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For every child, there's a path to a brighter future...

For every family, a path to trusted child care and  
peace of mind...

And for every child care provider, a path to  
higher standards of excellence.

In the state of Indiana it's called Paths to QUALITY

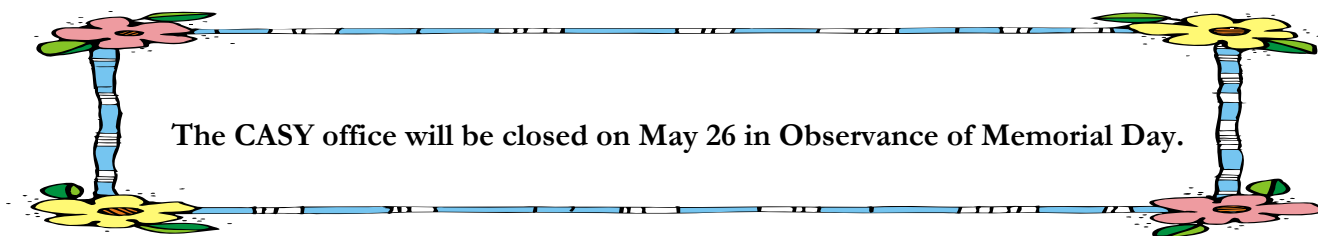
The new statewide child care rating system rolls out in the CASY 10 county area beginning May 1. The standards for Paths to QUALITY are tailored for family child care homes and for licensed centers and unlicensed registered ministries. Each level builds on the previous level, resulting in significant improvements at each stage. The system rewards providers for ongoing efforts to achieve higher standards of quality.

Paths to QUALITY is a voluntary system created to improve the quality of child care and early education for children, give parents a tool to find the best quality program for their family's needs and support and recognize providers on a four level rating system. The program has been studied and validated by the Child Development and Family Studies experts at Purdue University.

Want to Learn More about Paths to QUALITY and the incentives for participation? CASY is here to assist you on your Path! See page 2 for the Introduction Sessions being offered in each of our 10 counties. You must register and attend one session before enrolling in the program.

There will be a marketing campaign later this year informing parents of the benefits of selecting a child care provider enrolled in Paths to QUALITY... Call and register for an introduction session and be one of the first providers in our area to join Paths to QUALITY!

The CASY office will be closed on May 26 in Observance of Memorial Day.





## Paths to QUALITY Introduction Sessions

Introduction Sessions are being offered in each county. Please review the list below to determine which location meets your needs. You must register & attend one session if you are interested in enrolling on the Paths to QUALITY Program. To register please call Katie at ext. 25.

### **Clay County:**

- \* Thursday, May 15 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Brazil Public Library
- \* Wednesday, June 18 (12:00pm-2:00pm) Hamilton Center

### **Greene County:**

- \* Thursday, May 22 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Linton Public Library
- \* Wednesday, June 25 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Linton Public Library

### **Montgomery County:**

- \* Tuesday, May 6 (6:00-8:00pm) Crawfordsville District Public Library
- \* Wednesday, June 11 (12:00pm-2:00pm) Crawfordsville District Public Library

### **Morgan County:**

- \* Wednesday, May 7 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Morgan County Public Library
- \* Thursday, June 5 (12:00pm-2:00pm) Morgan County Public Library

### **Owen County:**

- \* Monday, May 12 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Owen County Public Library
- \* Thursday, June 12 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Owen County Public Library

### **Parke County:**

- \* Wednesday, May 21 (6:00pm-8:00pm) C.A.R.S. Office
- \* Monday, June 23 (6:00pm-8:00pm) C.A.R.S. Office

### **Putnam County:**

- \* Wednesday, May 14 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Putnam County Library
- \* Monday, June 16 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Putnam County Library

### **Sullivan County:**

- \* Thursday, May 8 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Sullivan County Library
- \* Monday, June 9 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Hamilton Center

### **Vermillion County:**

- \* Tuesday, May 20 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Vermillion County Library
- \* Tues, June 24 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Vermillion County Public Library

