

18<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**TRI-STATE CHILD CARE  
PROVIDERS CONFERENCE**

Saturday, October 6, 2007  
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Marina Inn  
Fourth & B Streets  
South Sioux City, Nebraska

A cooperative effort of  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension  
South Dakota State University Cooperative Extension  
Iowa State University Extension - Woodbury County  
Child Care Resource & Referral of Northwest Iowa  
Northeast Nebraska Training Partnership  
Area Child Care Providers



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**8:00 - 8:45 a.m.**  
Registration, Vendors, & Exhibits Open

**8:45 a.m.**  
Welcome & Keynote Address  
**Competing on the Basis of Quality:  
Promoting Your Child Care Business\***  
Tom Copeland, Director of Redleaf National Institute

**10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Session A**  
Experience, Experiment, Explore!\*  
Striving for a "Win-Win" in Difficult Conversations\*  
Bring Your Room to Life  
Healthy Choices, Aisle by Aisle...  
A Grocery Store Tour \*  
Strangers & Our Children  
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse (A & B)

**11:15 - 12:15 p.m. Session B**  
Experience, Experiment, Explore!\*  
Eating with Ethan and Emily\*  
Around the World in Children's Eyes  
Assessments - Why?\*  
Disaster 101  
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse  
(continued from Session A)

**12:15 p.m.**  
Lunch, Vendors, & Exhibits Open

**1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Session C**  
Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation\*  
(C & D)  
Story Telling Through Musical Sounds, Part II  
Gentle Hands  
Dramatic Play for Your Little Stars  
Backyard Bugs  
Abuse\*

**2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Session D**  
Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation\*  
(continued from Session C)  
Tell Me More\*  
Wildlife Feeders  
Dramatic Play for Your Little Stars  
Get Up and Groove  
Soups & Casseroles: Quick vs. Healthy

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# Keynote and Session Descriptions

## Keynote:

### **Competing on the Basis of Quality: Promoting Your Child Care Business\***

Tom Copeland, Director of Redleaf National Institute

What are the current trends in child care? How can homes and centers meet parent needs? Tom will help you learn how to identify and communicate the benefits of your program and make a stronger connection between rates and quality.

## Breakout Sessions:

### **Experience, Experiment, Explore!\***

Rosie Kuehne, Pre-School Educator

Experiment with air, water and balance in ways that are playful, meaningful, and memorable. Science can be DO-ABLE and easy!

### **Striving for a “Win-Win” in Difficult Conversations\***

Ester Mae Cox, Facilitator/Consultant DBA EMGA Enterprises

Need to have a difficult conversation with a parent or co-worker? Explore ideas and take home strategies for handling tough situations, with the goal of “win-win”.

### **Bring Your Room to Life**

Connie Wahlstrom, Western Iowa Tech Community College

Out of ideas to decorate bulletin boards and posters? Collect new and/or forgotten ideas to brighten and inspire young minds.

### **Healthy Choices, Aisle by Aisle... A Grocery Store Tour**

Renee Sweets, Nutrition & Health Field Specialist, Iowa State University Extension

Learn to make healthy shopping choices as you walk through a 'virtual' grocery store, aisle by aisle. Learn about food labels, including new information on trans fats and using the label to make healthy food choices. Discover tips about quick and healthy meals and snacks, stretching your grocery dollar and food safety.

### **Strangers & Our Children**

Thad Boyer, Crime Prevention Specialist, Sioux City Police Department

Be informed about the dangers of strangers. Learn how to empower kids to do what's right by being aware of their surroundings.

### **Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse**

Steven Hayward, Protective Services Program Specialist, Iowa Department of Human Services

Learn to recognize and report child abuse. This two hour session will meet mandatory law requirements on child abuse education for child care providers in Iowa and provide useful information for all providers.

*This is a 2 hour session, it will use both sessions A & B.*

### **Eating with Ethan and Emily\***

Ann Fenton, Ruth Vonderohe, and LaDonna Werth, Extension Educators University of Nebraska Extension

Make nutrition fun! Enjoy a variety of simple science experiments, project pages, taste tests, and physical activities for kids.

### **Around the World in Children's Eyes**

Takysia Larsen, Early Childhood Coordinator

Children's eyes see many things. Bring diversity into your child care with ideas that will leave you informed and empowered.

### **Assessments - Why?\***

Sally Hartley, Teacher/Consultant, Western Hills AEA Early Childhood Special Education, Kristy McCann, Family Life Educator, Sanford Health & Carla Winquist, Early Childhood Development, South Sioux City Schools

Confused about assessments? Learn their value and how to make them work for you. Find out what all 3 states are supporting.

