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FAMILY COACHING MODEL ADOPTED IN BIRTH TO THREE SERVICES

CARE for Children provides Early Intervention Birth to Three therapeutic services for children in McKean, Warren and Potter Counties. Like similar organizations and independent providers state-wide, CARE has adopted a 'Coaching' model of treatment which empowers parents and family members to be active participants in their child's therapy session.

"Studies show that family satisfaction and increased caregiver self-efficacy are the outcomes when the parent or caregiver of a child with a delay or disability is taught to complete activities which support the therapy goals of the child," according to CARE Pediatric Therapy Services Director and coaching trainer, Ashley Carlson, MOT-OTR/L. "Parents are taught to incorporate goals into the family's everyday routines. The aim of coaching is to build the family's confidence so they take ownership of helping their child's progress."

The traditional model of Early Intervention treatment is child-centered and does not necessarily include parent participation. In coaching, parents do not take the place of a trained therapist but rather gain the skill-set to support home based routines which support the child's development. For example, a two year old child with a limited vocabulary may work with a teacher for forty-five minutes a week; and the teacher will give Mom and Dad language rich activities that they can do with the child until the next therapy session.

CARE Preschool Director and Early Intervention Special Instructor, Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., recently discussed coaching with parent Blair Comes while on a visit with her two young children, Carmen and Carter, who receive services. "I like coaching because it occurs at home in a comfortable environment and it includes me, so I can learn and help my children once Kimberly leaves," said Mrs. Comes. "Kimberly is always supportive of my children's accomplishments, no matter how large or small, and we act as a team to problem-solve and try new things."

"Coaching can be challenging when it is first introduced. The model builds relationships and facilitates open communication with the trained therapist and the family," said Carlson. "As a team, the family and therapist set goals, plan how to meet the goals, implement the plan together and then reflect on how it worked. This model then allows for practice with the parents for more successful follow through."

"Blair and her husband Andy are great role models for other parents whose children receive Early Intervention services," said Engstrom. "They are engaged and empowered to help their children reach key milestones to ensure they have a strong foundation as they grow."



Kimberly Engstrom, M. Ed., Preschool Director and Special Instructor, leads an Early Intervention coaching session with Blair Comes and her son Carmen, age 2.



'Blaze a Trail' for Children of All Abilities

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2015 Annual Fund

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Tiffany Ness

CARE WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Please help CARE welcome Tiffany Ness, who joined CARE for Children in January as an Administrative Assistant. In her new role, she ensures that the administrative, therapy and early learning team members receive the necessary administrative support to effectively carry out CARE's mission to improve the lives of the children and families who receive service.

Tiffany provides front office coverage and is the first point of contact for visitors calling or visiting the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center. She is also an integral member of the CARE team, assisting with the staffing and execution of community outreach events and providing support to key staff for special events and fundraisers.

Tiffany earned an Associate's degree in business from the University of Phoenix in 2014. She was previously employed by Community Nurses Inc. for over 12 years as a Certified Nurse Assistant providing home health care for elderly and disabled individuals.

"I have always enjoyed helping others. My new role at CARE still allows me to do that, just in a different capacity," said Tiffany.

Tiffany resides in Smethport with her husband, Steve, and children, Stephen and Maddie.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT CARE

CARE for Children will be hosting a series of summer programming for children in June, July, and August at the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION DAY CAMP

Day Camp is provided at no cost to families and provides a fun way to help students who receive therapy continue to work on goals during the summer. Camp is appropriate for school-aged children who are actively receiving CARE services, or for children who have a permanent disability. The camp has a full schedule of programming that includes crafts, cooking, games, swimming, and adaptive golf.

Therapeutic Recreation Day Camp will be held:
Thursdays: June 11th, 18th, and 25th at Pitt Bradford
Wednesday, July 15th- Adaptive Golf Outing- Pine Acres
Thursdays: July 9th and 23rd at CARE for Children
Thursdays: August 6th, 13th and 20th at Pitt Bradford

The Summer Day Camp is sponsored by the Orak Grotto.



RAINBOW CORNER PRESCHOOL DAY CAMP

The Rainbow Corner Preschool Summer Day Camp, for children three to five years old, will focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities and promote Early Literacy. Each four-week session will include fun activities, special guests and outdoor play on our brand new playground which will be used as an outdoor classroom.

Session 1: Wednesdays, June 17, June 24, July 1, and July 8- 9am to noon (\$65)

Session 2: Wednesdays, July 22, July 29, August 5, and August 12- 9am to noon (\$65)

Children may register for one or both sessions (\$130 for both sessions, \$125 if paid in full by June 5, 2015.)

