



FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR CONNECTIONS

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Do you care for children of a family member, friend or neighbor? Even though you are not licensed? There is support available to help you do this important job. For more information, support services or Play and Learn groups you can attend call Theresa Fountain for East Metro at 651-641-6610</i></p>			1	2	3	<p>NdCAD * Free Books and So <u>MUCH More</u> 12-2:00 PM 655 Fairview Ave</p>
4	<p><u>Play & Learn</u> Rondo Com. Lib. 461 N Dale St. 10:30-12pm</p>	<p><u>*Play & Learn</u> Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave 10:30—12pm</p>	<p>7 • <u>Play & Learn</u> North Dale Recreation Center 1414 St Albans 9:00—11:00 am</p>	8	9	<p>10 <u>Play & Learn</u> Hamline Midway Library 1558 Minnehaha 10:30-12pm</p>
11	12	<p>13 • <u>Play & Learn</u> Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave 10:30—12pm</p>	14	15	<p>16 Family Fun Night Living Word Church 7PM –Free 655 Fairview Ave 651-644-6929 *</p>	<p>17 NdCAD * Free Books and So <u>MUCH More</u> 12-2:00 PM 655 Fairview Ave</p>
18	19	<p>20 • <u>Play & Learn</u> Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave 10:30—12pm <i>First Day of Spring</i></p>	<p>21 • <u>Play & Learn</u> North Dale Recreation Center 1414 St Albans 9:00—11:00 am</p>	22	23	<p>24 NdCAD * Free Books and So <u>MUCH More</u> 12-2:00 PM 655 Fairview Ave</p>
25	26	<p>27 <u>*Play & Learn</u> Sun Ray Library 2105 Wilson Ave 10:30—12pm</p>	28	<p>29 Voices for Children's Day at MN State Capitol 10AM</p>	30	<p>31 NdCAD * Free Books and So <u>MUCH More</u> 12-2:00 PM 655 Fairview Ave</p>

Do You Know? That Minnesota Voices for CHILDREN ADVOCACY DAY 2007 IS COMING UP?

**SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007
MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL
10:00 AM**

The Voices for Children Advocacy Day is an opportunity for parents, teachers, early care, and education professionals, and others from across the state to stand up and be counted as a voice for children. The event will include a rally in the Capitol Rotunda, fun activities for children, and opportunities to visit with legislators.

THEME

PLANT THE SEEDS: HELP CHILDREN BLOOM

We ask that parents, teachers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors and child-care providers help their children make paper flowers to bring to the State Capitol on Advocacy Day. You can also make your flowers ahead of time and mail them before March 23 to:

Resources for Child Care 10 Yorkton Court, St. Paul, MN 55117

For a sample flower, download the Flower Project flyer from the web site below:

www.voicesforchildrenmn.org

For more information call 651-644-8138

Training Information

The following are some of the classes. Offered by Resources for Child Caring that you may enjoy as a caregiver. For more information on other training opportunities, in class or online, or location of classes please contact **Theresa Fountain 651-641-6610**.

Reducing the Risk of SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome– **Thurs. March 22; 7-9pm or Thurs. April 12th 7-9pm**
Reducing the Risk of Shaken Baby Syndrome–**Mar. 14th at 7:45 –8:48pm** (Blaine Human Services)
Emergency Response– **Sat Mar.10& Sat.17 9:00 am-2pm & Mon. April 16th Wed. April 18th Mon. April 23rd 6:30-9:30pm** American Red Cross, 176 South Robert Street
Keep MN Kids Safe–**TBA**

GRANTS

Resources for Child Caring is looking for Family, Friend and Neighbor child care providers. Who is a FFN provider? They are a non licensed care giver who is caring for a family member or a friends or neighbors child, paid or unpaid care. Providing care any where from 3 to 40 hours a week.

Grants for learning material, safety, CPR & First Aid classes, other health and safety classes, books and educational toys are some of the examples of items that can be purchase with your grant. If you are caring for children ages 0 to school age and would like to learn more of the resources available to you call Theresa Fountain 651-641-6610 for Ramsey County.

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

Making Shakers

Materials needed:

Empty water bottles
Dried rice
Ring noodles (or other shapes)
Beans
Super glue or craft glue
Food coloring

Put different items in empty water bottles, add glue to the cap and around edges of the bottle and close.

Allow children to shake bottles and listen to the different sounds they make, have children to describe textures, colors, counting, estimating.