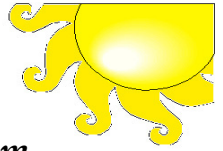


FAMILY FOCUS



A newsletter from the DDI VANTAGE Early Intervention Program

JUNE 2011



FOCUS ON STAFF

Meghan Boyd - Early Intervention Employee of the Quarter - Quarter 1, 2011



As a Special Educator Meghan is the ultimate professional while in the home with the children and families that she sees.

Her supervisor has spent time with her in the homes to observe her interaction with her families and noticed that the families are drawn to Meghan. They look to her for guidance, support and truly appreciate what she does for them. Meghan is at the top of her game and it shows. She takes the time and the energy to research topics applicable to the children that she sees, she takes families important information and resources, and helps them problem solve and make developments with their children.

Meghan is also the Play 'n Learn Lead. She is able to keep up to date with all that is going on with the four different sites, keep the teachers informed of important information and new decisions, and she handles this position with ease. The lead teachers admire her and look to her for direction.

Meghan also has a full case load and helps out with our two additional evaluation days. Again, all of this she handles with ease. Her ability to organize and prioritize her work is amazing. She is able to see all her kids, do the evaluations and do it with a wonderful disposition.

Also, during the last quarter, *(continued)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2011

June 8
Positive Discipline
East Site 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Child care is available, please call at least 24 hours in advance.
801-266-3939

June 9
Me & My Guy
Tooele Site 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Bring your child to this class.
435-833-0725

June 15
Potty Training
West Site 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Child care is available, please call at least 24 hours in advance.
801-957-0855



June 18
Building Up Fathers & Families
(B.U.F.F.) Activity
Call 801-268-0056 for details.

June 21
Positive Discipline
Duchesne County Site
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Child care is available, please call at least 24 hours in advance.
435-722-3008

July 2011

July 4
Independence Day
DDI VANTAGE Closed

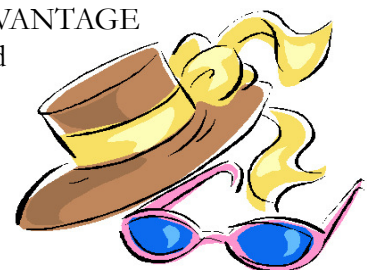
July 12
Pre-reading/Story Time
East Site 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Bring your child to this class.
801-266-3939

July 14
Potty Training
Tooele Site 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Child care is available, please call at least 24 hours in advance.
435-833-0725

July 15
Pre-reading/Story Time
West Site 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Bring your child to this class.
801-957-0855

July 19
Musical Activities/Learning
Through Play and Music
Duchesne County Site
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bring your child to this class.
435-722-3008

July 25
Pioneer Day
DDI VANTAGE
Closed



FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT

Developmental Milestones and Activities for 0-3 months

Over the next few months we will highlight some developmental milestones for different age groups, starting this month with 0-3 months.

Developmental Milestones

You can expect an infant age 0-3 months to reach the following developmental milestones:

- Rolls side to back.
- Lifts and turns head on tummy.
- Stares at bright objects and people.
- Sees best at 8 to 12 inches.
- Waves arms and kicks legs.
- Makes cooing sounds.
- Reach for and bats at nearby objects.
- Glances slowly from one object to another.

Activities

- Remember to place your face and objects, such as toys, about 8 to 12 inches away from your infant's face and move them slowly from side to side to practice head control and visual tracking.
- When awake, have your baby spend time on their tummy on the floor or on your chest to strengthen the muscles in their neck, back and arms to prepare for later crawling.
- Talk, sing and smile while holding your baby.
- Repeat sounds your baby makes, such as "ah" and "oh".
- Place a mobile overhead to reach and bat at suspended toys.
- Hold two objects that make noise in front of your baby. First ring one, then the other, allowing your baby time to look at each one.
- Place your baby on a side lying position, use a toy to gain attention, then move the toy so baby rolls from side to back.
- Tie a music box or soft musical toys to the crib.

FOCUS ON HEALTH & SAFETY

Open Water Safety

Utah has received an unusual amount of moisture over the last few months. As the weather heats up, the snow in the mountains melts. Rivers and streams are already nearly overflowing and we are bound to have a lot of swift water as the spring run-off increases. Utah is one of the top ten states for swift water drownings. In addition to the high speed, water levels are running high.

