



# Caring and Sharing

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## Week of the Young Child

April 16-20, 2018

### What is the Week of the Young Child™?

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, with nearly 80,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates. 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. NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child™ in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.



### Here are some ideas to celebrate this week:

#### \*Music Monday! Sing, Dance, Celebrate, and Learn

Through Music children develop math, language and literacy skills—All the while having fun and being active. This year, make up and record your own unique version of a song or write you own, and share it on NAEYC's Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc18. **Try This:** Find the beat to connect music, movement, and math. Practice clapping, drumming, or stomping to the beat of the music while counting.

#### \*Tasty Tuesday: Healthy eating and fitness at home and school

This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom. Create your own healthy snacks and share the recipes and photos of your creations on NAEYC's Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc18. **Try This:** Measure your ingredients while making your snacks! Ask children if they'd like the same or different amounts of each ingredient.



### Contact Information for You

#### Center for Early Childhood Professional Development

1-888-446-7608 [www.cecpd.org](http://www.cecpd.org)

#### Warmline — 1-888-574-5437

free telephone consultation for child care providers — covers behavioral and health related topics

#### Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Statewide — Brittany May

1-866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395

[www.okhighered.org/scholars](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars)

#### Pathway to CDA — Gina McPherson

1-866-343-3881

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#### Child Care Services County Offices

Carter Co. (580) 490-3600

Garvin Co. (405) 238-6461

Johnston Co. (580) 371-4000

Love Co. (580) 490-3600

Marshall Co. (580) 795-8100

McClain Co. (405) 527-6511

Murray Co. (580) 622-2186

OKfuskee Co. (918) 623-3100

Pontotoc Co. (580) 310-7050

Pottawatomie Co. (405) 878-4000

Seminole Co. (405) 257-7400

## Week of the Young Child Activities (continued)



### **\*Work Together Wednesday: Work together, Build Together, Learn together**

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material—from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home. Build and share pictures of children’s creations on NAEYC’s Facebook page or Twitter using the #woyc18 hashtag.

**Try This:** Practice organizing blocks by size! Try building a block tower with large blocks on the bottom and little blocks on top!



### **\*Artsy Thursday: Think, Problem Solve, Create**

Children develop creativity, social skills and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making. Use any materials—from crayons to paint, clay to crafts! Create and share photos of your children’s creations on NAEYC’s Facebook Page or Twitter using the #wyoc18 hashtag. **Try This:** Bring art outdoors! Offer dark and light paper, chalk and pastels, and suggest children create their own versions of day and night sky.

### **\*Family Friday: Sharing Family Stories**

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members’ role as young children’s first and most important teachers. Share pictures and stories about your family on NAEYC’s Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag #woyc18 as we celebrate the unique role families play in their children’s learning and development.

**Try This:** Invite parents for a Family Friday breakfast, where Children can prepare and share breakfast treats with their families!

*From [www.naeyc.org/woyc](http://www.naeyc.org/woyc)*



## RETIREMENT NEWS

Cheryl Bell will be retiring from East Central University on May 1, 2018. Georgiana Sullivan will still be available to assist you in any way. Please contact her by phone or email 580-559-5768 or geolsul@ecok.edu.

### On-Site Assistance Available for Your Family Child Care Home or Child Care Center Classroom

Please call 580-559-5768 or email us for the following services:  
Georgiana Sullivan geolsul@ecok.edu

On-site Assistance includes:

- ◆ Observation and suggestions for new teachers or those needing new ideas
- ◆ Room Arrangement, Transitions, Equipment Inventory, Behavior and Guidance
- ◆ Understanding of Basic Child Development, Building Relationships with Families
- ◆ Information on how to get started with Reaching for Stars Quality Improvement program
- ◆ Assisting Directors/Owners with Professional Development Plans, Contracts, Handbooks, Getting Signed Up on the Registry

We also offer help over the phone and by email. Give us a call or send us an email.

Do you have staff interested in  
taking college classes?  
Check out the  
Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program

#### What Is the Scholars Program?

The Scholars Program awards scholarships to eligible child care professionals to complete coursework in the area of child development or early childhood education, as well as the Child Development Associate (CDA) and Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) Credential Assessment. These scholarships enable child care providers in Oklahoma to improve their skills through education, receive an educational stipend and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

#### Mission Statement

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program ensures that eligible child care professionals in the state of Oklahoma have an opportunity to attend a technology center or community college to further their education while earning a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Certificate of Mastery, Director's Certificate of Completion, and/or an associate degree in child development or early childhood education.

#### Seminole State College — Child Development Courses

For Information on Classes at Seminole State College

Contact Brittany May, Scholar Coordinator at 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395

#### Murray State College—Child Development Courses

Contact: Amy McCain, at 580-387-7411 amccain@mscok.edu or

Brittany May, Scholar Coordinator at 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395



For information on Family & Consumer Sciences program at East Central University, please visit [www.ecok.edu](http://www.ecok.edu) or contact Ms. Jan Long at [jmlong@ecok.edu](mailto:jmlong@ecok.edu)

## UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

### Early Learning Guidelines — Infants, Toddlers & Twos

Saturdays, June 2 and 9, 2018 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Ada—ECU Child Care Resource Center Trainer: Juanita Hall

Cost: \$20 per person, 14 Hours FORMAL Training

This training meets the DHS Requirements for Master Teachers, but is open to anyone who works with this age group.

Must attend both Saturdays to receive credit.

Must pre-register at [www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org)

Online Course: [Reducing SIDS in Child Care](#)

[www.cecpdonline.org](http://www.cecpdonline.org) click on Catalog, scroll down to course title

Cost is \$20 per person

This course is a 3-hour FORMAL training and meets the DHS Licensing Requirement for Safe Sleep Training

Informal training may be obtained through webinars.

[www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com](http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com)

Care Courses has online courses that meeting Oklahoma's training requirements

[www.carecourses.com](http://www.carecourses.com)