

TPP Tidbits

Just some little bits of information to help you with your quality programming.

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Rule Focus

Did you know that the Office of Child Care rules require that anyone preparing bottles, meals or snacks or serving more than one child from a container must have their food handler's card? ([OAR 414-300-0120\(4\)](http://www.ohh.wa.gov/Portals/0/PDF/Child%20Care%20Rules%20-%202015.pdf)) This means preparing bottles, dishing up infant, or serving toddler and preschool meals. It also includes storing of left over foods or drinks. If there is any preparation involved on the part of the early learning professional or high school practicum student, the individual must have a current and valid food handler's card. It is best practice for everyone in a center to have their food handler's card just in case they are called upon to serve a child or prepare a bottle, meal, or snack. Besides being a rule and best practice, it is a great certification to have. It also teaches our current and future early learning professionals another high quality practice.

Here is a link to a website that is specifically recommended by Oregon Health Authority, specifically for Child Care Providers: <http://www.ccdsmetro.org/handlers.asp>

QRIS Timelines

The Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) is finishing up its pilot phase. Please note some important dates that have been determined to facilitate the transition to the next phase.

If you have never submitted a QRIS portfolio you have until **December 31, 2016** to do so.

If you have submitted a QRIS portfolio but plan to resubmit for a higher star rating (or an initial rating if you are still at a C2Q level) you have until **June 30, 2017** to do so.

If you have not submitted for your star rating and incentive funding by June 30th, 2017, your portfolio will be evaluated using the revised QRIS standards that are still being developed.

Resources, Resources, Resource

Eco-Healthy Child Care® (EHCC) is a national program that partners with child care professionals to eliminate or reduce environmental health hazards found within or around child care facilities.
<http://www.cehn.org/our-work/eco-healthy-child-care/>

Little Kids, Big Questions: A Parenting Podcast Series From ZERO TO THREE™ <http://www.zerotothree.org/about-us/funded-projects/parenting-resources/podcast/>

Child Trends DATA BANK: Teen Births
<http://www.childtrends.org/?indicators=teen-births>

Child Care Exchange: Video on effective praise that would be good for ECE classes or child care professionals
<http://www.childcareexchange.com/video-ecd/>

Six Life Skills Children Need: Six Prezi Presentations, one for each life skill
<http://tmartzearlychildhood.weebly.com/the-six-life-skills-children-need.html>

ASK Phoenix Solutions Teen Parent Partner Page
<http://www.askphoenixsolutions.com/teen-parent>