Because it is summer and temperatures are finally warming up, many families will be taking vacations. For many, this includes camping and other outdoor activities. Here are a few tips and reminders to help you and your family stay safe around open water this summer:

- Never swim alone, no matter how calm the water is. Even good swimmers can have trouble.
- Children should always be supervised in or near the water. For younger children keep them at no more than an arm's length away.
- Do not dive or allow your children to dive until you have thoroughly inspected the depth of the water and checked for objects that may be hiding underneath the surface.
- Ocean swimming should only be allowed when a lifeguard is on duty.
- Be aware of the temperature of the water you are near. In water temperatures of 50° F, hypothermia can onset in 30 minutes. The initial shock of being immersed in 50° F water can cause almost instantaneous cardiovascular collapse in some people.
- Fast moving water will easily sweep the feet from under a full sized adult and conceals rocks, logs, and other objects which a person can be trapped in or dashed against.
- Never go near swift water alone. Once caught in swift moving water or low-head dams it is almost impossible to get out without the assistance of another person.
- If you are caught in swift moving water, roll onto your back and put your feet in front of you to ward off rocks, logs and other obstacles; try to propel yourself to one side of the stream.
- Call 9 1 1 immediately if anyone is struggling in water.

Visit the American Academy of Pediatrics Website for more summer safety tips at www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/summertips-p2.cfm.

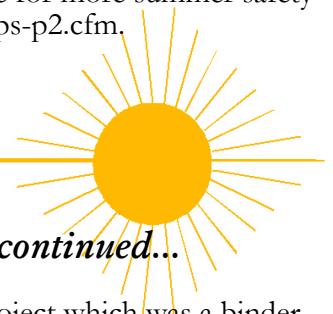
Have a fun, safe and healthy summer!

FOCUS ON STAFF *continued...*

Meghan helped collect, compile and organize a project which was a binder full of different diagnosis, early intervention information, techniques and ideas to work with the children. We made one for every site and gave them out in March. She was instrumental in us having that valuable resource available to everyone in the agency.

On top of all her hard work and dedication to helping families. Meghan is fun to be around, she is able to smile, laugh and you know she is enjoying her day.

Congratulations Meghan!



FOCUS ON COMMUNITY

CARE Fair

The Junior League of Salt Lake City is made up of 555 women who are committed to building better communities. Members are career women, working mothers, stay-at-home moms, and full-time and part-time volunteers. Although they may represent a variety of races, religions and ethnic origins, they are brought together by a common vision to identify the needs and create positive change for all women, children and families through collaborative programs and effective advocacy by providing time, money, volunteers and leadership for our community.

The Junior League Community Assistance and Resource Event (CARE) Fair is an annual, two-day event organized and directed by the Junior League of Salt Lake City for families needing routine medical services and community assistance information. Typically, major barriers (i.e., time, language, financial, and transportation constraints) prevent some Utah families from receiving many basic health and human services. The Junior League CARE Fair eliminates many of these barriers by bringing together community agencies and medical service providers at one time and in one place. The medical services are provided free of charge at the Junior League CARE Fair!

Parents and children may apply for and receive services from 50 different community agencies; receive free medical examinations and immunizations as well as physicals, hearing, vision and dental screening, diabetes and cholesterol screening, breast exams and HIV testing. Vouchers for free mammograms off-site are made available. Participants may be eligible for health and safety related items such as car seats, bike helmets, etc.

This year the Junior League CARE Fair will be held:

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16

Horizonte Instruction and Training Center, 1234 S. Main St.

If you would like more information about the Junior League CARE Fair, please call 801-355-1868.

FOCUS ON LEARNING LINK

Fatherhood Involvement by Raquel Webster, EHS Community Partnerships Facilitator

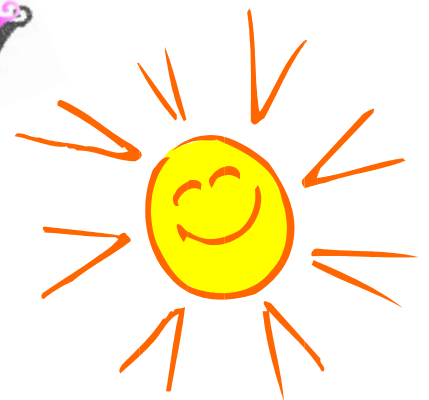
"It was a nice opportunity to share time with my kids. I love these kinds of activities and look forward to more FUN!" This is what our fathers are saying about Early Head Start's Building Up Fathers and Families (B.U.F.F.) program. It is very exciting for us to be able to share these special moments with fathers or male role models and their children.

Each parent offers a unique style in parenting and when combined can offer their children a balanced and nourishing home life. B.U.F.F. provides an opportunity for these fathers or male role model to engage with their children offering encouragement and education on the importance of their role. All activities are open to Early Intervention and Early Head Start fathers or male role models. This year we have built football goal posts, decorated and planted a flower, and in June join us as we sail away with our home made boats! Check our calendar of events each month for upcoming dates.

Join the DDI VANTAGE staff at our **EXPANDED**

Family Fun Day

Thursday, June 16, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at Wheeler Farm
6351 S. 900 E.



Bring lunch for your family, stay and enjoy all the activities available at Wheeler Farm. Questions? Call 801-266-3939 ext 141.



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