



Butler Kids

Bradford Memorial Library November Activities

Bradford Memorial Library has several activities for children and families scheduled for the month of November. The activities are offered at no charge to participants.

All activities take place in the Clymer room on the lower level of the library. Children under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult while at the library. **For more information, call 321-3363** or visit Library Kids, <http://bradford.mykansalibrary.org>.



Bradford Memorial Library
611 S. Washington El Dorado, KS
316-321-3363 <http://bradfordlibrary.info>

Fast Facts

Tuesday, November 8 at 4:00 PM
Fractured Fairy Tales - for K-5th grades. Stories, activities and a craft.

Thursday, November 10 at 10:00 AM
Preschool Story Time, "Thanksgiving" - for ages 3-5. Stories, songs and a craft.

Tuesday, November 15, 4:00 PM
Movie, "Cars 2" (Rated G) - All ages

Thursday, November 17, at 10:00 AM,
Preschool Story Time, "Kansas Reads to Preschoolers", featuring books by Kansas author, Bill Martin, Jr. - ages 3-5. Stories, songs and a craft.

Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 PM
Family Story Time, "Farms" - Ages 6 and under. Stories, activities and a craft! You can even come in your pajamas!

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One Night Without A Home

Help Those without a home, by giving up yours for one night. Every night in America, 750,000 people are homeless. "One Night Without A Home" is an experience hosted by the **Butler Homeless Initiative** where participants learn about homelessness and pledge to be part of the solution to raise awareness in our community by sleeping outside for one night. During the overnight stay, Sleep-out participants will take part in educational activities geared toward building awareness and promoting solutions to homelessness.

There will also be a chicken noodle dinner fundraiser. You do not have to stay overnight to come to the dinner. For an additional \$3, you can have your meal delivered to your home.

Fast Facts

When: Friday, November 18

Where: First Presbyterian Church; 400 W. Central; El Dorado

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$5 for the meal if not staying over night; \$3 for the meal if staying over night.

Please RSVP if you plan to order a meal by contacting Kelsey Stone at 316.641.4452

Join us on Facebook!



Did you know that Smart Start has a Facebook page? This page gives daily updates about community events, grant activities, and interesting tidbits of information. To find us just search for "Smart Start of Butler County" on Facebook!

Upcoming KDHE Approved Trainings for Providers

Smart Start trainings are free to people who work with young children in Butler County. Trainings are also available for free to parents who live in Butler County. If you would like to schedule a specific training for 2012, please contact Audra at the Smart Start office. **Note: Some dates have been changed.**

Safe Slumber

When: Saturday, November 5

Time: 9 am to 11 am

Where: Butler County Health Dept.

Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Jamie Downs, LBSW & Audra Kenneson, LMSW

Heart Saver CPR

When: Saturday, December 3

Time: 8 am to Noon

Where: Augusta Dept. of Public Safety - 2100 N. Ohio, Augusta

Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Troy Jellison

Heart Saver Pediatric First Aid

When: Saturday, December 3

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: Augusta Department of Public Safety - 2100 N. Ohio, Augusta

Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Troy Jellison

Participants must pre-register to ensure a space in the class. **To register, contact Audra at 320.1342 or akenneson@rui.org.**



Licensed Home Child Care Provider, Maggie McHugh, and friends

FREE TRAINING

First Baptist Preschool and Child Care Center has arranged to bring a trainer to their center and they have extended the invitation for local child care providers to join them in the training; the cost of the training will be paid for by FBPCC!

Fast Facts:

What: Getting to Know Me, Getting to Know You

When: Tuesday, November 29

Time: 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

Where: First Baptist Church Christian Life Center (GYM); 315 W. Central El Dorado

Cost: Free—Paid for by FBPCC

Instructor: Beth Reeder

Participants must pre-register to ensure there are enough materials for attendees. **To register, contact Darcy McCoy at 321.3268.**

Thank You, FBPCCC for this offer!

Upcoming Trainings by Community Partners

Day Care Orientation Training

Information about the licensing regulations and what you need to do to become a licensed child care provider will be given at these free trainings, by the Butler County Health Department. For more information contact Jamie Downs at 320.0365. Upcoming dates of Orientation are: November 18, December 9, and January 20.

Child Start Trainings in Butler County

When: Monday, November 21

Title: Basic Knowledge Curriculum: Guiding Children: Interactions with Children

Where: Butler County Health Dept.

Cost: \$30

Instructor: Jackie Tanner

When: Monday, December 5

Title: Basic Knowledge Curriculum: Guiding Children's Behavior

Where: Butler County Health Dept.

Cost: \$30

Instructor: Jackie Tanner



For more information about Child Start trainings contact **682.1853** or visit **www.childstart.org**.

The website allows you to update vacancy and profile information, register for trainings, search the resource library, and learn more about Child Start Services.

You make 'em, I amuse 'em.

- Dr. Theodore Seuss Geisel

2012 Smart Start of Butler County Grants

The Smart Start and Early Childhood Block Grants have been written and submitted for 2012. These two grants provide the funding for the programs offered by Smart Start of Butler County. The purpose of these grants are to enhance early learning opportunities for children in Butler County who are birth through age 5 so that they can enter school ready to succeed.

Guidelines for the Smart Start grant required that a 14% cut be taken from the 2011 budget. The grant applications have been submitted and our agency will be notified in December if our request is approved. In an effort to meet community need, the Smart Start Advisory Committee made decisions about the 2012 request based on the outcomes of each activity from previous grant years and the community survey that was sent out over the summer of 2011.