### **Disaster 101**

Bob Bartling, American Red Cross

Are you ready for the unexpected? Natural or human made disasters can happen anytime any where. Be prepared by making a plan for any emergency.

### **Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation\***

Tom Copeland, Director of Redleaf National Institute

Learn how to maintain vital business records, claim proper deductions and legally reduce taxes. Includes details on: new changes in IRS rules affecting providers and record keeping tips that save time and money. Find out how to claim all allowable deductions and calculate your Time-Space percentage. Also covered will be how to make sense of depreciation of furniture, appliances and homes.

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### **Story Telling Through Musical Sounds, Part II**

Lynn Kerrigan, Music Teacher K-5, Sergeant Bluff-Luton Community School

Take simple everyday children's nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and stories and turn them into fun. Children can become expressive readers even at the age of two! Simple ideas and loads of fun are unlocked from the stories on your shelf.

### **Gentle Hands**

Shannon McCulloch, Licensed Massage Therapist

Nurturing touch communicates love, the main ingredient for emotional and physical growth and well-being. Learn how to help babies grow and thrive with infant massage.

### **Dramatic Play for Your Little Stars**

Andi Prior, Family Specialist

Dramatic play can be an exciting way to enhance development in young children. Take home low-cost ideas to bring out creative imagination in your little stars.

### **Backyard Bugs**

Ginger Walker, Director of Administration and Environmental Education, Cherokee County Conservation

Explore the wonderful and amazing world of insects. Help young children develop a lifelong appreciation for nature through simple capture, observation and care techniques with bugs.

### **Abuse\***

Mary McGowan, Nurse Practitioner, Child Advocacy Center

Abuse, the topic no one wants to talk about or sit and learn about, but everyone needs to know. Need to know information from a professional who works directly with children who are allegedly physically or sexually abused.

**Tell Me More\***

Pamela Barnes, M.S./CCC-SLP, Speech Therapist  
Communication can be a hard thing for children to grasp.  
Receive information and ideas to encourage language learning in a positive way.

**Wildlife Feeders**

Ginger Walker, Director of Administration and Environmental Education, Cherokee County Conservation  
Birds, butterflies, squirrels, deer, frogs and more can be observed in your backyard. Learn what/where/how to feed the critters you want to attract, as well as simple ways for children to participate.

**Get Up and Groove**

Sylvia Klave, Elementary Music Specialist, Sioux City Community Schools  
Let's dance! Let's feel the beat! Experience moving to different kinds of music.

**Soups & Casseroles: Quick vs. Healthy**

Clydene Canady, Child & Adult Care Food Program Coordinator, Mid-Sioux Opportunity  
Come taste and see that convenience and nutrition can go together. Start with store-bought basics, add some magic, and end up with a nutritious meal the kids will love.

T-Shirts, sweat shirts and items from vendors will be available for purchase the day of the conference.

**\* Continuing Education Units have been applied for.** Anticipated cost for obtaining CEU's will be \$5 payable the day of the conference. *DO NOT send money in with your registration.*

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Registrations Due:  
Wednesday,  
September 19, 2007.

*Tri-State Child Care Providers Conference*  
**Saturday, October 6, 2007**  
**Marina Inn, South Sioux City, Nebraska**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (Please check one)  
 Child Care Home  
 Child Care Center  
 Head Start  
 Preschool  
 Other

Please register for the workshops you wish to attend. **Write "1" for your first choice and "2" for your second choice for each session.** Preference will be given to early registrations. *Space is limited, pre-register early to be sure you have a spot. On site registration is not guaranteed.*

**Session A (Mark 1st & 2nd choice)**

- Experience, Experiment, Explore!\*
- Striving for a "Win-Win" \*
- Bring Your Room to Life
- Healthy Choices, Aisle by Aisle\*
- Strangers & Our Children
- Mandatory Reporting  
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**Session B (Mark 1st & 2nd choice)**

- Experience, Experiment, Explore!\*
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- Assessments - Why?\*
- Disaster 101
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**Session C (Mark 1st & 2nd choice)**

- Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation\* (2 hours, will use C & D)
- Story Telling Through Musical Sounds
- Gentle Hands
- Dramatic Play for Your Little Stars
- Backyard Bugs
- Abuse\*

**Session D (Mark 1st & 2nd choice)**

- Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation\* (continued from Session C)
- Tell Me More\*
- Wildlife Feeders
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**Send registration and check to:**

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Late Fee (Add \$5)            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sept. 20 or later

TOTAL ENCLOSED            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Who should attend?

Child Care Home Providers

Child Care Center Staff

Pre-School Staff

Head Start Staff

Kindergarten Teachers

Foster Parents

Interested Parents

Anyone Who Cares About Children



## Falling in Love With Children

### Planning Committee

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