### **Vigo County:**

- \* Thursday, May 1 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Booker T. Washington Community Center, Large Conference Room Friday
- \* Friday, May 2 (12:00pm-2:00pm) Booker T. Washington Community Center, Large Conference Room
- \* Tues, June 3 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Booker T. Washington Community Center, Large Conference Room

## Science You Can Do

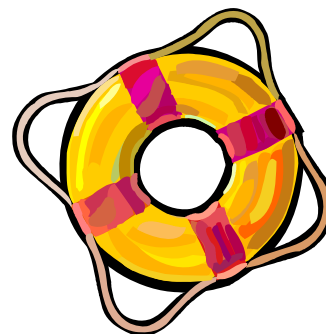
### Mailbox – The Idea Magazine for Teachers

This science exploration is called

# Oh, Buoy!

To learn about sinking and floating, you will need the following:

- Water table or large container filled with water
- Plastic spoon
- Metal spoon
- Solid rubber ball
- Ping-pong ball



#### Step 1:

Invite a small group of students to join you at the water table. Illustrate the concept of *sinking* by placing a metal spoon in the water. Then demonstrate *floating* by dropping a plastic spoon in the water.

#### Step 2:

Have students examine a solid rubber ball and predict whether the ball will sink or float.



#### Step 3:

Drop the ball in the water. Direct your youngsters to observe the ball; then lead to conclude that it sinks.

#### Step 4:

Have students examine a ping-pong ball. Discuss the results of Step 3 and then invite youngsters to predict whether the ball will sink or float.

#### Step 5:

Drop the ball in the water. Encourage your youngsters to observe the ball and then conclude that the ball floats.

#### Step 6:

Have students examine and compare the two different balls. Invite each child to explain why he thinks one ball floats and one ball sinks.

#### This is Why

- The plastic spoon and ping-pong ball are less dense than the water. Because they are less dense, the water holds them up and they float.
- The metal spoon and rubber ball are more dense than the water. The water cannot hold them up, so they sink.

#### What Now?

Gather a variety of balls, such as old golf balls, tennis balls, and baseballs. Place the balls near the water table and invite youngsters to predict and then test the buoyancy of each one.

### Attention Family Child Care Providers

You are invited to the Quality Child Care Provider Networking Connection on May 17th at 2:30pm. The group will meet at Loving Ways Daycare in Terre Haute. We will be discussing program assessments. Come learn from other child care providers what assessment tools and resources are available. Light snacks will be provided. For more information or to get directions please call Jean Ann at 812-232-5906.

# TODDLER TUESDAY

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Next Event Tuesday, May 6, 2008

## Toddler Tuesdays at 9:30 am

CASY and the Terre Haute Children's Museum are collaborating to create a new program, Toddler Tuesday. We are inviting local preschool and child care programs to bring their preschool children free of charge to this age appropriate program. Toddler Tuesday includes stories, hands on learning and an opportunity to explore the interactive exhibits at the Terre Haute Children's Museum. This one hour program will not only be fun for the kids, but loaded with an educational message!



### Where:

Terre Haute Children's Museum  
523 Wabash Ave  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

### When:

First Tuesday of every month  
9:30am-10:30am

### What:

Story Time  
Hands –on learning activities  
An opportunity to explore the interactive exhibits

### FOR MORE INFORMATION & RESERVATION CALL:

The Terre Haute Children's Museum at (812)235-5548



CPR Information

**CPR & First Aid**

Classes include Universal Precautions

All CPR, First Aid and Universal Precautions classes are \$30 per person.

Registration and payment must be received in advance.

Classes are filled on a first-come basis and money is non-refundable.

Classes are held at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, small conference room.

Classes begin promptly; late attendees cannot be admitted.

Classes are not designed to accommodate children.

Call the CASY office, ext. 30 for available dates and additional information.



## Take the time to recognize child care providers around the world on May 9, 2008 – Provider Appreciation Day!

Today's child care professionals are the world's unsung heroes. This profession is one of the most underpaid occupations in the country; yet research shows that early childhood is the most critical developmental period in a child's life. It takes a special person to work in this field and the contribution these individuals make to the quality of children's and families' lives too frequently goes unnoticed. Provider Appreciation Day offers a unique opportunity to recognize and commend the unselfish dedication, commitment, and compassion that child care providers demonstrate every day.

