



# PARENT/PROVIDER NEWSLETTER

CHILD CARE RESOURCES REFERRAL



May 2010

## May Awareness

- > National Asthma Month
- > National Military Appreciation Month
- > Clean Air Month
- > Family Wellness Month
  - > Get Caught Reading
    - > Teacher Appreciation-  
\* May 2nd- 8th
    - > National Backyard Games  
\* May 17th- 24th
  - > Cinco De Mayo- 5/5
  - > Provider Appreciation Day- 5/7
  - > Mother's Day- 5/9
- > Armed Forces Day- 5/15
- > Memorial Day- 5/30

## PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY MAY 7, 2010

Special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Momentum and support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes individuals & government organizations throughout the United States.

Source: <http://www.providerappreciationday.org/index.php>

### Reminder

**There is a charge for these items in the Lending Library**  
Lamination \$.25 a foot  
Faxing \$1.00  
Copies \$.10 a page  
Book Binding \$1.00 per book

**Attention**  
**Child Care Provider**  
**& Directors**  
**Facility Grants &**  
**Incentive Grants**  
**Are Still Available**  
**Until May 31, 2010**  
**For More Info**  
**Please Contact**  
**Pat Morrow.**

*Good children's  
 literature appeals  
 not only to  
 the child in the  
 adult, but to the  
 adult in the child.*  
 ~ Anonymous ~

Source: <http://www.richmond.k12.va.us/readamillion/readingquotes.htm>

**IS YOUR CHILD CARE PROGRAM  
 PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES?  
 FREE WEBINAR  
 MAY 12, 2010 @ 8:00 PM**

This presentation will show parents how to ensure their family child care provider or center program is prepared to keep children safe during emergencies. Many different types of emergencies occur in the United States in a year including winter storms, tornados, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires. Child care programs should have a plan for protecting children and communicating with parents when natural or other disasters or emergencies occur. Questions to ask providers will be covered.

Our presenter, Dr. Beverly Schmalzried, is the Senior Strategic Advisor for the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) and has many years of experience working with providers who both need to prepare for and recover from natural disasters. She formerly directed the United States Air Force's worldwide system of child care and youth programs. She currently teaches as a Professor at Milligan College in Tennessee.

Sign up for this free webinar, please visit <http://www.ccaparentnetwork.org/webinars.php>

**FREE! FREE! FREE!**

**You Can Still Register With NC Institute For Early Childhood Professional Development To Get Your FREE Early Educators Certificate As Of April Craven County Currently Has 125 Early Educators Registered! If You Need More Information Or Would Like To Register Please Visit**

**<http://www.ncicdp.org/nc.html>**

# Activities, Games, & Crafts For May

## Mother's Day Poem on Doily Craft for Kids

**What you will need:** Ten inch doilies, printer paper, large piece of construction paper, and markers.

**What to do:**

1. Draw a circle 6 1/4" in diameter.
2. Decorate the circle with flowers or other designs and then write a poem or message to your mother

**Mother**

When I see all the things you do  
 I can tell your love for me is true.  
 I thank God he gave me you.  
 I love you through and through.  
 By Carolyn Warvel

3. Glue the circle onto the paper doily and then glue the doily onto a pretty piece of construction paper.



For More Great Mother's Day Gift Ideas Visit Danielle's Place of Crafts and Activities

Source: <http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/mothersday.html>

## Play! Backyard Games & Activities

The long hot days of summer have finally arrived so it's time to turn off the TV and head outside to play. Keep the kids entertained with these seven fun outdoor games and activities. We promise you won't hear the words, "Mommy, I'm bored," all summer long!

**Bet on bug races.** See how many critters the kids can spot—without actually picking them up—in the backyard for a short time period, such as five minutes, says Penny Warner, author of Kids Outdoor Parties (Meadowbrook Press). "Add up how many bugs they see and give them a sketch pad to sketch as many as they can. Then have them share their artwork."

**Play Kick the Can.** A variation on Hide and Seek, this game works best with at least three kids. One person is designated "it" and will guard the "can" (an empty coffee can or ball) which is set in an open space. While the other players hide, the "it" counts to 20 (or higher) and then tries to find and tag the other players. If captured, players must go to "jail." Any player who hasn't been caught can run in and kick the can, setting all of the captured players free. If the "it" finds everyone, he wins the game.

**Create an outdoor canvas.** Hang an old sheet on a clothesline or tape paper to a fence for your budding artist to paint on. Encourage them to try painting with different kinds of brushes, says Warner. "Try dipping grass into paint and swishing it on paper, then try painting with a leaf or a twig. The kids can also try painting rocks & creating little people or bugs with them."

**Host a mini-Olympics.** Get the kids competing in running and wheelbarrow races, obstacle courses, water balloon tosses and jumping competitions, suggests Hall. Finish off the fun with a mini-Olympic awards ceremony to honor all of the athletes. Buy medals at the local dollar store or make your own with construction paper, colored pencils and string.

Source: <http://health.kaboose.com/active-kids/summer-backyard-games.html>

### Don't Forget To Wash Your Hands After Coming In From Outside



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& REFERRAL**

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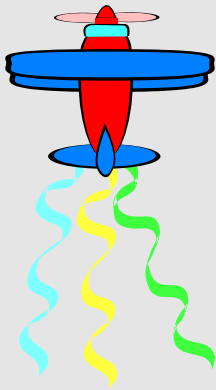
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**Mission Statement For CCR & R**

To enhance the quality and quantity of child care services in Craven County by providing a wide range of information, referrals, advocacy and training services to families, providers and the community in general.

Visit Us On Our Website [www.cravensmartstart.org](http://www.cravensmartstart.org) or  
Find Us On Facebook at Craven Smart Start!



**MCAS Air show**  
May 21, 22, & 23  
Starts Friday at 5 pm and Ends  
Sunday at 4:30 pm

**For More Information Or  
Scheduled Events Time  
Visit: [http://  
www.cherrypointairshow.com/](http://www.cherrypointairshow.com/)**



May 5, 2010

**More At Four Pre- Kindergarten  
Registration 2010—2011**



**Friday, June 4, 2010  
2:00 pm till 6:00pm  
New Bern Mall**

**Monday, June 14, 2010  
9:00 am till 11:00 am  
Graham A. Barden  
Elementary School, Havelock**

**FYPS**

- Child must be 4 yrs old on or before August 31, 2010
  - Please bring your child's birth certificate
  - Proof of family income



**For More Information  
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