



School Readiness Coalition of Sarasota County, Inc

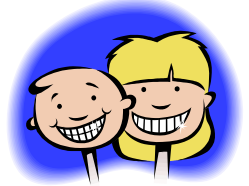
July 2004 Newsletter

Hello to All Early Childhood Educators!!

DIRECTORS—PLEASE POST THIS NEWSLETTER AND SHARE WITH YOUR TEACHERS!

Come and Visit Child Care Connection of Sarasota!!

The Child Care Connection of Sarasota is now operational. The address is 2888—D Ringling Boulevard Sarasota FL 34237, located in the Gold Tree Plaza second floor. The phone number is 556-1600. A drop box for providers will soon be installed. Until then please send all mail, including attendance sheets, contracts etc to this location.



Provider Agreements and Assessments

Thanks to all providers who have signed and sent in their Early Childhood Education Provider Agreements!! There are still a few of you who have not signed and returned the agreement. We need to have these as soon as possible in order for you to be eligible for School Readiness support and services.

The Coalition is implementing a new process this year. We are responsible to the state to ensure that all children in Sarasota County are attending child care sites that meet or exceed state standards of quality. Enclosed is the final version of the Provider Self Assessment. This is in conjunction with the Provider Agreement, and is the second part of the process of the Coalition ensuring that all providers have appropriate practices in place. The Coalition decided to implement a Provider Assessment process that makes you, the provider, the central element in developing your individualized Quality Improvement Plan. This assessment also includes five Reflective Checklists adopted from the DECA Program, and is compatible with the ECERS/ITERS tool. ***We are asking you to use the forms enclosed to honestly and thoroughly evaluate your own program and practices and return this to the Coalition Office by August 15th.*** (Keep the Reflective Checklists for your own use.) We fully expect that each provider will have some area that they are working on improving, as it is unreasonable to expect that every area will be fully met. SCTI will be able to use your self assessment to assist you in working towards your identified goals. Additionally it gives the Coalition systematic information that could be used when planning conferences, workshops and quality enhancement services for providers. During the two Provider Meetings held in June, Providers gave feedback on the draft version of this document. All suggestions were implemented and have been placed in the final version. Thank you to all who gave us input!! As always feel free to contact the Coalition with any questions or concerns.

JUST A REMINDER...CURRICULUM DAY 2004 IS JULY 31ST

PINE SHORES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 8:30am to 1:00pm \$10 per person

CEUs available through SCTI for \$10

This event is for all Early Childhood Professionals!!

For more information or to receive a Registration Form Contact Chandra Ryan 685-4290

DISASTER TRAINING GUIDES FREE!!

You can download Emergency Preparedness Guides free at:
www.brighthorizons.com/talktochildren/EmergencyPlan

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Letter to Providers from Chandra Ryan



Dear Sarasota County Child Care Providers,

I am taking this opportunity to share with you that after July 31st I will no longer be employed with the School Readiness Coalition of Sarasota County, Inc. My husband and I have decided to move to the Florida Panhandle in order to be closer to our families. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of you and throughout the year was constantly amazed by the dedication and love that you have for this profession. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to come and visit your sites and get to know you. Meeting and talking with providers has been the highlight of my job! I hope to see many of you at the Curriculum Day to say a personal goodbye.

Chandra Ryan

"Is Anybody Listening? I Need Help!"

Parents and Child Care Providers alike experience this feeling at one time or another.

Our future training topics may peak your interest while offering strategies to implement in your classroom or at home.

- Supporting Children with **Challenging Behaviors**
- What is **Sensory Integration**? How can I support a child with Sensory needs?
- I Can't Understand what my Child is Saying. **Simple Sign Language** to enhance communication.



Check School Readiness Training Calendar on their website for dates/locations.

www.sarasotaschoolreadiness.org

For workshop times, locations and provider training forms please contact

Traci Knight at The Florida Center for Child & Development
to register at 412-9186 extension 18.

Other trainings available upon request



See Our Website for the Sarasota School Readiness Coalition! Minutes of meetings and scholarship applications are posted. A calendar of meetings is also available, as well as a section for you to exchange Information and ideas. Look us up and give us your feedback!

www.sarasotaschoolreadiness.org

The Coalition Office Can Be Reached At
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Scholarships available through the Coalition for the ECA conference! First come, first served until funds run out! To receive one, simply send in your completed ECA conference registration form to the Coalition. We will pay the registration fees. You are responsible for hotel and travel arrangements!!

If any director or teacher would like to receive a copy of this newsletter in their email box next time, just email us at one of the above addresses to be added to the list!

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