



Butler Kids

Incredible Years Parent Training Class

Smart Start has offered *Incredible Years* parent training classes since 2007. This 12-week class is designed to promote social competence and prevent, reduce, and treat aggression and related conduct problems in babies, toddlers, young children, and school aged children. The class will be offered three times in 2012 and is available to Butler County parents whose children reside in their care.



The short-term goals of the series are to:

1. Strengthen children's social skills and appropriate play skills (turn taking, waiting, asking, sharing, helping, etc.).
2. Promote children's use of self control strategies such as effective problem solving steps.
3. Increase emotional awareness by labeling feelings, recognizing the differing views

of oneself and others and enhancing perspective taking.

4. Boost academic success, reading and school readiness.
5. Reduce defiance, aggressive behavior, and related conduct problems such as noncompliance, peer aggression and rejection, bullying, stealing and lying.
6. Decrease children's negative cognitive attributions and conflict management approaches.
7. Increase self-confidence and self-esteem.

The next session will begin on Monday, January 30 in El Dorado

A free family meal is served before class begins and quality child care is provided at no cost to the parents. Instructors for this session are: Audra Kenneson, LMSW and Jamie Downs, LBSW. **For more information on how to enroll in this FREE program, contact Audra at 320.1342.**

Count Your Kid In

Count Your Kid In is a free developmental screening for infants and preschool children. The screenings are sponsored by the Butler County School Board Council, Special Education Program and authorized by Kansas State Department of Education.

The purpose of the screening is to help parents identify potential learning problems and find help. If your child has difficulty walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning or if you have other concerns, you can schedule an appointment at Count Your Kid In.

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.
~Stacia Tauscher

Upcoming Count Your Kid In Screenings

- ◇ January 13 - Augusta First Baptist Church 1501 State Street, Augusta
- ◇ January 20 - University Congregational Church 9209 E. 29th St., Wichita
- ◇ February 17 - Haverhill Christian Church 10275 SW Haverhill Rd., Haverhill
- ◇ March 30 - El Dorado First Baptist Church 315 W. Central, El Dorado
- ◇ April 13 - Andover St. Vincent DePaul Church 123 N. Andover Rd., Andover

Each screening day is held from 8:30 am to Noon. To schedule your child's appointment for this FREE screening, contact the Butler County Special Education office:

800-353-8561

A Community-Based Newsletter

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Be a Friend of Rainbows

You can support the work of Rainbows United and allow the wonderful services you have received in Butler County to continue. To find out more visit www.rucfoundation.org or give us a call in the Butler County office: 320.1342.



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.

Safe Slumber

When: Tuesday, January 24

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: TBA

Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Audra Kenneson, LMSW

Safe Slumber

When: Saturday, February 4

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/AED

When: Saturday, February 18

Time: 8 am to Noon

Where: BCC Welcome Center - Intrust Room; 901 S. Haverhill, El Dorado

Cost: Free—Paid for by Smart Start

Instructor: Troy Jellison

Heart Saver Pediatric First Aid

When: Saturday, February 18

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: BCC Welcome Center - Intrust Room; 901 S. Haverhill, El Dorado

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.**



Turi Cooper (BCCAECCE Member) rescues Lana Carter (Augusta provider) at a December 2012 training day.

Connect On Line!



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. It also provides a location for providers of child care in Butler County to connect with each other. To find us just search for "Smart Start of Butler County" on Facebook! You can also connect with Butler Community College Association of Early Childhood Educators. To find them, search for "Butler Early Childhood Professionals."

Remember to turn to the Smart Start website, ButlerKids.org, when you want to find information about the many services offered by Smart Start of Butler County: grants, scholarships, supplements, and library items. Additionally, you can find links to many of our community partners, helpful websites for parents and fun websites for kids! If you haven't visited ButlerKids.org, take some time and check it out!

Upcoming Trainings by Community Partners

Day Care Orientation Training

Information about KDHE licensing regulations and what you need to do to become a licensed child care provider will be given at these free trainings held by the Butler County Health Department. For more information contact Jamie Downs at 320.0365. Upcoming dates of Orientation are: January 20, February 17, and March 16.



Staff of New Generation Christian Learning Center of Augusta.

