



# Kay County Child Care Home Association

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK 🖋️

I would like to thank each person who attended our last meeting...as always. We had a great evening. I appreciate the input and expertise that providers warmly share with each other. We are better because we mentor each other. I have met the most caring and compassionate people during my almost 30 year Childcare Career. Each person is so unique. We truly have some talented providers in our area! Thank you for being part of something larger than ourselves. Sincerely, Eldonna

### How can state kids move up the list?

Lilly Freeman, Community Coordinator for Smart Start Kay County, sent this to me with additional information that is just as eye opening. It is an amazing look at the dynamics of our state. I will bring some copies of it to our next meeting if anyone would like to read it.

By Julie Delcour Associate Editor

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In nine quality-of-life rankings this is how Oklahoma stacks up against the other 49 states:

- Income, 47th
- Health insurance, 44th
- High school education, 41st
- College education, 47th
- Good nutrition, 50th
- Tobacco use, 47th
- Mental illness, 50th
- Diabetes, 46th
- Heart disease, 50th



### Oklahoma Kids Count

Mary Rhyme also shares these statistics on Kay County youth. Information is taken from 2007-08 Oklahoma Kids Count Factbook and 2007 Oklahoma State Center for Rural Health.

- 77<sup>th</sup> in the state in high school drop-outs (1 is best; 77 is worst)
- 75<sup>th</sup> in juvenile crime arrests (1 is best; 77 is worst)
- 75<sup>th</sup> in childhood stressors (1 is best; 77 is worst)
- 64<sup>th</sup> in teen deaths (1 is best; 77 is worst)
- 62<sup>nd</sup> in births to young teens (1 is best; 77 is worst)
- Worse than national average in juvenile drug related arrests
- Three times the state average for unsafe speed traffic fatalities and injuries

Kay County statistics\* for childhood stressors listed in Oklahoma Kids Count include:

- 63<sup>rd</sup> in child abuse and neglect (1 is best; 77 is worst)
- 116 children living in foster care
- 23.3% of children live below the poverty level
- 23.2% of children live in single-parent homes

\* Sources: 2007-08 Oklahoma Kids Count Factbook  
2007 Oklahoma State Center for Rural Health

### February Association Meeting

*Unless otherwise noted, Assn. Meetings are solely for Licensed Child Care Home Providers, regardless of association membership.*

Date: Monday, February 16, 2009

Location: Mazzio's in Ponca City

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Individuals may purchase soft drinks and food from Mazzio's. Orders may be called in ahead of your arrival to save time. Do something for yourself. You never know what might be waiting for you at an Association Meeting or Social.

### National Association for Family Child Care

Learn more about all topics being offered by visiting the NAFCC Training Calendar:

<http://www.huntcal.com/cgi/calview.cgi/nafcc/training?vm=r>

**Tom Copeland and NAFCC have become partners in making a bigger impact with family childcare providers and the quality of professionalism and quality for children in the nation. With this partnership, the intention is to improve the business skills of the Family Child Care Providers by working together to offer a series of new business education resources and technical assistance.**

Tom Copeland may be contacted at 1-800-359-3817 ext. 321 or [TCopeland@nafcc.org](mailto:TCopeland@nafcc.org) Information on scheduling Workshops or Keynotes with Tom Copeland: [thalverson@nafcc-mail.org](mailto:thalverson@nafcc-mail.org)

Learn more about The NAFCC Training Institute at [www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org) . Click on "Training"

Examples of webinar training are as follows:

January 22, 2009 **Webinar: Mastering Record Keeping and Tax Preparation w/ Tom Copeland**  
6:00 pm PT Registration deadline: 12:00 pm (your time zone) on 1/21/09

1 ½ Hours Click this link for more information. \$15.00  
<http://www.huntcal.com/cgi/calview.cgi/nafcc/training?vm=r>

February 2, 2009 **Online Training: Introduction to Family Child Care**

45 Hours Registration deadline: 1/25/09

\$150.00 Click this link for more information.

<http://www.huntcal.com/cgi/calview.cgi/nafcc/training?vm=r>

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YES, I know that these dates are not timely for us right now, but I wanted you to see the type of trainings that are now available on line. I hope that this will be a whole new set of training opportunities for providers.

### I Can Problem Solve Training (ICPS)

The OSU Extension Center, will be conducting free training for child care providers on curriculum titled "I Can Problem Solve". ICPS is a curriculum teaching children (Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) to think for themselves and find solutions to their problems by considering the feelings of others, various solutions and consequences. Our long-term goal is to reduce high-risk behavior in our youth.

Participants will receive free training as well as "I Can Problem Solve" manuals to use with children and "Raising a Thinking Child" manuals in for parent meetings. Certificate of attendance is available.

**Thursday, February 26, 2009**

**7:00 - 8:45 p.m.**

**Newkirk Library Meeting Room**

**Registration due by February 19, 2009**

(Refer to registration flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.)

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