We challenge you to take action now! Provider Appreciation Day needs your support to continue to be successful. Individuals and community leaders can network with child care groups to plan events, schedule media coverage and issue proclamations. Begin now to contact parents, community groups, child care agencies, government leaders and others so that everyone who wants to support child care providers has the opportunity to participate in this important recognition event in your community. Even the smallest of efforts mean so much to those who have your children in their care. Your provider's smile will be your reward.

For more information, ideas on how to celebrate, or ideas on how to promote this event, please visit [www.providerappreciation.org](http://www.providerappreciation.org).



### CASY'S CREATIVE CORNER

We have *several* die cuts, stamps, ink pads of all colors, markers, colored pencils, different kinds of scissors and hole punches.

This is your opportunity to be creative. Join us and make: homemade games, activities for children, bulletin board displays, party decorations, cards, gift tags, books, and many other creative projects.

Come see our new Provider Room  
at our new location!

To go along with all of this we have the *space* and *time* for you to come in and use these items. All you need to do is bring in a variety of paper, felt, and or craft foam.

We would like to invite you into our agency and spend time with you making some of these creative projects. This would be a great time to meet new people, share ideas, and network with other Child Care Providers. We hope that you will join us the first Saturday of every month anytime between 9:00 -1:00. You are welcome to come for a short time, the entire time, or any where in between (what ever works for you).

Our next open Saturday is on May 3 from 9:00am – 1:00pm– at our new office 1101 S. 13 St.

\*\*Saturday May 3 from 9:00am – 10:00am will be a training called Breakfast and a Book then directly following our Creative Corner will be open for everyone until 1:00. Please feel free to join us for both!!

Call Melanie for any questions at ext 36.



## TRAININGS



### May

Paths to QUALITY- Thursday, May 1 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Large Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center – Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie. 25. This class is full.**

Paths to QUALITY- Friday, May 2 (12:00pm-2:00pm) Large Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

Breakfast and a Book– Sat, May 3 (9:00am-10:00am) Small Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center– Can you measure the importance of literacy in your homes or classrooms? Join us for a mixture of recipes to add to your “Cookbook of Learning”. We will give you a menu of activities to bring to life for children. Literacy can be so much than just reading a book! **Free training. To register, call Melanie at ext. 36.**

Orientation 1- Tues, May 6 (2:00pm-4:00pm) Small Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Part 1 of 2 on opening a Child Care site. **Free training. To register, call Theresa at ext. 38.**

Paths to QUALITY-Tues, May 6 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Crawfordsville District Public Library (Montgomery Co.)- Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

OT1-Wed, May 7 (1:00pm-3:00pm)- Owen Co Library- Part 1 of 2. **Free training. To register, call Theresa at ext. 38.**

Paths to QUALITY- Wed, May 7 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Morgan County Public Library- Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

**2** Snacks and Serving Sizes- Wed, May 7 (6:00 pm-8:00 pm) Kitchen, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Looking for new snack ideas? Confused on serving sizes? Attend this workshop for menu ideas, hands on snack preparation and tips on proper serving sizes. **Free training. To register, call Terri at ext. 28.**

Paths to QUALITY- Thurs, May 8 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Sullivan County Library- Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

Safe Sleep Practices and Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Childcare– Thurs, May 8 (6:00pm-8:30pm) Bright Beginnings (Greene Co.)- **Free training. For more information or to register, call Jill at ext. 34.**

Paths to QUALITY- Mon, May 12 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Owen County Public Library-Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

Orientation 2-Wed, May 14 (12:00pm-3:30pm) Small Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Part 2 of 2 on opening a Child Care site. **Free training. To register, call Theresa at ext. 38.**

Paths to QUALITY- Wed, May 14 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Putnam County Library- Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

Paths to QUALITY- Thurs, May 15 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Brazil Public Library- Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

Foundations– Tues, May 20 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Large Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center – Indiana Foundation for Young Children, birth to age 5, addresses the concepts children will need to promote school and personal success. Indiana envisions learning as a continuum, beginning at birth and continuing throughout life. This training will provide activities and information to support developmentally appropriate learning for young children. **Free training. To register, call Natalie at ext. 40. This training is required for Level 2 of Paths to QUALITY.**

Paths to QUALITY- Tues, May 20 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Vermillion County Library- Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

Paths to QUALITY- Wed, May 21 (6:00pm-8:00pm) C.A.R.S. Office (Parke Co.)- Refer to page 2. **Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.**

Paths to QUALITY- Thurs, May 22 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Linton Public Library (Greene Co.)- Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

Safe Sleeping Practices and Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Childcare- Wed, May 28 (6:00pm-8:30pm) Large Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Free training. For more information or to register, call Jill at ext. 34.

