



# THE ARKANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD LETTER



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO CHILDREN of North Central Arkansas

The North Central Child Care Resource Center has received Quality Assurance from Child Care Aware. This designation means that CHILDREN of North Central Arkansas meets quality standards established nationally for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies in delivering consumer education and referral services to families.

CHILDREN of North Central Arkansas is the first CCR&R in Arkansas to receive this designation. CHILDREN of North Central Arkansas is sponsored by White River Planning and Development District and serves families and communities in Baxter, Fulton, Randolph, Izard, Sharp, Lawrence, Independence, Stone, Cleburne, Jackson, Woodruff, White and Van Buren counties.

For more information call Debbie Webb at 870-793-5233 or visit their web site at <http://www.childrenofncar.org>

Many thanks to the 85<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and early childhood advocates for legislation to expand the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success by \$20 million over the next biennium and for extending the Beer Tax as well.

Additional legislation regarding early childhood programs is Act 1979 regarding transportation.

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## New Food Guide MyPyramid

**One size doesn't fit all.** USDA has released the MyPyramid food guidance system. Along with the new MyPyramid symbol, the system provides many options to help Americans make healthy food choices and to be active every day. For more information visit the USDA website at <http://www.mypyramid.gov/>.



### ATTN: SPECIAL NUTRITION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

- \*\*CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
- \*\* NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
- \*\* SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

The last day **REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS** will be accepted for payment by the Office of Special Nutrition Programs for the State Fiscal Year **2005 is Friday, June 17, 2005.**

Any Reimbursement Claims received after June 17, 2005, will be processed by the Financial Section beginning in the State Fiscal Year 2006 starting on Friday, July 8, 2005.

**NO EXCEPTIONS NO FAXED COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

## 2005 ANNUAL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM TRAINING

Attention National School Lunch Program Participants, the Annual Training for 2005 will be held July 13 - 14, 2005, for Private Schools and RCCI's (residential child care institutions) operating Day Schools. Training for RCCI's will be July 27 - 28, 2005. You will receive additional information in the near future. This is a mandatory training for Principals, Administrators, Food Service Directors and anyone else having direct contact with the school lunch program. Make plans to attend now!

Curtis Curry, Administrator, Vickie Stewart and Tina Walton, Grant Coordinators, in the Office of Special Nutrition Programs would like to thank you for all that you do in preparing great school breakfast and school lunch meals and being a participant in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast and Special Milk Program.

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The Arkansas Early Childhood Letter is an information service of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, Department of Human Services.



**To: All Voucher Child Care Participants**

The AASIS system will be shutting down in June to close out the 2005 State Fiscal Year. The deadline for billing will be June 16, 2005, at 8:00 P.M. The Day Care billing system will shut down at 8:00 P.M. on June 16, 2005. It will not re-open until early in July 2005. Billing to be processed will consist of June 1, 2005 until June 16, 2005. However, the volume on the VMX (telephone billing) and the Internet System will be extremely busy, so please submit your last billing beginning on the 10th of June until the deadline. Any billing not processed at this time must be concluded when the system reopens in July. Reminder: The run dates for vouchers will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Each provider should bill the remainder of June in July.

**NEW UP COMING EARLY  
CHILD CARE VOUCHER/  
ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM**



The Early Childhood Family Support is installing a new Child Care billing system in the up coming fiscal year. Your suggestions and ideas have been considered in this development. This new system will affect the telephone (VMX), Internet and Eligibility Departments. In the up-coming weeks, more information will be sent to you describing these changes.

A training manual will be made available to providers that will cover the complete billing process under the new system. However, we would like to know if you would be interested in attending training presentations that will cover the information in the manual. Please indicate by a telephone response (501-683-0032; 501-682-0490; 501-682-8947) if you would be interested. If there is enough desire for this, more information will be sent to you. Some of the changes to the Child Care System are: The Worksheet/Certificate of Authorization and Remittance Listing will be available by fax and internet. A new maintenance section will include the changing of passwords and pin numbers. The Internet and telephone billing processes will be simplified. This is just a few of the changes you will see in the up-coming year to better serve you as our providers.

