

All Our Kids Early Childhood Network

Rock Island County

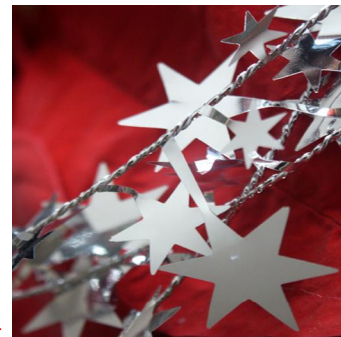


What's Happening in AOK this month...

Snazzy Snapshots Training for Early Childhood Administrators

Would you like to discover creative ways to incorporate digital creations into your program as tools to help you communicate information with parents and staff? Have you been looking for ways to use your digital camera to create colorful portfolios, photo books and websites that are sure to impress? Learn more about a technology training hosted by McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership on February 18th by [clicking here!](#)

December 2009



Safe from the Start Support Group

The Safe from the Start Support Group meets every Thursday from 1:00-2:30 pm at the Child Abuse Council. Weekly sessions of this group focus on education, information, shared experiences and support for non-offending parents of children who have been exposed to violence. This group is open to the public. For more information contact Safe from the Start at 309/786.1466. Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Spotlight Agency

BLACK HAWK COLLEGE EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Black Hawk College has a variety of opportunities for those looking for coursework in early care and education! Contact [Chris Bachelder](#) for more information or visit bhc.edu.

Adoptive Families Relationship Enhancement Retreats

Relationship Enhancement Retreats are interactive, free and open to couples who have adopted, taken guardianship or are working towards adoption or guardianship of a foster child. Relationship Enhancement Retreats cover topics such as: Communication, Commitment, Friend-

ship, Expectations and Conflict Resolution. [More Details](#) on dates and signing up.

Event Marketing

Would you like help advertising your programs and/or events? Mary McNeil is available to work with you on media coverage!

Download [this](#) media request form and send it on to [Mary](#) for more information!

Resources Available in Spanish

Free ESL & GED Classes!

The [Child Welfare Trauma Training Toolkit](#) is designed to teach basic knowledge, skills, and values about working with children who are in the child welfare system and who have experienced traumatic stress. It also teaches how to use this knowledge to support children's safety, permanency, and well-being through case analysis and corresponding interventions tailored for them and their biological and resource families. [Download Here](#)

The [Back to Sleep campaign](#) is suitably named for its recommendation to place healthy babies on their backs to sleep. Placing babies on their backs to sleep reduces the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), also known as "crib death." This campaign has been successful in promoting infant back sleeping to parents, family members, child care providers, health professionals, and all other caregivers of infants. [Spanish Brochure](#), [Safe Sleep Poster in Spanish](#)



Domestic Violence ["You Are Not Alone"](#) Pamphlet [Spanish Pamphlet](#)

FREE ESL & GED Classes at Bethel Wesley Church [More Details](#)

Immigration Toolkit for Child Welfare Workers

The [Social Worker's Toolkit for Working with Immigrant Families: Immigration Status and Relief Options](#) is a resource to assist you in understand the implications of immigration issues and how they impact issues in child welfare, developing assessments to assist staff in gathering immigration facts and documents, and to understand the different potential immigration relief options available to assist a child or family member.

Dates to Remember This Month

November 12th-December 12th: Toys for Tots Sign-up Dates [More Details](#)

Monday, December 7th: Wee Wiggler Story Time, Moline Public Library [More Details](#)

Saturday, December 12th: Holiday Carnival for Children with Disabilities and Their Families
[More Details](#)

Saturday, December 12th: Rick's House of Hope-"Good Grief, It's Christmas!" [More Details](#)

Monday, December 14th: Healthy Kids Committee Meeting

Monday December 14th: Wee Wiggles Story Time/Little Tykes, Moline Public Library [More Details](#)

Tuesday, December 15th: Advocacy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 17th: Gingerbread Ornaments, Moline Public Library [More Details](#)

Wednesday, December 16th: MLK Community Center Annual Children's Christmas Party [More Details](#)

Thursday, December 17th: Parents as Leaders Committee Meeting

Monday, December 28th: Pajama Story Time, Moline Public Library [More Details](#)

Wednesday, January 6th: AOK Network Meeting

Friday, January 8th: Child Abuse Council Legislative Breakfast

Save the Dates

The AOK Network will be holding our Parent Outreach (this is not the final name) event on February 11th from 4:30-6:30 at Bethel Wesley Church. We are looking for agencies interested in hosting a booth. For more details [email April](#).

Be sure to mark your calendars for the [Child Abuse Council's](#) 2010 Children Exposed to Violence Conference. Next year's conference, *Merging Services in the Right Direction*, is scheduled for March 12th. [More Details](#)



Child Care Resource and Referral will be holding their annual Child Care Provider Recognition event at Stoney Creek Inn from 8:30-12:30 am on March 27th. Contact [Pam Lynch](#) for more information.

Support for Infant and Toddler Care

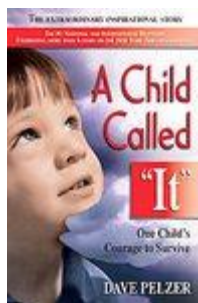
Child Care Resource & Referral now offers on-site assistance for centers and home caring for infants & toddlers. Contact [Diane Saelens](#), Infant Toddler Consultant, for more information.



Coming December 2009...Healthy Children is the only website backed by 60,000 AAP member pediatricians.

Healthychildren.org will provide trustworthy, up-to-the-minute health care advice and guidance for parents and caregivers, along with interactive tools and personalized content.

Upcoming Book Club Selection- A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive



David J. Pelzer's mother was, he writes in this ghastly, fascinating memoir, a devoted den mother to the Cub Scouts in her care, and somewhat nurturing to her children--but not to David, whom she referred to as "an It." This book is a brief, horrifying account of the bizarre tortures she inflicted on him, told from the point of view of the author as a young boy being starved, stabbed, smashed face-first into mirrors, forced to eat the contents of his sibling's diapers and a spoonful of ammonia, and burned over a gas stove by a maniacal, alcoholic mom. -Review taken from Amazon.com [More Details](#)

How did you like our new Rock Island County AOK Network e-newsletter? Please be sure to send us any suggestions or comments!

If you'd like to have any agency/community information in the AOK Network newsletters send them to April at ecc_aok@att.net by the first Tuesday of every month! Please be sure to let us know if there is a link with more information available.

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Questions or comments? E-mail us at ecc_aok@att.net or call 309/788.9995.