### June

OT1- Mon, June 2 (10:00am-12:00pm) -Small Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Part 1 of 2. Free training. To register, call Theresa at ext. 38.

Paths to QUALITY- Tues, June 3 (6:00pm-8:00pm) - Large Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.


Paths to QUALITY- Thurs, June 5 (12:00pm-2:00pm) Morgan Co. Public Library- Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

OT2- Sat, June 7 (9:00am-12:30pm) - Large Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Part 1 of 2. Free training. To register, call Theresa at ext. 38.

Paths to QUALITY- Mon, June 9 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Hamilton Center (Sullivan Co.) - Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

Paths to QUALITY- Wed, June 11 (12:00pm-2:00pm) Crawfordsville District Public Library (Montgomery Co.)- Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

Paths to QUALITY- Wed, June 12 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Owen County Public Library- Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

 Children + Cooking = Recipes for Learning- Sat, June 14 (9:00 am-12:00pm) Putnam County Library Room- To children the world of cooking is magical. We add all kinds of ingredients, then stir, simmer, boil or bake and -presto! Cooking adds up to learning, trying nutritious foods, and having fun. Explore the importance of cooking, get new recipes, and learn “tricks for success”. To register, please call Terri at ext. 28.

Paths to QUALITY- Wed, June 16 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Putnam County Public Library - Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

Paths to QUALITY- Wed, June 18 (12:00pm-2:00pm) Hamilton Center (Clay Co.)- Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

Sensory Sensation- Thursday June 19 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Small Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Sensory Integration is more than taste, sight, and sound. What do you know about caring for a child with a sensory under/over stimulation? A basic overview of what Sensory Integration is will be provided, along with lots of fun hands on activities to show you as an adult what it feels like to have an issue with one of your sensory systems. This training will be presented by First Steps. To register please call Crystal at ext. 37.


Paths to QUALITY- Wed, June 23 (6:00pm-8:00pm) C.A.R.S. office (Parke Co.)- Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

Paths to QUALITY- Tues, June 24 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Vermillion County Pubic Library (Vermillion Co.) -Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

Safe Sleeping Practices and Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Childcare- Tues, June 24 (2:00pm-4:30pm) Small Conference Room, Booker T. Washington Community Center- Free training. For more information or to register, call Jill at ext. 34.

Paths to QUALITY- Wed, June 25 (6:00pm-8:00pm) Linton Co. Public Library (Greene Co.)- Refer to page 2. Free training. To register, call Katie at ext. 25.

**CASY trainings are open to providers, parents, teachers and the community but are not suitable for children.**

 Apples with a number in the middle next to the trainings indicate the amount of *CASY Approved* Child & Adult Care Food Program credit hours available.

## Community Alliance and Services for Young Children

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### CASY Membership

CASY Membership fees are used to enhance our programs and projects.

Membership is open to child care and early education professionals as well as business and individuals interested in supporting our mission to promote developmentally appropriate early education and quality child care.

**All membership types receive:**

- AAA Hoosier motor club discount membership
- Monthly newsletter
- Discount at Choice Hotel International chain
- Free Notary Public Services
- Access to Lending Library
- Access to Accu-Cut Machine
- Discount coupon from Education World, Terre Haute

**Child Care provider/Early Educational Professional membership receive in addition:**

- 100 free photo copies per month
- Free laminating– 20 sheets per year
- Free newsletter classified ads
- Qualifies as Professional membership for CDA and renewal
- Special gifts and items throughout the year
- Discount to CASY conferences

Thank you for your support!

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*All membership types only \$30 per year*

**Type of membership check one**

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