Child Start Trainings in Butler County

When: Saturday, January 7

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM

Title: PCAN M1: Building Collaborative Relationships with Families

Where: EduCare

Cost: Member \$30; Nonmember \$60

Instructor: Jacquette Thompson & Amber Ives

When: Monday, February 27

Time: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Title: Basic Knowledge Curriculum: Routine Care: Sleeping, Handwashing, & Diapering

Where: Butler County Health Dept.; 206 N. Griffith

Cost: Member \$18; Nonmember \$30

Instructor: Jackie Tanner



When: Saturday, March 10

Time: 9 AM to Noon

Title: Basic Knowledge Curriculum: Routine Care: Sleeping, Handwashing, & Diapering

Where: Butler County Health Dept.; 206 N. Griffith

Cost: Member \$18; Nonmember \$30

Instructor: Amber Ives

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

KDHE Licensing of Child Care Homes and Centers

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is the agency that provides licensure to your child's care provider. KDHE contracts with the Butler County Health Department to conduct on-site inspections.

There are four types of licensure that can be obtained. Common among each, the licensee must be at least 18 years of age, be a high school graduate or have a GED, have an understanding of children and complete first aid and child care job related training. A KBI criminal history and child abuse and neglect background check is processed on all persons living, working or volunteering in the child care setting. Additionally, the child care setting is inspected to check compliance with regulations to protect the health, safety and well-being of the children in care at least once every 12 months. Staff to child ratios must be maintained at all times.

Licensed Day Care Homes

The license is usually issued for the provider's home, but in some cases can be issued at a location other than the owner's home. The home provider can serve a maximum of 10 children under 16 years of age and includes children under 11 years of age related to the provider. The actual number of total children in care at any one time is based on ages of the children in care. State Licensing fee is \$85.00; local fees vary depending on the location of the day care home.

The cure of crime is not the electric chair, but the high chair.— J. Edgar Hoover.

Group Day Care Home

The license is usually issued for the provider's home, but in some cases can be issued at a location other than the owner's home. The group day care home provider can serve a maximum of 12 children under 16 years of age and includes children under 11 years of age related to the provider. The total number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children in care and the number of staff present. State Licensing fee is \$87.00; local fees vary depending on the location of the day care home.

Child Care Centers

A child care center is a facility in which care is provided for 13 or more children who range in age from two weeks to 16 years of age. A facility may have fewer than 13 children and be licensed as a center if the program and building meet child care center regulations. A qualified program director must be employed at the center full-time and the center must have qualified staff at all times when children are in care. In addition to the previously stated requirements, center staff must have an education in the recognition of symptoms of illness and child abuse and neglect. State licensing fee is \$75 plus \$1 for each child in the total capacity. For example, for a capacity of 60 children, the required initial and annual fee is \$75 + \$60 = \$135; local fees vary depending on the location of the child care center.

Preschools

A licensed preschool serves children who are 30 months of age or older and have not reached the age of eligibility to enter kindergarten. A preschool holds sessions that do not exceed three hours per session, does not enroll any child more than one session per day; and does not serve a meal. A qualified program director must be employed at the preschool for all hours of operation and must have qualified staff at all times when children are in care. Qualifications are stated by regulation and are based on the number of children in care. Training for staff is the same as that for child care centers. The annual state licensing fee is \$35.00 plus \$1.00 for each child in the total capacity not to exceed \$75.00; local fees vary depending on the location of the preschool.

When Licensing is Not Required

Licensing is not required when child care is arranged between friends or neighbors on an exchange bases and not for regular hours, or when child care is provided in the child's own home or in the home of the child's relative. Also, licensing is not required when child care is provided for two or fewer children unrelated to the provider for a total of 20 hours a week or less and the home has not been closed as a result of enforcement action. Total time is determined by adding the hours each child is cared for weekly.

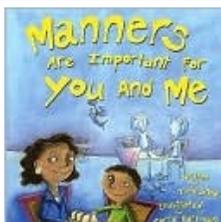
If you have questions regarding licensure, contact the Butler County Health Department at 320.0265.

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 December 2011.

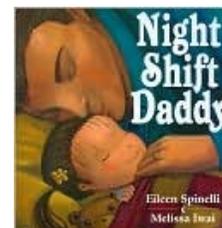
Manners are Important for You and Me:

Manners make life more pleasant for everyone. Even very young children can learn basic etiquette - when to say "Please,"



"Thank you," "Excuse me," and "I'm sorry," how to act in a restaurant, how to meet new people, and how to be a good sport. This inviting book uses poems and pictures to teach good manners and why manners matter.

