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CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

# CCR&R Fall Newsletter

## Oct-Dec 2011

"If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think, but the most important thing is, even if we're apart, I'll always be with you."

*Winnie the Pooh*

Christine Copper was with CCR&R for five years.

When Christine began her work with CCR&R she served as Health Consultant for all thirteen counties. Through the years, and some restructuring, Christine then became a Resource Specialist and served providers in Bedford, Marshall, and Giles. She has a passion for child care and children of all ages. Christine and her cats will be relocating to North Carolina. We wish her all the best in her continued service to children and families.



Shawnta Fulton was with CCR&R for three years.

Shawnta brought many laughs to the CCR&R. She served Lincoln, F/G providers in Giles, some of Moore and some of Bedford county. While serving as specialist for CCR&R, she was active in the community by serving in several capacities. She was a member on the Lincoln County Imagination Library Committee, Head Start Advisory Board along with the UT Extension Advisory Board. Her passion for the field of early childhood and the Lincoln County community will serve her well in her future endeavors. We wish her all the best!



Kristine Moore was with the CCR&R for ten years.

Kristine has served all of the counties at some point during her tenure with us. She found her passion in training and was skilled in conveying information in fun, engaging, and creative ways. During her time, she also served as Interim Coordinator.

Below is a personal note from Kristine:

Thanks for the Memories...

"Ten years ago I took my first tentative steps as an R&R Specialist with CCR&R. I was welcomed with open arms by the awesome providers in South Central Tennessee. I want to tell each one of you thank you.

Every single person I've come into contact with has blessed me, taught me, inspired me, and challenged me. I have developed a genuine affection and respect for each of you.

Thank you so much for the incredible cards, notes, and emails you sent upon my farewell from CCR&R. Your supportive and encouraging words gave me strength more than you can imagine! For this I am very grateful.

No matter where the roads of life take us, the providers of South Central will hold a special place in my heart. You bless the children of Tennessee everyday with your hearts, hands, and minds.

Please stay in touch, friends. You can Facebook me, or I'm only an email away:

[kristinemooreta@yahoo.com](mailto:kristinemooreta@yahoo.com)." ~Kristine Moore



## Infant/Toddler Highlights

"A safe crib is the safest place for a baby to sleep. It is for this reason that I am so pleased that parents, grandparents and caregivers now can shop with confidence and purchase cribs that meet the most stringent crib standards in the world," said Chairman Inez Tenenbaum. "From the start, our goal has been to prevent deaths and injuries to babies in cribs, and now the day has come where only stronger and safer cribs are available for consumers to purchase."

CPSC has recalled more than 11 million dangerous cribs since 2007. Drop-side cribs with detaching side rails were associated with at least 32 infant suffocation and strangulation deaths since 2000. Additional deaths have occurred due to

faulty or defective crib hardware. The new standards aim to prevent these tragedies and keep children safer in their cribs.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
**A SAFER GENERATION OF CRIBS**  
New Federal Requirements



**5 New Federal Requirements:**

- ❑ Traditional drop-side cribs cannot be made or sold; immobilizers and repair kits not allowed
- ❑ Wood slats must be made of stronger woods to prevent breakage
- ❑ Crib hardware must have anti-loosening devices to keep it from coming loose or falling off
- ❑ Mattress supports must be more durable
- ❑ Safety testing must be more rigorous

Beginning June 22, 2011 all cribs sold in the United States must meet new federal requirements for overall crib safety.

SubLogo is a campaign of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

www.cpsc.gov



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Starting on December 28, 2012, child care facilities, including family child care homes and infant Head Start centers, as well as places of public accommodation, such as hotels and motels, and rental companies must use only cribs that comply with the new crib standards.

For more information on crib safety and the most up-to-date information on how to create a safe sleep environment for your baby, visit CPSC's crib information center at: [www.cpsc.gov/cribs](http://www.cpsc.gov/cribs)

## Preschool Highlights and Activities

### Fall is the Perfect Time to Guide Children in Exploring Nature!

Here are some websites to help you get started:

- \*earthplay.net
- \*naturalplaygrounds.com
- \*naturalearning.com
- \*hookedonnature.org
- \*worldforumfoundation.org



## Preschool Highlights and Activities

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### October is Fire Safety Month!

