NP	9 & 16	Early Learning Guidelines	MC
7	Getting Down to Business Module 3	NP	14	High Plains Partnership Meeting	MC
			18	Management Training Module 3	NP
			21	Cara's Kits	NP
			27	EC Love & Logic Mod. 1	Wallace
			28	Core Competencies Overview	OG & Polycorn
February 2014			March 2014		
3, 10, 17, 24	EC Love & Logic Mod. 2 - 5	Wallace	6 & 13	Early Learning Guidelines	OG
4 & 11	Early Learning Guidelines	NP	8	Management Training Module 5	NP
15	Management Training Module 4	NP	15	Safe With You	Imperial
22	Stewards of Children	MC	22	McCook Early Childhood Conference	MC
27	Observing & Eval of Motor Skills	OG			
April 2014			May 2014		
8 & 15	Early Learning Guidelines	MC	3	Getting Down to Business Module 1	MC
12	Management Training Module 6	NP	8 & 15	Early Learning Guidelines	NP
15	High Plains Partnership Retreat	NP	17	Management Training Module 7	NP
26	Growing Up Wild	NP	29	Rock Solid Foundations	OG
June 2014			July 2014		
3	Strategic Planning w/PRT's 15, 16 & 27	NP	SUMMER BREAK		
6 & 7	Sue Baldwin	NP			
10 & 17	Early Learning Guidelines	NP			
14	Getting Down to Business 2	MC			
17	High Plains Partnership Meeting	OG			
21	Management Training Module 8	NP			
August 2014			September 2014		
2	Getting Down to Business Module 3	MC	6	Getting Down to Business Module 4	MC
5 & 12	Early Learning Guidelines	MC	9	High Plains Partnership Meeting	NP
23	Surviving The Volcano	OG	11 & 18	Early Learning Guidelines	NP
26	Inspiring Young Minds	NP	20	Safe With You	MC



Safe Kids Nebraska Child Care Transportation Training

New regulations require mandatory child passenger safety training for child care centers that transport children.

- New regulations took effect May 20, 2013.
 - New employees have 90 days to complete the transportation training
 - Existing employees have 1 year to complete the transportation training
 - Employees will have to complete the training every 5 years

The transportation training will be titled Safe Kids Nebraska Childcare Transportation Training not Safe Kids Buckle Up.

- Home child cares are not required to take the Safe Kids Nebraska Child Care Transportation Training.
- **Only employees who are drivers of the children**, not every employee, will need to take the training.
- It will be a 3-4 hour training with a pass/fail hands on component.

Information on getting the training:

- The current list of certified child passenger safety technicians offering the training can be found at <http://www.safekidsnebraska.org>
- Child care centers needing the training must contact the trainer in their area to set up the training. DHHS and Safe Kids Nebraska are not coordinating these trainings.
- Trainings may be offered by individual child passenger safety technicians or in conjunction with local organizations such as health departments. Training fees are set by those offering the trainings.
- Individuals that successfully complete the training will be provided a certificate of completion for 3 clock hours of continuing education. The certificate is valid for 5 years.

Please contact Jason Kerkman, Safe Kids Nebraska Coordinator, if you have additional questions.

Jason.kerkman@nebraska.gov

(402) 471-8749





2013-14 Teaching Strategies GOLD™ and GOLD™ Online

Register Now For A Location Near You!

For early childhood teachers, service providers and administrators working in school district and partner programs serving children birth - 5.

August 5 & 6, 2013 ESU #16, 314 West 1st Street, Ogallala
Creative Curriculum Training for Preschool Teachers (8/5)
Basic GOLD for New Teachers & New Administrators (8/6)

August 7 & 8, 2013 ESU #10, 76 Plaza Boulevard, Kearney
GOLD Reports for Administrators (8/7)
Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (8/8 AM)
GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (8/8 PM)

August 9, 2013 ESU #3, 6949 South 110th Street, Omaha
Basic GOLD for New Teachers & New Administrators

September 26, 2013 ESU #10, 76 Plaza Boulevard, Kearney
Basic GOLD for New Teachers & New Administrators

September 27, 2013 Life Long Learning Center, 801 East Benjamin Ave, Norfolk
Basic GOLD for New Teachers & New Administrators

October 10 & 11, 2013 Project Harmony, 11949 Q Street, Omaha
GOLD Reports for Administrators (10/10)
Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (10/11 AM)
GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (10/11 PM)

November 14 & 15, 2013 ESU #7, 2657 44th Avenue, Columbus
GOLD Reports for Administrators (11/14)
Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (11/15 AM)
GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (11/15 PM)

January 23 & 24, 2014 ESU #1, 211 Tenth Street, Wakefield
GOLD Reports for Administrators (1/23)
Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (1/24 AM)
GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (1/24 PM)

February 20 & 21, 2014 SCC, 301 South 68th Street, Lincoln
GOLD Reports for Administrators (2/20)
Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (2/21 AM)
GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (2/21 PM)

March 20 & 21, 2014 ESU #16, 1221 West 17th Street, North Platte
GOLD Reports for Administrators (3/20)
Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (3/21 AM)
GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (3/21 PM)

April 3 & 4, 2014 ESU #13, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff
GOLD Reports for Administrators (4/3)
Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (4/4 AM)
GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (4/4 PM)

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$20.00

**PER PERSON
PER DAY**

**All training sessions
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Continental Breakfast and
Lunch Included.**

**See training descriptions
on next page!**

2013-14 Teaching Strategies GOLD™ and GOLD™ Online

Registration Fee: \$20.00/PER DAY

Space is limited. Please register early to assure your place.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (with area code): _____

Email (for training confirmation): _____

GOLD Online user name (Required): _____

If you have any special accommodations or dietary needs please list: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE DATE(S) YOU WILL ATTEND

August 5 & 6, 2013 ESU #16, Ogallala

___ Creative Curriculum Training for Preschool Teachers (8/5)

___ Basic GOLD for New Teachers & New Administrators (8/6)

August 7 & 8, 2013 ESU #10, Kearney

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September 26, 2013 ESU #10, Kearney

___ Basic GOLD for New Teachers & New Administrators

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___ GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (1/24 PM)

February 20 & 21, 2014 SCC, Lincoln

___ GOLD Reports for Administrators (2/20)

___ Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (2/21 AM)

___ GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (2/21 PM)

March 20 & 21, 2014 ESU #16, North Platte

___ GOLD Reports for Administrators (3/20)

___ Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (3/21 AM)

___ GOLD Resources for Home Visitors (3/21 PM)

April 3 & 4, 2014 ESU #13, Scottsbluff

___ GOLD Reports for Administrators (4/3)

___ Observation: The Key to Responsive Planning (4/4 AM)

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LAPTOP!

Refunds will not be issued for no shows, or requests received less than one week before the conference.

Purchase orders will be processed for no shows and late cancellations. Substitutions will be accepted. Refunds must be requested in writing via email to kim.schamp@nebraska.gov and must be made no later than one week prior to conference.

Make check payable to: Nebraska Department of Education

Please return to: NDE Early Childhood Training Center

6949 South 110th Street Fax: 402-557-6890

Omaha, NE 68128-5722 Questions: 402-557-6880



HIGH PLAINS EARLY LEARNING CONNECTIONS

P.O. Box 915

Ogallala, NE 69153

Core Competency: Leadership & Professionalism

You're Invited!!

High Plains Early Learning Connections Partnership Meeting

When: November 5, 2013

Lunch will be provided

Where: ESU 16 - Ogallala
314 West 1st
Ogallala, NE

Please **RSVP** to Deb Frates
dfrates@esusixteen.org
308-284-8481
by November 1st

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM MST