Night Shift Daddy: In a lovely rhythmic text, a little girl describes her routine with her father as evening comes: "Night shift Daddy swings me high, shares his milk and apple pie, rocks me in the rocking chair, reads to me and Teddy Bear." Then he goes off



to work as his daughter watches from the window. In the morning just the reverse happens: the little girl and her daddy eat breakfast together and then "I lead him to the rocking chair, then read to him and Teddy Bear," after which she tucks him into bed before going out to play. The soft, dark, jewel-toned illustrations evoke feelings of coziness. A unique and special treat.

Meet a Butler Early Childhood Professional from El Dorado

The First Baptist Church Day Care & Preschool of El Dorado, Kansas was established in the early 1960's as an outreach to the community of El Dorado by the First Baptist Church. The fifty year anniversary of the center is just around the corner and is a very strong mission of the First Baptist Church. The center has a capacity of well over one hundred children and they are licensed by KDHE.

The main objective of the First Baptist Church Day Care & Preschool is set out by the First Baptist Church and that is to deliver a Christian message to all of the children that attend the day care and preschool. Bible curriculum, crafts, and music are taught daily as well as language development classes several times a week. All Christian holidays are observed and both Christmas and Easter programs are presented to the parents each year. In addition, the children have ample opportunities to learn through their

play as all of the rooms are arranged in centered-type activities. The children are encouraged to use the centers to explore and use their imaginations.

Darcy McCoy has been the Program Director since 2005 and has been with the center for seventeen years. She began her child care adventure in 1994 as an assistant teacher in the three year old room. She then moved to lead teacher and on to floor supervisor before assuming her duties as the Program Director. Darcy has an Associate's Degree from BCC and she recently joined the Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force. She also teaches "Cooking with Christian Kids" the 5th Sunday during the Sunday school hour at the First United Methodist Church in El Dorado.

Darcy is married to Dana McCoy; they live in the country south of El Dorado. She is wishing for some grandchildren

but her grand-dog will have to do for now and she has two dog children of her own, also. Darcy enjoys working with all of the children and their families at First Baptist.



Darcy McCoy, Program Director, at First Baptist Church Day Care and Preschool in El Dorado

Meet a Smart Start Advisory Committee Member

Susan Harsh is the coordinator of Rainbows United, Bright Beginnings. Bright Beginnings has been operating in Butler County since July 1, 1997. Bright Beginnings serves children birth-3 who have an identified development delay or who are at risk of developmental delays. Services are at no cost to families, and are provided wherever the child is during the day.

Each eligible child and their family is supported by a team of specialists made up of physical therapist, speech language pathologists, occupational therapist, early childhood special education, and family service coordination.

One specialist from the team of professionals is assigned as the primary person to interact with the child and family while the child is in services. The primary interventionist works with the child and family on outcomes the family determines they would like their child to accomplish.

Susan grew up in Council Grove. She attended Kansas State University earning a Bachelor's in Family and Child Development and Social Work. After completing school in 1982 she became the Director of Social Work for

Valley Vista Care Center-NH-MI, in Junction City. She held that position for one and half years before becoming the Director of Social Work for Valley View Professional Care Center-SNF, also in Junction City. She held that job for three and a half years before taking a position at the Bi-County Health Department in El Dorado. At the Health Department Susan worked in the Maternal-Infant program, and also provided case management services for senior citizens.



Susan Harsh and Audra Kenneson are coordinators in the Butler County branch of Rainbows United.

Susan became employed with Rainbows United in 1993. She was a social worker at the original site in Wichita. She has been the Coordinator of Bright Beginnings since it was established in Butler County in 1997. During her time at Rainbows, Susan completed her Master's in Social Work at Washburn University. Susan has been a member of the Butler County Child and Family Task Force since 1997, and was one of the members to help determine community/county needs that eventually lead to Butler County receiving the Smart Start grant in 2005.

Susan is married to Bob. Their daughter, Baylie, attends El Dorado High School. Their daughter, Abby, is married and living in California. She has two grandsons and is quickly learning the benefits of Skype!

Susan volunteers at her church, First United Methodist Church of El Dorado, and at the El Dorado high school. She is a graduate of Leadership Butler and she volunteers with Vision 2020's Adopt A Class program.

Susan enjoys gazing at the stars and pondering her fate.