## **NEW LAW ADDRESSED VANS AND BUSES USED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN IN CARE AT LICENSED PROGRAMS**

Act 1979 of 2005 states that all vehicles designed to transport more than seven (7) passengers and one driver shall have a child safety alarm device installed by a qualified technician or mechanic. The device required is an alarm that would sound if a staff member fails to walk to the rear inside of the vehicle and press a button to deactivate the system each time the motor is turned off. The intent is to prevent children from being left in the vehicle.

Vehicles currently in service in licensed programs must be fitted with this device no later than December 31, 2005. Newly licensed programs or vehicles newly purchased by existing programs after July 1, 2005 would require installation of the device prior to transporting children.

The Child Care Licensing Unit is currently in the process of adopting the provisions of this law for inclusion in the Minimum Licensing Requirements for both centers and homes. Licensing will not begin enforcement of the new law until the provisions become part of the licensing requirements. However, the law will take effect on July 1, 2005, for newly licensed programs and for newly purchased vehicles at existing programs. Law enforcement could begin issuing tickets for violations at that time. The Licensing Unit will maintain a list of all approved safety devices and of businesses offering approved installation. The list below was provided by the Arkansas Transit Association and will be expanded as additional information becomes available.

Child Check Mate/Child Check-Mate  
Systems, Inc.  
1-877-494-8222  
[www.childcheckmate.com](http://www.childcheckmate.com)

Bus-Scan/Robotics Technologies, Inc.  
1-800-995-6056

Sleeping Child Check Monitor/Dorn  
Manufacturing  
1-866-816-7233  
[www.roboticstech.com](http://www.roboticstech.com)

Child Reminder System/CRS Electronics  
1-888-330-6786  
[www.crselectronics.com](http://www.crselectronics.com)

The units must be installed by a qualified automotive technician following the manufacturer's installation guidelines. The following Arkansas companies have provided notification that they can furnish and install the warning systems. This list will be expanded as other companies are identified.

Arkansas Conversion Center, 712 Hwy 5 North, Benton, AR 1-800-633-7549

Central States Bus Sales, 420 Lake Lane, North Little Rock, AR 1-888-272-8737

Merl's Bus Sales, 2604 Industrial Park Rd, Van Buren, AR 1-800-776-2429

Ward Transportation Services, 450 South Amity, Conway, AR 1-800-364-9001

For more information, visit the website at [www.arkansas.gov/childcare](http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare) or contact the Licensing Unit at 501-682-8590 or 1-800-445-3316.



Healthy Start is an early approach to nutrition and physical activity. With obesity at epidemic proportions, parents and educators know the

importance of utilizing nutrition and physical activity programs that have been proven to work; programs that have evidenced based research supporting its findings.

Animal Tracker is the newest Physical Play program that has 10 units devoted entirely to motor skill development and getting kids up and moving. In addition to providing movement skill activities, it also focuses on Language and Literacy Readiness Skills-Comprehension and Math Readiness Skills.

It was created by the best and the brightest in the field of physical activity and educational content and meets all the newly established National Standards.

Healthy Hops, a 3 unit program, focuses on Healthy Eating and Healthy Play and can be used to supplement existing curriculums by providing a strong emphasis on nutrition and physical activity. Healthy Hops was adapted from the original comprehensive Healthy Start curriculum that has over 20 published papers attesting to its effectiveness.

Both programs have a family take home component to reinforce and practice important health and physical activity concepts with the family. "Research has shown that prevention is easier than treatment" and in order to truly prevent obesity, healthful behaviors must be introduced, modeled and reinforced early in childhood.

All of Healthy Start programs follow this philosophy and our activities are designed to be taught in the classroom and then reinforced again in the home with a Family Take Home component.

The Arkansas Resource Center has ordered a full set of Healthy Start for you to check out and view at your convenience. For more information you can contact Brinda Burr at 501-682-9699 or to order your own set visit Healthy Start at [www.Healthy-Start.com](http://www.Healthy-Start.com) or call 631-549-0010.

## APPROVED CURRICULUM FOR 2005-2006

The Curriculum Review Committee adopted the following as the definition of curriculum. Curriculum refers to the philosophy, goals, content, and instructional practices that guide learning. An effective curriculum is based on scientific research principles of child development and learning and is; thoughtfully planned, challenging and engaging, developmentally appropriate, built on prior learning experiences, culturally and linguistically responsive, comprehensive, and promotes positive outcomes. Here is a list, which is being recommended by the Curriculum Review Committee. The committee will continue to review curriculum for information please contact 501-682-9699.