- \*Call CCR&R to register for Sparky Hazard House, Buzz E Smoke Alarm, and the Sparky Dog Costume.
- \*Visit [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org) for interactive preschool games
- \*Visit [NFPA.org](http://NFPA.org) for teacher resources on fire safety



## School Age Highlights and Activities

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Ready, Set, Go....Back to School !!!

**Ready...** These are transitions in which the adult (s) are trying to get all of the children ready for the next part of the day.

**Set...** Once all of the kids are rounded up and in one place, they are waiting for what's to come.

**Go...** Now the kids are on the move from one activity to the next.

More ideas and tips on transitions can be found in "After-School Transition Activities" The Ready, Set, Go! A Guide to Strategies That Work by David L. Whitaker



### Leaf Printing

Materials Needed:

- Sheets of white paper or cardboard
- Powder Paints
- Paint Brushes
- Newspaper



1. Mix the paint to a fairly thick consistency and brush it on the veined underside of the leaf.
2. Place the painted side of the leaf on to the paper or cardboard. Place the newspaper over the leaf and carefully rub.
3. Remove newspaper and look at the imprint of the leaf.
4. Repeat this process with different shades of paint and leaves building up to an attractive picture.
5. Place bright adhesive tape all around the picture to make a decorative frame.

# Provider Page

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## Motlow to Offer New ACE (Adult College Express) Program

*Students can earn Early Childhood Education Degrees and Certificates*

June 29, 2011

Charly Coffey, director of education for Motlow College recently announced a new Adult College Express (ACE) program to be offered this fall. In keeping with the Tennessee Board of Regents' accelerated pathways initiative, Motlow will offer courses leading to the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education. The purpose of the major is to create a statewide early childhood academic degree and professional career development model that supports the Head Start Reauthorization Act degree requirements for Head Start teachers/staff.

This initiative builds on the established Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) model. The academic coursework and clinical practicum's prepare students for CDA (Child Development Associate) assessment and credentialing. The major is not limited to Head Start personnel but is open to all persons, including paraprofessionals, wishing to gain professional expertise in the education and care of children from infant through age eight.

In addition to the associate's degree offered, child care providers can earn the Technical Certificate in Early Childhood Education that is embedded into this program. This certificate is granted when students complete the four courses that have been identified as providing the foundational knowledge students need to sit for the Child Development Associate (CDA) exam that earns them the first credential recognized in the field. The certificate is for students seeking employment in the field of child care and early education and facilities seeking accreditation must have employees who hold a certificate or degree.

Visit the College's website <[www.mscc.edu/education](http://www.mscc.edu/education)> to learn more about the ACE program as well as the early childhood education. Contact Charly Coffey at 931.393.1810 or by email at [ccoffey@mscc.edu](mailto:ccoffey@mscc.edu).

Congratulations to the CDA recipients in the area graduating at Motlow .

Left to Right, Linda Taylor of Coffee Co. Child Care, Carolyn Stevens of Coffee Child Care, Terri Rice of Faith Lutheran Child Care, Paula Thacker of Coffee Co. Child Care, CC, Shelly Gray of Community Clubhouse, and Carrie Partin Jackson of Oak Grove Head Start.



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### Best wishes to Linda on her retirement!

Linda Titus, of Linda's Day Care, is retiring after 38 ½ years of caring for children in the Tullahoma area. She reports that she is moving into a new house and plans to "play out in the yard in her flowerbed, spend time at her condo, and travel around the country." The thing that she will miss the most is "the children and their bubbling personalities." Linda's advice to child care providers: "Take time out for yourself and designate work for others." She will surely be missed by the children and families she has served for so many years. Good Luck Linda!

### Good luck to Leslie !

Leslie Nevin, of Teddy Bear's Picnic, is moving on to another position after 13 years of caring for children in the Estill Springs area of Franklin County.