SUMMER TODDLER PLAYGROUP

Toddlers 24 to 42 months of age will be encouraged to explore the world around them by using their senses, creativity, and imagination. The playgroup will enrich your child's language skills through music, story-telling, pre-literacy activities, and creative play in a language rich environment.

Session 1: Tuesdays, June 16, June 23, June 30, and July 7- 9am to 11am (\$45)

Session 2: Tuesdays, July 21, July 28, August 4, and August 11- 9am to 11am (\$45)

Children may register for one or both sessions (\$90 for both sessions, \$80 if paid in full by June 5, 2015.)

Children do not have to be enrolled in CARE's regular preschool or playgroup program to attend. For more information or to register, contact CARE at 814-362-4621 or visit www.careforchildren.info- Early Learning Tab.

BRADFORD YMCA HOSTS CARE 14th ANNUAL BASKETBALL MINI CAMP

The Bradford Family YMCA hosted CARE for Children's annual basketball mini camp for children of all abilities on Saturday, May 2nd.

This year's camp featured six stations that focused on different skills including passing, dribbling, shooting, layups, and defense. Each station was run by volunteer coaches: Nate Carlson, Mike Miller, Kyle Swanson, Matt Gilligan and Doug Atteberry. Coach Atteberry coordinated the overall activities for camp.

"We are grateful to the volunteer coaches, the Rotary Club of Bradford for sponsoring this event every year, and the Bradford Family YMCA for hosting at their facility," said Tina Martin, executive director. "This camp is the highlight of our rec year because the whole CARE staff has the chance to interact with our students who receive therapy."

The camp is unique because it focuses on basketball skills that campers may not have experienced because of perceived limitations. Over 40 children attended the event.

Each child in attendance received a t-shirt and a basketball, and lunch was provided after camp.



CARE Kids have a ball at the 2015 basketball mini camp. Above, Doug Atteberry, volunteer coach, instructs on defense skills.

CARE TRAILBLAZERS TAKE A SWING AT TEE BALL

The Trailblazer tee ball program is in full swing! Coach Matt Gilligan, physical education teacher at the Bradford Area School District, along with support from CARE therapists and staff, is leading the six-week adaptive tee ball program for school-aged children with disabilities.

CARE kids are learning the basics of the game including throwing, catching, and batting. The program will conclude with a scrimmage.

CARE's Trailblazer program goes beyond traditional therapy and provides an opportunity for physical fitness, improved self-esteem, socialization, and the experience of belonging on a team.

SAFE KIDS PENNSYLVANIA MCKEAN COUNTY PARTNER

The McKean County Partnership of Safe Kids Pennsylvania met on May 5th to form an advisory council for the local group.

CARE Social Worker/Outreach Coordinator, Chris Gibble, LCSW, led the meeting, and representatives from BRMC and several other not-for-profit organizations were in attendance.

The advisory council welcomes participation by individuals and local organizations who want the opportunity to collaborate on child safety and injury prevention initiatives targeted to local needs.

For more information please contact Chris Gibble at chrsg@careforchildren.info.



Don't forget to REGISTER
your child for
Preschool and Playgroup for the
2015-2016 School Year

For more information call
814-362-4621
or visit our updated website at
www.careforchildren.info
Early Learning Tab

CARE for Children Giving

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February 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015

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EITC PRE-K SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

During the 2014-2015 school year, 70% of students attending Rainbow Corner Preschool received scholarships. CARE for Children is grateful for the generosity of the following companies who have contributed to the EITC Pre-K Scholarship program at Rainbow Corner Preschool for 2014-2015:

UHS of Pennsylvania
Northwest Savings Bank
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CARE for Children's Rainbow Corner Preschool is an approved Pre-Kindergarten program through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. In 2001, the EITC program overwhelmingly passed the legislature and was signed into law by former Governor Tom Ridge. HB 996, the Educational Improvement Tax Credit, provides companies with a 75% tax credit for donations to a non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organization. The tax credit increases to 90% if the company commits to making the same donations for two consecutive years. A business paying taxes in Pennsylvania can receive up to \$200,000 in tax credits annually. Businesses who are interested in supporting CARE's early learning program and help working families afford a quality Pre-Kindergarten program: Visit www.careforchildren.info for more information.

The official registration and financial information of CARE for Children may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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*CARE 'Fore' Children
Golf Tournament*

SAVE-THE-DATE

The 22nd Annual
CARE 'fore' Children Golf Tournament
Sunday, August 2nd, 2015
at Pine Acres Country Club
4 Person Scramble
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start