### Selected for use as Comprehensive Curriculum

Comprehensive Preschool Program (Abrams & Co)  
Core Knowledge (Core Knowledge Foundation)  
Creative Curriculum (Teaching Strategies)  
Curiosity Corner (Success for All)  
DLM Early Childhood Express (McGraw-Hill)  
High Scope (High/Scope Educational Research Foundation)  
Opening the World of Learning (Pearson)  
Pebble Soup (Harcourt Achieve)  
Project Approach (Multiple sources)  
Pre K (Houghton Mifflin)  
Scholastic Early Childhood Curriculum (Scholastic)

### Selected for use as Supplemental Curriculum

Alligators to Zucchini (Great Source Education Group)  
Big Book Math (Abrams & Company)  
Big Book Science (Abrams & Company)  
Breakthrough to Literacy (McGraw Hill)  
Doors to Discovery (McGraw Hill)  
Every Day in Pre-K Math (Great Source Education Group)  
Growing into Reading (Great Source Education Group)  
Growing with Mathematics (McGraw-Hill)  
Stop and Think (Sopris West Education)  
The Letter People (Abrams)

**ASU CHILDHOOD SERVICES  
ANNOUNCES  
CDA CLASSES FOR 2005/2006**



The 128 clock hour CDA classes will be available at the following locations in:

<input type="checkbox"/> Blytheville	<input type="checkbox"/> Harrison	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Rock
<input type="checkbox"/> Bryant	<input type="checkbox"/> Heber Springs	<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia
<input type="checkbox"/> Camden	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Springs	<input type="checkbox"/> Marion
<input type="checkbox"/> Cave City	<input type="checkbox"/> Jacksonville	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Conway	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonesboro	<input type="checkbox"/> Paragould
<input type="checkbox"/> Fayetteville	<input type="checkbox"/> JB Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Bluff
<input type="checkbox"/> Forrest City	<input type="checkbox"/> JB Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> CDA Direct (CDA Online)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> JB Summer '06	*Other class sections will be formed as need arises.

ASU Childhood Services will offer the following CDA Endorsements in all class sites:  
Infant/Toddler, Preschool, and Family Child Care.

Please check the class site that you are interested in receiving further information and complete the form below. Mail to the address listed at the bottom of the page. Upon receipt of this form, you will be placed on the mailing list to receive an enrollment packet including specific class schedules, an enrollment form, and scholarship information.

Last 4 digits of SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(P.O. Box or Street)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

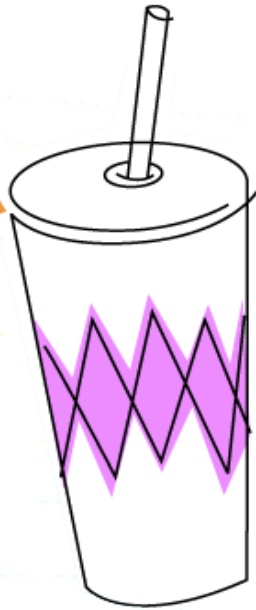
Day Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ASU Childhood Services, Virginia DeMaine, CDA Program Coordinator, P.O. Box 808, State University, AR 72467, (870) 972-3055 or 1-888-429-1585, Fax: (870) 972-3556, [cda@astate.edu](mailto:cda@astate.edu).

# SCHOOL HEALTH STANDARDS

(Arkansas Democrat-Gazette)



The Arkansas Board of Education voted to send out for public comment a set of policies it is considering adopting. Here are some of the highlights:

Beginning July 1, 2005, elementary schools may not serve, provide, sell or use as a reward any sodas, candy or foods that compete with the school's National School Lunch Program. Exceptions can be made for up to six events each school year. School above the elementary level may not allow students access to these foods until 30 minutes after the last lunch period has ended.

Elementary schools' food service departments would be prohibited from selling or giving extra servings of dessert, french fries and/or ice cream.

The policies do not restrict what parents may provide for their own child's lunch or snacks.

For vending machine contracts effective after July 1, 2005, beverages will be restricted to no more than 12 ounces per container.

A choice of two fruits and/or 100 percent fruit juices must be offered for sale whenever foods that compete with the school's National School Lunch Program.

