



# Reaching Out

*to the Child Care Community*

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## Media, Violence, Kids: Is There a Connection?

Today's children spend nearly twenty-five hours a week in front of a television or computer screen. Media has a huge impact on the well-being of the children in our homes, schools, and communities. To shed light on this subject, we are pleased to offer a workshop with early childhood trainer Barb Wagner. This workshop will focus on media violence, the effects of media on school performance, and how media creates a culture of disrespect. Tools and resources to help you make wise media choices will be provided by the National Institute on Media and the Family. Participants will view a video and have time for discussion. Please share this opportunity with the parents of the children in your care.

**Time:** Monday, July 24, 6:30–8:30 PM (2 in-service hours)

**Fee:** \$17.00

**Location:** Blaine Human Service Center, Room 300

To register, please use the registration materials in the training catalog or online, or call Angela Horrisberger at 651-641-3549.

The Anoka County Child Abuse Prevention Council is working with the Jacob Wetterling Foundation on other informational, public events that will support efforts to protect children. For more information, contact Casey Green at 763-783-4881.

## 2006 Rate Survey Complete: Time to Update Vacancies!

The 2006 rate survey is complete. Thank you to all child care providers and programs that participated. With the rate survey complete, referral staff will be concentrating on updating program vacancies for summer and fall. To view the average rates and ranges in your area or to update your vacancies online, visit our Web site at [www.resourcesforchildcare.org](http://www.resourcesforchildcare.org).

## 2007 Grants Program to Begin in July

Funding is available for the 2006–2007 grant rounds. All licensed and school-age programs in the East Metro Service District (Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington counties) will be mailed postcards in late June with complete information on dates and deadlines.

Please note: All grant recipients will need to submit an approved training plan in order to meet grant requirements. **Not all training that counts toward licensing hours will meet your grant training requirements.** Training requirements are included with the grant application materials. Please refer questions on training to Jamie Cooper at 651-641-6613 and questions on grants to Saeng Kue at 651-641-6647.

## Child Care Assistance for Military Families

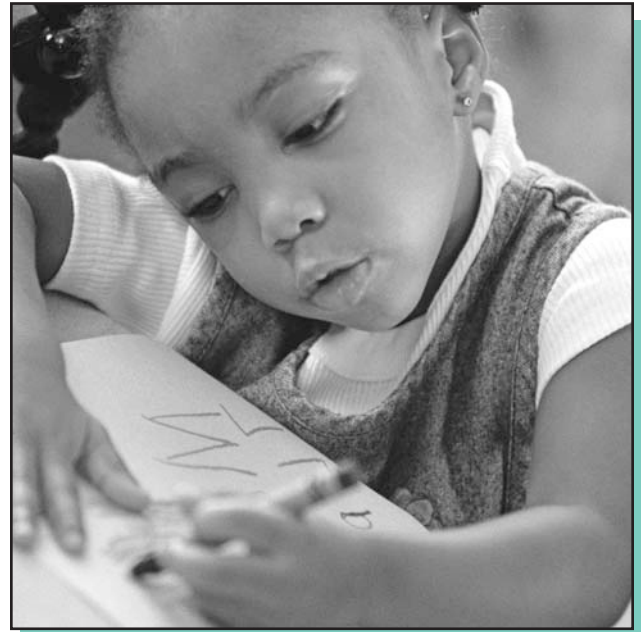
Operation: Military Child Care (OMCC) and Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCIYN) are two initiatives created by the Department of Defense to help military families find quality, affordable care in their communities. By providing access to fee assistance and child care referral services such as Resources for Child Caring, these programs address an urgent and basic need.

“Finding the right child care provider is a very real concern for military families, particularly when one or even both parents are deployed,” says Linda Smith, executive director of the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. “These programs help address the issue by extending the high quality of care found on-base into the communities where they reside.”

OMCC was created to meet the child care needs of military parents who are mobilized or deployed in support of the Global Military contingencies, while MCCIYN meets the child care needs of service members who do not have access to on-base child care options due to waiting lists or geographic location. The amount of financial

assistance provided through these programs varies by family and depends on factors such as total family income, geographic location, military services’ child care fee policies, available funding, and family circumstances.

For more information on these programs, please contact the Military Subsidy Department at 800-793-0324, ext. 341 or go to [www.naccrra.org/militaryprograms](http://www.naccrra.org/militaryprograms) to read more about the various assistance programs and to apply for assistance.



