

Great Start Newsletter

Crawford.Oscoda.Ogemaw.Roscommon.Iosco Counties



Early Childhood Conference

April 16, 2011

This spring The Great Start Collaborative will be hosting the 1st Annual Early Childhood Conference. The conference will be held Saturday, April 16, 2011, from 9:00am-3:00pm at Kirtland Community College. Registrations will start at 8:30, with a registration fee of \$7.00. Please note that scholarships are available to families.

There will be a variety of presenters and topics available on this day. Our keynote speaker will be Dan Hodgins, who will be presenting on "Brain Development" and also speaking on two other topics during out break out sessions.

Some topics of our break out sessions:

- **Sharing Food Tasks:** this presentation will prevent mealtime distress and to prevent parents/caregivers from becoming "short-order cooks" for their picky eaters.
- **Bullying:** For parents, childcare providers, or teachers, we will discuss importance of ending bullying, signs that a child is being bullied, and what steps to take to help your child feel secure and safe at school.
- **Controlled Silliness:** taking a look at ways to be silly with your child (ren) and being in control
- **Looking Through the Eyes of Boys and Girls:** looking at the differences between boys and girls in their learning styles, feelings and environmental needs.

There will also be childcare provided at the Warbler's Nest with many planned activities such as: Easter egg hunt and a performance from "Acting Up Theatre".

Hope to see you there!

Save the Date Events

January 26, 2011 Great Start Collaborative Meeting 1-12. @ KCC House

April 16th: Early Childhood Conference 9-3 @ KCC

May 19: Star Power in Lansing

Check out our website and event calendar:

<http://kidsgreatstart.org>



C.O.O.R. Special Education Department has made a four year commitment to donate to Early Childhood Resources. This years selection was "His Love Resources" located in Oscoda County.

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