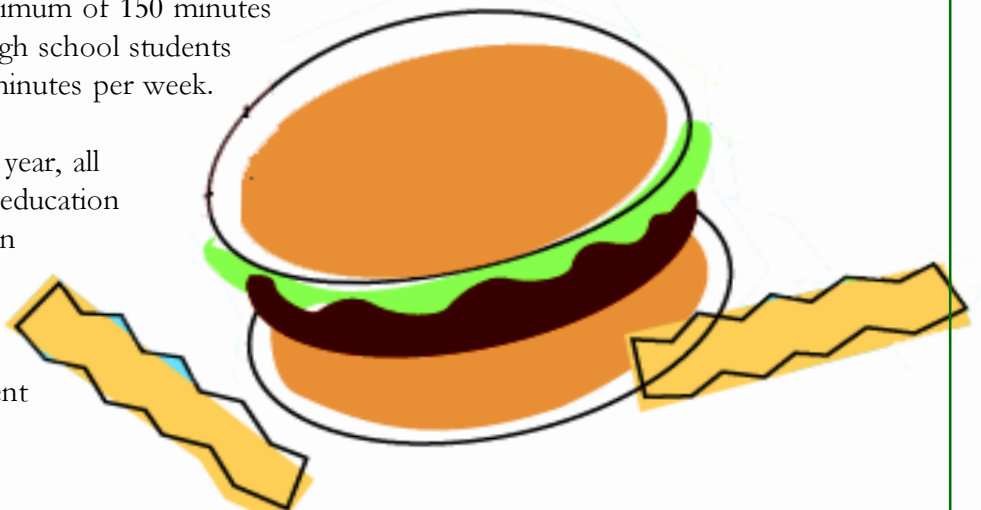
No food or beverage shall be used as rewards.

Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, the student to teacher ratio in a physical education class may not exceed the student to teacher ratio in other academic classes.

Beginning with the 2010 - 2011 school year, the Arkansas Department of Education will implement standards ensuring that elementary students receive daily physical education for a minimum of 150 minutes per week and middle and high school students receive a minimum of 225 minutes per week.

Beginning with 2012 school year, all personnel teaching physical education will hold a physical education certification appropriate for the grade level being taught.

Source: Arkansas Department of Education





### What is *Arkansas Strengthening Families Through Early Care and Education* ?

Arkansas is one of seven states to be selected through a nationwide RFP process to pilot a new, proven, cost-effective strategy to prevent child abuse and neglect. The strategy involves early childhood settings working with families to build protective factors around children (see right). ***Arkansas Strengthening Families*** is a collaborative initiative bringing together 23 partner organizations and state agencies from the child welfare, child abuse prevention, and early childhood fields as well as parents and community leaders. Rather than starting a new program, these partners are integrating existing strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect primarily through early care and education programs.

### What are the goals of the initiative?

- To increase awareness that strengthening families is central to quality child care
- To increase the number of early childhood programs that are working to prevent child abuse and neglect by building protective factors around children
- To improve working relationships among early childhood systems, child welfare systems, and child abuse prevention programs and initiatives
- To integrate prevention planning among state agencies with a family-centered approach that includes early childhood

### Who is involved?

Convened by the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education and the Division of Children and Family Services. ***Arkansas Strengthening Families*** is a collaboration among more than 23 agencies, organizations, and individuals working with young children and their families across the state (see Partners list). Nationally, partner organizations are the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Zero to Three, and the National Alliance of Children's Trust Funds.

## Protective Factors

With support from the **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**, the Center for the Study of Social Policy spent two years researching and identifying five protective factors that prevent child abuse and neglect. These are:

#### For adults:

- Parental resilience
- An array of social connections
- Adequate knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need

#### For children:

- Healthy social and emotional development

The result of extensive research of practices and literature, these factors are now the basis of ***Strengthening Families Through Early Care & Education*** initiatives in seven states: Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois, New Hampshire, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. For more information, visit [www.cssp.org](http://www.cssp.org)

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**



## PARTNERS

- AR DHS, Div. of Children and Family Services
- AR DHS, Div. of Child Care and Early Childhood Education
- AR Dept. of Health
- AR Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board/Children's Trust Fund
- AR Educational Television Network
- Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Dept. of Psychiatry
- AR Dept. of Ed./Grants and Early Childhood Initiatives
- AR Dept. of Ed./Special Ed.
- Central AR Association for the Ed. of Young Children (NAEYC Affiliate)
- Integrated Systems Development and Management (non-profit)
- AR Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- NW AR Child Care Resource and Referral Center
- AR Head Start Association - State Collaboration Project
- Paragould Public Schools/ Schools of the 21st Century
- AR Commission on Child Abuse, Rape & Domestic Violence
- AR Even Start Family Literacy
- AR Early Childhood Association
- AR Dept. of Education/Office of Education for Homeless Children & Youth
- AR Parent - Teacher Association
- AR 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- AR Centers for Effective Parenting

### How long will it last?

Over two years (Jan 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2006) partners will lay the foundation for work that is self-sustaining and institutionalized across systems.

