



Resource & Referral Center

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Children Count

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Celebration of Children

The **Week of the Young Child** is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. The Week of the Young Child is April 19-25.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

The Family Resource Center is in the process of coordinating a "Book Drive" to celebrate the Week of the Young Child. Watch for updates!

Family Resource Center

Our offices are now located at 1600 North Coalter St., Suites 11 & 12B, in Staunton. Resource Center hours are 8:30—5:00 daily. The Quality Child Care Initiative operates on a limited schedule; please call ahead. Additional information can be found at www.FRCenter.org.

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What is the CSEMS Council?

We've received a number of inquiries about the CSEMS Council and the services they provide, so we thought we'd share a little information with you.

The State of Virginia operates 11 Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) offices, one of which — the Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council— is located on West Beverley St. in Staunton. Our region encompasses the Counties of Augusta, Highland, Bath, Rockingham and Rockbridge. Cities served are Staunton, Harrisonburg, Waynesboro, Lexington and Buena Vista. The overall goal is to provide the highest quality emergency medical care possible to those in need.

The Family Resource & Referral Center partners with the CSEMS Council to offer the American Heart Association First Aid and CPR trainings. Many of you have met **Chandra Traylor**, the Community Training Center Coordinator. Chandra is the person responsible for organizing and teaching the courses in addition to maintaining administrative records and providing certification cards.

The Community Training Center (CTC) began operation in 1999. The numbers of people associated with and trained by the CTC continues to increase each year. The local office actually issues more certification cards than many other larger Training Centers in Virginia. Yeah, Chandra!

If you have spare time, many of the local fire and rescue agencies are in need of help and would be thrilled to have new members. There are different ways that you can help, and most agencies do not require training prior to joining. For more information, contact the CSEMS Council office at 540-886-3676.

QCCI Monthly Trainings

The Quality Child Care Initiative will continue the coordination of CPR/First Aid and Daily Health Observation courses. Pre-registration is required through our office —540.245.5437 or SarahFoster@ntelos.net. The cost is \$10.00 per course.

CPR/First Aid

March 7	8:00 am—1:00 pm Saturday
March 16	5:00 pm—10:00 pm Monday
April 23	5:00 pm—10:00 pm Thursday
May 18	5:00 pm—10:00 pm Monday

**Location is the CSEMS Council Training Center at 2312 W. Beverley St. Staunton*

Daily Health Observation

Tuesday, March 10: 6:30—8:30 pm
**Location -Staunton Health Dept at 1414 N. Augusta St.*

Tuesday, May 12: 6:30—8:30 pm
**Location— Waynesboro Health Dept at 211 West 12th St.*

Trainings at BRCC discontinued

The Department of Social Services has recently published the schedule of Spring Training courses. Blue Ridge Community College is no longer a workshop location. In order to fill this void, we have increased the number of local workshops offered through the QCCI.

There are a number of trainings available in Charlottesville and Richmond. If you would like to receive a .pdf version of the DSS Spring 2009 Training catalog, send an email request to SarahFoster@ntelos.net.

Child Development Associate (CDA)

If you are looking to advance your career in the early childhood profession, one avenue may be to earn the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. Someone with a CDA credential would be well trained to work in either a child care center or family child care home.

In order to be start the CDA assessment process, the candidate must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or GED. He or she must have at least 480 hours of experience working with children plus 120 clock hours of formal child care education within the past five years. The training hours must be documented and cover a variety of topics, such as safety, child development, professionalism, and observation.

For more information on the CDA Credentialing process, which is handled by the Council for Professional Recognition, visit www.CDAcouncil.org or contact the Council directly at 1.800.424.4310.

Sticky Paper Picture/Collages

This is a fun activity for older infants and toddlers. Gather together old scraps of tissue paper or multi-colored wrapping paper, cotton balls, feather, fabric strips and other lightweight items.

Cut a large piece of contact paper. Very carefully remove the backing, and using masking tape, tape the contact paper — sticky side out— on a refrigerator, easel or other hard surface.

Let young children select materials and stick them right onto the contact paper. You can even leave this up for days and children can add to it as they like.

Provider Profile

Rebecca Patton is the Interim Director at the Waynesboro YMCA Children's Learning Center. The facility has 75 enrollees year-round and in the summer, they take on two additional locations with 25 children at each site. They are currently enrolling for summer camp and looking forward to lots of fun activities.

Rebecca began working in child care in 2001 and has held roles as school-age assistant, Pre-K Lead Teacher and Assistant Director. She recently started working on her Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and has been able to use some of the CDA coursework material to guide staff as they transition into different roles at the center. Upon completing her CDA program, she hopes to be promoted permanently into the Director's position at the YMCA.

Rebecca lives in Stuarts Draft with her husband and 12-year-old son, Derek. Both parents are very active in Derek's sporting events, which include football, basketball, and soccer. They have kept busy with coaching, fundraising, scorekeeping, and more since he began playing sports at the age of 4. Best of luck in your CDA training, Rebecca! Thanks for all you do.