Until we are notified that funding will be given to our program, we cannot take applications for 2012 Child Care Scholarships or Grants for Child Care Providers. During the next few weeks, Audra and the Smart Start Advisory

Committee will be examining the application process and updating applications and requirements for the scholarships and grants. When we hear from our funders that our requests were approved, we will post the 2012 applications on our website. We encourage families who are interested in applying for the 2012 Child Care Scholarship to keep an eye on the website starting in mid December. The following activities were written into the grants for 2012:

Smart Start Grant

- ♥ Mental Health Specialist Family Home Based (Kathy)
- ♥ Smart Start Coordinator (Audra)
- ♥ 0.5 Receptionist (Jill)
- ♥ Incredible Years Parent Training Classes
- ♥ Butler Dads "Dad & Me" Events
- ♥ WAGE\$ Program for Providers
- ♥ Child Care Provider Trainings
- ♥ Scholarships for State/Local Trainings
- ♥ BCC Scholarships for Early Childhood Classes
- ♥ Start-Up Grants for Providers

- ♥ Grants to Existing Child Care Providers
 - ♥ Infant Care Supplements for Child Care Providers
 - ♥ Community Partnership Resources
- Early Childhood Block Grant:
- ♥ Mental Health Specialist Classroom Based (Tamara)
 - ♥ Child Care Scholarships for Families
 - ♥ Special Needs Supplements for Providers

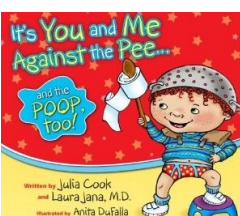


Our Grant Writing Team: Jane Eby, Research Coordinator and Audra Kenneson, Smart Start Coordinator. (Look closely and you can see Kandi Miller from United Way of the Plains who worked very hard on the grant with Audra and Jane)

Smart Start Lending Library

Have you ever checked an item out from the Smart Start Library? It's easy! Call Audra at 320.1342 or send her an email: akenneson@rui.org. These two books were added to our library in October 2011.

Its You and Me Against the Pee



(and the Poop, too!): Stanley is an energetic 3 year old. "He is too busy playing to stop having

fun. He'd rather hop, skip and wiggle than get the job done." This colorful book will turn kids into Potty Experts while providing grown-ups with an important reminder that potty learning can and should be a team effort!

1, 2, 3, 4 Parents! (Parenting Children Ages 1 to 4):

This set of 3 stand-alone videos is perfect for new parents, teen parents, and early childhood staff training. It

addresses basic parenting skills, the stages of development, nonviolent discipline techniques, and more. The 3 videos are:

1. What You Need to Know about Your 1- to 4-Year-Old (18 min.)
2. Discipline and Beyond (13 min.)
3. Building Better Behavior (16 min.)



Meet a Butler Early Childhood Professional from El Dorado

First Baptist Preschool and Child Care Center was established in 1964 and is a mission of the First Baptist Church. The center is based on a Christ centered program whose purpose is to give the best possible care and to assist parents in nurturing and education young children in all areas of their development.

They are licensed for 163 children ranging in age from 6 weeks through the 5th grade, and have 38 people on staff. Marcie McClure came to FBPCCC in February 1996 as Assistant Director and took over the title of Director in July 2000. Her greatest joy is watch the children grow in God's love. Over the years, she was instrumental in

finding funding and constructing a new playground. First Baptist Day Care has benefited from the KQRIS program for the last 4 years.

Marcie was born in El Dorado and attended elementary school until her family was transferred to north central Kansas. After she graduated from High School, she returned to El Dorado and attended BCC and then Wichita State University obtaining a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. She has been married to Brett for 25 years and has two sons, Marshall, a freshman at BCC and a teacher in the Afterschool program at First Baptist Day Care, and Mason, a senior at El Dorado High School.

Marcie enjoys camping, fishing and cooking.



Marcie McClure, Director of FBPCCC, and her friend, Michael Smithwick.

Meet a Smart Start Advisory Committee Member

In 2010, administration of the Butler County Smart Start grant was transferred to United Way of the Plains. Community Impact Assistant, Kandi Miller, became primary contact on monthly financial grant administration duties. At that time, she began attending the Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force, and became a member of the Smart Start Advisory Committee.

Kandi grew up in Andover, KS, but attended Catholic schools in Wichita from K-12th grade, graduating from Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Family Life from The University of Kansas in 1994.

After graduation, Kandi worked for KEYS Girls' Home in Overland Park, KS as a Teaching Parent, until she decided to return to Wichita. In 1997, she earned her Master's Degree in Administration of Justice

from Wichita State University.

Kandi began as an Intensive Supervision Officer (ISO) for Sedgwick County Department of Corrections in 1998. She supervised adult, felony level offenders for over



Kandi Miller is Community Impact Associate at United Way of the Plains

8 years. Additionally, she became a trainer on the TOADS database for ISO's statewide.

In 2006, Kandi began working at United Way of the Plains. She assists with grant management and writing the proposals for the Butler County and Wichita Smart Start Grants, and the Wichita MSA Early Childhood Block Grant.

Her work also focuses on community initiatives surrounding persons who are experiencing homelessness, like helping with coordination of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Point-In-Time Homeless Count. Other early childhood projects that she has assisted with include Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Raising A Reader book sharing program.

Kandi is the mother of Zoe, her 8 year old daughter, and is engaged to her fiancé, Jim.