### What results can we expect in Arkansas after two years?

- Four (4) early childhood "Promising Practices" programs are fully implementing the *Arkansas Strengthening Families* strategies and can serve as peer mentors to the *Arkansas Strengthening Families Network*.
- A network of early childhood settings (the *Arkansas Strengthening Families Network*) has increased capacity to strengthen families.
- Licensed early childhood centers are more aware of the connection between protective factors and preventing child abuse and neglect.
- Family strengthening training is both more available and more utilized by early childhood programs.
- Four (4) "Promising Practices" programs provide and model a close and effective relationship where DCFS caseworkers routinely include placement in quality early childhood education programs in service plans for children 0-5 entering the system (both intact and foster families).
- *Arkansas Strengthening Families Network* programs model a shift from focusing on risk factors to focusing on building protective factors and strengthening families as a strategy to prevent child abuse and neglect.

### What is the budget?

This technical assistance project does not have a discrete budget but is supported through fund-raising and in-kind contributions from partner agencies.

### How can we implement the strategies?

A good place to start is by reviewing and using the materials produced by *Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education*. A literature review, strategy papers for programs, a self-assessment guidebook, and an informational brochure are available at [www.cssp.org](http://www.cssp.org).

### Who are the main contacts for the initiative?

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AR DHS, Division of Child Care  
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# NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The updated recipes from USDA's 1988 Quantity Recipes for School Food Service and the 1995 Tool Kit for Healthy School Meals have been posted to the National Food Service Management Institute's (NFSMI) Web site!

These recipes for schools have been edited and reflect the yield changes in the newest edition of the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs. You can download these recipes in alphabetical order from [http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school\\_recipe\\_index\\_alpha.html](http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school_recipe_index_alpha.html) or numerical order from [http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school\\_recipe\\_index\\_number.html](http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school_recipe_index_number.html) using Adobe Acrobat Reader. At present, the recipes are available only on the Web from NFSMI, the Healthy School Meals Resource System, and Team Nutrition.

The recipes will be printed by USDA/FNS at a later date. Some points of interest that will give you a hint of the accomplishments include:

- All recipes with ground beef and ground steak were tested and evaluated using the lower fat ground beef (no more than 20% fat) that is available as a commodity product.
- Reduced fat cheeses were incorporated into the recipes.
- All recipes with rice and pasta were tested using new yields and specifying amount of time to cook. Cooking a rice or pasta product even a minute longer significantly changes yields.
- Weights were used in testing recipes whenever possible since weighing is more accurate than measuring by volume. In the recipes, if both a weight and a volume are available, remember that the recipe was tested using weights. In these instances, the volume measures are calculated from the weight and possibly rounded.
- Vegetable amounts were increased to improve crediting for food based menu planning.
- All recipes tested had to pass quality and sensory tests.
- All nutrients were re-calculated using USDA approved software and the yield factor method.
- Numerous food safety practices were incorporated. For example, if a product was cooked for use in a later step, directions indicated to continue immediately. When hot items were stored, the phrase "store in shallow pan" was included in the directions. Critical control points (CCP's) were evaluated and edited.
- Major improvements in consistency of wording, ingredient descriptions, directions, and formatting were made.
- Two recipes were removed from the files due to either sensory test results or crediting issues (C-34 Baked Bananas and F-9 Gyro).
- Five recipes were added (D-30A Vegetable Pizza, D-52 Vegetable Quesadilla, E-24 Hummus, F-06B Vegetable Stromboli, and F-09 Vegetable Wraps).
- Each recipe has a notation of either "Edited 2004" or "Tested 2004". If you have previous printed recipes, you can easily identify the most recent version.