Leslie who is planning to continue her education and get her BA in ECED, says she also plans to "continue to make a difference in children's lives as well as continuing supporting providers in all fields." Leslie's advice to current and future child care providers: "Be INVOLVED with what goes on in your field. Support is all around you. You just have to take the initiative to find it and use it. We can't make Tennessee a better child care state without input and involvement from child care providers!"

**New Opportunity for Family Child Care Providers to Get Answers to Their Questions About the Business of Family Child Care**

**Ask Tom**

We're writing to tell you about a new, free service now available from Tom Copeland and the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). For the past several years Tom has answered business questions from family child care providers across the country as part of his consulting partnership with the NAFCC.

Tom has helped providers with questions in the areas of record keeping, taxes, marketing, contracts, legal, insurance, money management, and retirement planning. He has written nine books on the business of family child care and has represented numerous providers in IRS audits. He is the leading national expert on the business of family child care. This is one more resource for family and group providers. Tom has established a new blog called Tom Copeland's Taking Care of Business: [www.tomcopelandblog.com](http://www.tomcopelandblog.com).

**PSAM Services**

**Updates for PSAM Services**

**2011-2012**

**PSAM Purpose Remains the Same**

Purpose of PSAM – To help center directors and family/group home

providers understand and use their assessment results to improve the overall quality of their child care programs.

**PSAM Definition Is Same as Before**

PSAM stands for Provider Self-Assessment and Mentoring. This service is offered by the CCR&R with funding from the Department of Human Services and with the support of Assessment, Licensing, Project TOPSTAR, UT-SWORPS and TECTA.

**PSAM Services offers**

- \*In-depth training on the *Environment Rating Scales* and the self-assessment process
- \*Assistance in understanding your assessment results
- \*Training hours for Targeted Technical Assistance
- \*Individualized help on-site to improve program quality.

**57<sup>th</sup> Annual TAEYC Conference**

*Reaching Potential Together:*

*Be a Piece of It All!*



**REGISTER ONLINE:** [www.taeyc.org](http://www.taeyc.org) (Aug 1st—Sept 23rd) **CALL:** (615) 279-0111  
**MAIL TO:** TAEYC, PO Box 120096, Nashville, TN 37212-0096

## TECTA Fall 2011 Orientation Schedule

Orientation	Location	Registration Dead-line	Dates	Time
Family Child Care	Wayne County	September 12	October 8, 22, November 5, 19, December 3	Weekends 9:00 am – 3:15 pm

*Locations & dates subject to change*

### ***Tentative Spring and Summer 2012***

Center-Based: Maury County – Saturday

Infant/Toddler: Bedford County –Saturday

School-Age: Coffee County – Nights

Center-Based: Perry County – Nights

College of Education

MTSU

Box 106

Murfreesboro, TN 37132

PH: 615-904-8318

Fax 615-494-7662

<http://www.tecta.info/mtsu>



## TCCOTS is Here!

Welcome to the Tennessee Child Care Online Training System (TCCOTS). This eLearning portal has been designed to provide additional child care training options for individuals working in Tennessee Department of Human Services' licensed child care programs.

Visit the site at [tcots.com](http://tcots.com) and Register!

Home | Child Care | Services | About Us | Contact Us | Login

### Tennessee Child Care Online Training System

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If you do not work in a Tennessee licensed center or home but would like to review the TCCOTS site, please login/register and click on "No, I do not want credit". If you have any questions, please email the helpdesk at [tcots@help.tnstate.edu](mailto:tcots@help.tnstate.edu).

Register
Login

# Lending Library Services

## Books

### Prop boxes/Theme boxes

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Materials can be checked out for up to two months at a time.

