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BUILDING BLOCKS

For Strengthening Families

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



The staff of Self Help Inc./Community Partnerships for Children would like to thank our legislators for their participation in our annual Literacy Month project. The children and teachers at our preschool sites also thank you for the time you have spent reading with them. The following is the list of Senators and Representatives who read to the children.

Senator Marc Pacheco

Senator Karen Spilka

Senator James Timilty

Representative Bruce Ayers

Representative Christine Canavan

Representative Stephen Canessa

Representative Virginia Coppola

Representative Robert Coughlin

Representative Geraldine Creedon

Representative Joseph Driscoll

Representative William Galvin

Representative Louis Kafka

Representative Elizabeth Poirier

Representative Richard Ross

Representative William Straus

Representative Kathy Teahan

We would also like to thank you at this time for your ongoing support of CPC and the families and preschoolers we serve. Please inform Governor Deval Patrick about the importance of CPC and the role it plays to offset childcare costs to parents as well as provide support and education through individual observations of children, educational parenting speakers, workshops and Parent-Child playgroups. CPC also supports our providers with the following services: * NAEYC accreditation training * CDA certification support and training * Workshops * Annual Visits etc.. These services are all designed to ensure the continued quality of the preschools and childcare sites in our CPC.

Some of you have already expressed an interest in participating in our next literacy project in March for **Read Across America**. We are eagerly looking forward to your contribution to this project. This year there will be a special **50th birthday** celebration of the book, **The Cat in the Hat** along with **Project 236** which commemorates the 236 words that became the book, **The Cat in the Hat**. If you have not participated yet, please consider becoming part of our project by contacting Chris Pietroski @508-559-1666 x 122 or cpietroski@selfhelpinc.org to sign up. Research continues to show how vital early education and the importance of reading is to the future of our youngest citizens!

Up-Coming Workshops/Events

PLAY & LEARN

Parent Child Activity!

Facilitated by:

Parent/Child Behavior Specialists

CPC is currently offering several Preschool Play & Learns in many towns. Play & Learns are a 1 hour play groups based on an educational theme and an activity that corresponds. All parents are welcome to join their local Play & Learn. Please call your local library listed below and ask for the children's librarian to reserve a seat.

Canton Library

Feb.7th, & March 7th, 1 - 2

781-821-5027

Norton Library

Feb. 8th, & March 8th, 10:30—11:30

508-285-0265

Sharon Library

Feb.14th, & March 14th, 1 - 2

781-784-1578 x 30

Holbrook Library

Feb.20th, & March 20th, 1 - 2

781-767-3644

Dedham Library

Feb.28th, & March 28th, 1 - 2

781-751-9283

Wrentham Fisk Library

Feb. 28th & March 21 1—2

508-384-6440

Plainville Library

Feb. 14th, 10:30—11:30

508-695-1784

Jeanine Fitzgerald

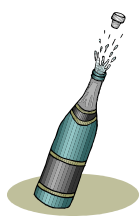
April 11th, 2007 @ 6:30

**@ Southeastern Vocational
Don't POP Your Cork!**

Call Karen Mitchell

NOW to register!

508-559-1666 x 115



Building Blocks for Strengthening Families

(Positive Parenting)

Being a parent today is challenging and sometimes overwhelming. It doesn't come with a set of instructions. Even the best of parents could use a little INFORMATION (4-1-1) on how to respond to those challenges. This workshop will help parents understand the ages and stages of development as well as give positive discipline strategies.

February 7th, Wednesday, 6:30—8:00

Tiny Treasures Child Care

184 Central St., Stoughton

Call Karen Mitchell at 508-559-1666 x 115 to register!

The Magic Bag

Develop A Bag of Tricks and Tools to Improve Behavior

Workshop for Dedham Family Child Care Providers

March 1st, Thursday, 7:00—9:00 pm

Location: TBA

Call Marsha Wright for more info: 508-559-1666 x 124

Understanding Temperament & Expression of Feelings in Young Children

What is temperament and how does it influence the everyday behaviors of children? How can we help children with difficult temperamental traits to learn and grow? We will discuss these questions as well as learn techniques to help children understand their feelings and express them in appropriate ways.

March 21st, Wednesday, 6:30—8:30

Boyden Public Library,

10 Bird St., Foxboro

Call Nancy Swirka at 508-559-1666 x 116 to register!