If you have questions or comments regarding the recipes please e-mail [nfsmi@olemiss.edu](mailto:nfsmi@olemiss.edu).  
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## MARCH 2005 RECALLS

### Reebok and Adjmi Announce Recall of Children's Reebok Jacket and Pant Sets

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Adjmi Apparel Group, of New York, N.Y. (Adjmi is an authorized licensee of children's apparel products of Reebok, of Canton, Mass.), is voluntarily recalling Reebok children's windwear and fleece jacket and pant sets. The zipper slider and pull on the jackets can detach, if pulled when the jacket is open. The detached zipper slider and pull can pose a choking hazard to young children.

### Delta Enterprise Corp. Announce Recall to Repair Portable Cribs

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Delta Enterprise Corp., of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 10,000 Portable Cribs. The crib slats can separate from the headboard, posing an entrapment risk to young children. In addition, children can fall through the slat opening.



### J.C. Penney Corp. Announce Recall of Infant and Toddler Sweaters

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), J.C. Penney Corp., of Plano, Texas, is voluntarily recalling 57,000 Arizona® Boys' Zip-Up Cardigan Sweaters. The zipper-pull mechanism can detach from the zipper, posing a choking hazard to children.

### QSP, Inc. Announce Recall of Flying Saucer Toys

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), QSP Inc., Pleasantville, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling 555 Battery-Powered Flying Saucer Toys. The Flying Saucer can overheat while charging, resulting in the plastic motor cover starting to melt, creating a risk of burns to children handling the toy.



### Ocean Desert Sales Inc. Announce Recall of Children's Stuffed Yarn Bunnies

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Ocean Desert Sales Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa. is voluntarily recalling about 18,500 Stuffed Yarn Bunnies. The eyes can detach from the stuffed animal, posing an aspiration hazard to young children. Additionally, the heart and flower button decorations also can detach, posing a choking hazard.

### The Elegant Kids 2000 Inc. Announce Recall of Pacifiers

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), The Elegant Kids 2000 Inc., of Los Angeles, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 34,500 Soother Baby Pacifiers. The pacifiers are banned under federal law. They failed federal safety tests when the nipples separated from the base and can pose a choking hazard to infants and small children.

### Lands End Announce Recall of Zipper Pulls on Children's Outer Wear

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Lands' End, of Dodgeville, Wis. is voluntarily recalling about 24,000 Lands' End Infant and Toddler Squall Parkas, Sport Squalls, Squall Snow Suits and Squall Bibs. The rubber zipper pull-tab can be bitten off and may pose a risk of choking to young children.

### Graco Children's Products Announce Recall of Toddler Beds

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Graco Children's Products Inc. of Exton, Pa., is voluntarily recalling Graco toddler beds. A child's arm, leg or foot can become entrapped between the slats in the guard rails or footboard. This can result in broken bones, sprains and other injuries to young children.

For more information contact the Attorney General's office at 1-800-482-8982 or 501-682-2341.



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 CHILDREN CONFERENCE**

**Hot Springs Convention Center**

Sessions are planned for **professionals** and **parents** who work with students with disabilities pre K to adult! Attendees will receive **information** and **useful techniques** in working with students in literacy, mathematics, and the arts, and in how to support students in developing positive behavioral skills. Sessions will include **up to the minute information** on **Differentiated Instruction, Co Teaching, IDEA Reauthorized, Case Law, Autism, Early Childhood, Sensory Integration, Genetics, Family Outcomes**, and much more! Some examples to look forward to:

**Diana Henry (Henry OT): A Sensory Integration Toolbox**

Pre Conference, November 9. Diana will be with us for another session on Thursday, November 10 as part of the regular conference! Check her web site at <http://www.henryot.com/>

**Don Bailey (Frank Porter Graham Child Student Center at UNC Chapel Hill)** on

November 10 and 11, will teach us about many current aspects of Early Childhood Special Education. Dr. Bailey literally "wrote the book" many of us used in classes for ECSE.

**Richard Villa** will be a keynote speaker on November 10, on **Co Teaching**: Dr. Villa will be with us all day and will provide more information in a smaller session as well!. **Dr. Villa knows what it takes to co teach successfully! Look for registration information in September! For more information contact Jenny Barber at [jenny.barber@rsdmai.k12.ar.us](mailto:jenny.barber@rsdmai.k12.ar.us) or 479-967-6025.**