View materials at [www.cdctn.org](http://www.cdctn.org)

- ◇ Click on programs; scroll down to CCR&R; click on lending library
- ◇ Fill out request form on first page
- ◇ Submit request

OR

Check out materials at:

111 Shelbyville Hwy Fayetteville, TN.

Or

Phone 931-438-2322 or call your R & R Specialist



## Upcoming Dates & Events

### October

- Columbus Day (10/10/11)
- United Nations Day
- Say "Hey" Day (10/25/11)
- Candy Corn Day (10/30/11)
- Halloween (10/31/11)

### November

- Daylight Savings Time (11/6/11)
- Hug A Bear Day (11/7/11)
- Veterans Day (11/11/11)
- World Kindness Day (11/13/11)
- World "Hello" Day (11/21/11)
- Thanksgiving Day (11/24/11)
- Cake Day (11/26/11)

### December

- International Hug Day (12/4/11)
- St. Nicholas Day (12/6/11)
- Christmas Card Day (12/9/11)
- Christmas Carol Day (12/19/11)
- Hanukkah (12/20/11)
- Christmas Tree Light Day 12/22/11

## Laminating & Die Cutting

### Services

Mon-Thurs

8:00-4:30



## Die Cuts

Uppercase Alphabet

Lowercase Alphabet

Number

Shapes

Months

Farm Animals (cow, pig, horse, sheep)



## Seasonal Items



## CCR&R Holiday Closing Schedule



Thanksgiving Closing

November 24 & 25, 2011



Christmas Closing

December 26-30, 2011



New Year Closing

January 2, 2012

# !!!!!!!Changes to the CCR&R!!!!!!!

## Training

- ⇒ Training hours have been reduced.
- ⇒ You will now register for trainings by calling the cell phone of the specialist hosting the training or email them. This information is provided for you on the calendar.
- ⇒ When you call have the training date and all of the names of participants ready.
- ⇒ You can help by attending the workshops you



**Calendar & Newsletter** online at  
tncrr.org

Look for South Central CCR&R

In order to receive an electronic calendar and newsletter from your CCR&R, please complete the sign up form at

[www.ParentsKnowKidsGrow.org/signup](http://www.ParentsKnowKidsGrow.org/signup)

and choose Child Care Provider

under "I AM A."

You may unsubscribe from this service at any time.



parents know, kids grow

If you would like to receive emails from CCR&R please call the office or send an email to [christi.warhurst@cdctn.org](mailto:christi.warhurst@cdctn.org)

These emails would include but not be limited to :

- ◆ Quarterly TNCCPT Calendars
- ◆ Training cancellations/changes
- ◆ Office closures due to weather or holidays

## Hours of Operation

### Office

Office hours are M-Thurs

8:00-4:30

Beginning July 1, our office is closed on Fridays.

111 Shelbyville Hwy

Fayetteville, TN. 37334

931-438-2322

Our phone line may be busy as we have cut back to one line. If you experience this, please continue to try to contact us or contact your specialist.



# Familiar Faces



Laurel Stone  
931-639-4613  
laurel.stone@cdctn.org

Service Area: Coffee, Franklin, Lincoln, Moore and the following in Bedford: The Nutury, Barnyard Kids, Faith and Honor, Circle of Friends, Building Blocks of A, B & D, Miss Menza's, Kiddie Kingdom, Bedford Early Head Start, Kiddie Kare, Emma Lily's, Shelbyville Head Start, Kiddie Kare II, Miss Judie's, Toddler Time.



Gayle Martin  
931-639-4178  
gayle.martin@cdctn.org

Service Area: Hickman & Maury (except for south Maury—see below to Kelly Voss) and Marshall (with exceptions—see below to Holly Kinslow)



Kelly Voss  
931-639-4273  
kelly.voss@cdctn.org

Service Area: Giles, Lawrence, Lewis, Perry, Wayne and South Maury( Kiddie Cottage, YMCA Fun Co. Mt Pleasant, Holly's Playhouse II).



Holly Kinslow  
931-639-3515  
holly.kinslow@cdctn.org

Service Area: Marshall– Marshall Co Head Start I & II, Noah's Ark & Noah Ark@Chapel Hill, K's & J's Group Child Care  
Bedford: Little Miracles, Cuddles and Crayons, Little Rascals, Reed's Love N Care, Country Kids, Sweet Peas, Wartrace Head Start, Wartrace Wee Champs, Learning Tree Head Start, Stay N Play, Community Clubhouse, Kids R Us, Tonya's Tots, Farm Dayz, Children's Learning Center



Karen Lock, Infant/Toddler  
Specialist  
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Services Area: all thirteen counties



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