Positive Discipline Strategies to Raising Independent Children

Sponsored by the Dedham Parent Time Group @

The Dedham Community House

March 15th, Thursday, 7:00—8:30

Call Marsha Wright at 508-559-1666 x 124 for more info!

Coffee Talk Series! ROCKLAND

The Family Network, 24 James St. Rockland

February 5th, @ 10:00 Positive Discipline

& March 12th, @ 10:00 Tantrum Troubles

Call the Family Network at 781-681-9736 to register!

Limited Childcare Available!

Coffee Talk Series! SHARON

Striar Hebrew Academy

February 12th, @ 9:15 Positive Discipline Strategies

& March 14th, @ 9:15 Making Peace With Your Stress

Call Marsha Wright @ at 508-559-1666 x 124 to register!

Joy to the Children Update

Happy New Year!

Wow! 2006 came and went in a blink of an eye as do all the past years. We can only hope that 2007 will be a good year for us all. What we can tell you about the year 2006 is that we found people to be more generous than ever.

The CPC program helped approximately 305 children through the Joy to the Children Project. This would have been impossible without the help of our sponsors. The CPC staff got to be Santa's helpers by loading their sleighs to pick up packages for all the children. We were all filled with such a warm wonderful spirit which is what the holidays are supposed to be all about.

We wish all of you were here to see the looks on the parents faces as they received their packages. Some were so overwhelmed with the generosity of their sponsors, they cried. It truly was a great way to end 2006. We would also like to say thank you to the providers that brought in gifts to the December council meetings. They were greatly appreciated.



All the presents in this picture were donated by the Holbrook Family Day Care Association which was hosted by a newcomer to our partnership, Jean Elliot!

Peggy Bandarra...Maples Little Angels
 Leslie Bishop...Stoughton's Mom's Club
 Stephen Collins...Stephco Cleaning Co.
 Desiree Damigella...Four Seasons
 Kim Derksen...Children's World
 Kellie Dewar...East Bridgewater Library
 Jean Elliot...Holbrook Family Daycares
 Pat Foley...Self Help Inc...Head Start
 Daune Fry...Brockton Hosp. Patient Acc.
 Maureen Johnson...Brown Bear Academy
 Susan King...Bridgewater Mom's Club
 Karen Kunevich...Blue Hills Montessori
 Linda McAlear...Brockton Hosp. Physical Therapy
 Pat McDougal...Gifts for Kids
 Cheryl Myles...Share Council Chair
 Anne Vantran...E. Bridgewater Library
 Maureen Marquis...Crayon College
 Carol Cohen...UCG/Dedham
 Community Partnership Staff...Avon

Lisa Curley...Small Fry
 Sue Cotillo...My Playschool
 Jon Carlson...Self Help Inc.
 Chris Couto...Self Help Inc.
 Marge Molina...Self Help Inc.
 Sandy Beyer...Self Help Inc.
 Norma Wang...Self Help Inc.
 Larry Mohammed...Reebok
 Kim Eldred...Norfolk
 Gabrielle Mahoney...Hanover
 Ginny Sawyer...Friendly Faces
 Marge Pond...Active Learners
 Sue Nourse...Starbucks
 Marla Seelye...Rockland Trust
 Vera Webb...United Liquors
 Lisa Johnson...Bridgewater
 Jay Mitchell...Marshfield
 Blaine Van Dyne...Lakeshore

Literacy Corner

Submitted by Chris Pietroski, Literacy & Language Specialist

Attention Centers: Call Chris if you are interested in hosting one of these workshops at your site!

Making Literacy Bags – Learn how to create an exciting literacy container filled with fun activities for the children! (1 hour)

Make Your Own Materials – Learn how to make materials using simple and easily available materials! (1 hour)

Guided Reading – This training is geared for older preschoolers who have begun reading. (1 hour)

New Materials: DVD Training: Mother Goose Is On the Loose! (Lisa Murphy – The Ooey Goey Lady) Providers can earn 45 minutes of training by viewing this DVD and completing the evaluation. Call or email Chris at 508-559-1666 x120, cpietroski@selfhelpinc.org to borrow this great material!

Upcoming Literacy Project: (March) **Read Across America**

This year The Cat in the Hat turns 50! A special project called, Project 236 commemorates the 236 words which became The Cat in the Hat. There are many events and activities scheduled nationwide to celebrate this ground-breaking book!

Call or email Chris to sign-up for this literacy project. Once again our legislators will be joining us as we promote the literacy development of our preschoolers!