## Child Care Supply, Demand, and Gaps: East Metro Mapping Project

The East Metro CCR&R Service District is working with the Research and Development Department of the Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association to develop maps of the three East Metro counties that will portray where child care is located in relation to community factors such as poverty or where languages other than English are spoken in the home. The maps will be updated periodically and will be available for download as a PDF file at the Resources for Child Caring Web site, [www.resourcesforchildcare.org](http://www.resourcesforchildcare.org). Call Sandy Myers at 651-641-6635 for more information.

## New Library Resource

Child care providers contemplating accreditation will soon have a new resource available to them! The Debra S. Fish Early Childhood Resource Library is purchasing a copy of the Self-Study Kit for Program Quality Improvement through NAEYC Early Childhood Program Accreditation. The kit will be available in the library on a reference-only basis and may not be checked out.

We encourage providers to visit the library to examine the contents of the kit and to become familiar with the accreditation process.

Questions? Feel free to contact the library by phone at 651-641-3544 or by e-mail at [library@resourcesforchildcare.org](mailto:library@resourcesforchildcare.org).

## New Professional Development Opportunities Available

The following workshops have been added to the East Metro Professional Development catalog. To register for these or any others, please use the registration materials in the catalog or online, or call Angela Horrisberger at 651-641-3549.

### Encouraging and Supporting Developmental Growth in Infants

*This class is designed for you to learn or brush up on your knowledge of infant development.*

**Instructor:** Judy Davis, Early Childhood Instructor  
Monday, June 26, 6:30–8:30 PM (2 in-service hours)

**Fee:** \$17.00

**Location:** RCC



### Learning Profiles

*Discover and honor how one's brain and body are wired for learning and living.*

**Instructor:** Cindy Goldade, Brain Gym® Instructor  
Monday, July 10, 6:30–9:00 PM (2½ in-service hours)

**Fee:** \$21.25

**Location:** RCC

### Literacy Begins in the Cradle

*This session links research on early literacy with the Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers' relationship-based approach to caregiving.*

**Instructor:** Beth Menninga, Early Childhood Trainer  
Thursday, July 27, 6:30–8:30 PM (2 in-service hours)

**Fee:** \$17.00

**Location:** RCC

### Journey Into the World of Children's Literature

*Explore a variety of children's books and expand your knowledge of the types of reading resources available for young children.*

**Instructor:** Laurie Nelsen, Early Childhood Librarian  
Learning Labs Express

Thursday, August 17, 6:30–8:30 PM (2 in-service hours)

**Fee:** \$17.00

**Location:** RCC

### Building Children for Success

*Learning to emotionally connect with children is key to helping them reach their full potential in life.*

**Instructor:** Cindy Chastenet, Early Childhood Consultant

Thursday, August 17, 6:30–8:30 PM (2 in-service hours)

**Fee:** \$17.00

**Location:** Blaine Human Service Center, Room 300

### Child Development 101 and Language Acquisition

*We'll take a look at the physical growth and development of children from birth to age five and link that to realistic expectations for language acquisition.*

**Instructor:** Kathleen A. Klumb, St. Paul Early Learning and Literacy Coordinator

Tuesday, August 22, 6:30–8:30 PM (2 in-service hours)

**Fee:** \$17.00

**Location:** RCC



## Resources for Child Caring

Child Care Resource and Referral

10 Yorkton Court, St. Paul, MN 55117

Phone: 651-641-0332 Fax: 651-645-0990

TDD/TDY: 651-641-0332

[www.resourcesforchildcare.org](http://www.resourcesforchildcare.org)

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## Events

### Ramsey County Provider Recognition Banquet

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

### Evening with the Author

Meet Jeff Johnson, a family child care provider and author of *Do-It-Yourself Early Learning*, a book of easy, make-it and take-it ideas for your home or center.

Thursday, October 26, 2006, 7–9 PM, at RCC

### Super Conference 2006

October 26–28, 2006

Minneapolis Convention Center

### Save the Date!

On Saturday, November 4, 2006, the 13th Annual Family Child Care Business Seminar will take place at the Best Western Hotel in Maplewood, MN.

Registration details will be in the fall training catalog and online at [www.resourcesforchildcare.org](http://www.resourcesforchildcare.org).

## Key Contacts in the East Metro CCR&R Service District

### To update enrollment or note changes in your program:

Resource and Referral, 651-641-0332

### For training information:

Jamie Cooper, 651-641-6613

### To register for classes:

Angela Horrisberger, 651-641-3549

### For grant information:

Saeng Kue, 651-641-6647

### For local technical assistance:

Anoka County: Casey Green, 763-783-4881

Ramsey County: Sandy Myers, 651-641-6635

Washington County: Carolyn Veaser-Egbide  
651-430-6644