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Child Safety

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death and disability in children. Learn how to keep children safe from harm in situations involving fire, burns, poisoning, falls and more. Connie Hauskins is a pediatric nurse, past coordinator of Safe Kids, instructor at Mount Mercy in Cedar Rapids. **Meets CDA Competency:** Planning a safe, healthy learning environment.

This session will take place on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Iowa State Extension Office, 203 W. High Street #1, Toledo, 641/484-2703. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.**

Maximum enrollment for this class is 25.

Getting Started With Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Blogging & More

How can you use social networks to stay in touch with the parents/coworkers in your childcare business? Do your parents already use Facebook? What is Twitter? Do you want to blog online? Learn about social media basics, start your own account in class and begin connecting with your parents today, with Lauri Hughes, MBA, President of North American Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development. Please bring your laptop or Kirkwood will provide a limited number of shared laptops. **Meets CDA Competency:** Strategies to establish relationships with families.

This session will take place on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Vinton Center, 111 West Third Street, Vinton, Iowa. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.**

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Priceless Learning—Little Money

We all want to give our children those priceless learning experiences but in today's economy we can't always afford to spend a lot. Explore ways to provide those priceless experiences without the hefty price tag! We will get our hands dirty exposing ourselves to some of those activities. Collect and gather many ideas to take home. Jacque Montoya has presented many trainings to child care providers through resource and referral and more. **Meets CDA Competency:** Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development.

This session will take place on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Iowa State Extension Office, 203 W. High Street #1, Toledo, 641/484-2703. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.** Maximum enrollment for this class is 25.

Social Emotional Literacy for Young Children

Focus on using literacy to develop and support the social emotional development of young children. Discover a variety of children's books that will assist in identifying strategies for supporting the development of friendship skills; building social emotional vocabulary in children and the importance of providing opportunities for children to begin to understand their own, as well as others' emotions. Your instructor, Melanie Reese is an Early Education Specialist for Grant Wood Area Education Agency. **Meets CDA Competency:** Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development.

This session will take place on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Vinton Center, Room 101, 111 West Third Street, Vinton, Iowa.

To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318. Maximum enrollment
