

Local organizations collaborate to provide training for Early Educators

Over 50 early educators gathered every Saturday in October to enhance their teaching skills. Funded by the Children's Services Advisory Committee, the Conscious Discipline immersion program included hands-on training provided by Jessica Flowers, Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor. Early educators learned a variety of behavior management techniques to help foster a positive learning environment. As stated by Dr. Becky Bailey, creator of Conscious Discipline, "discipline is not something you do to children; it is something you develop within them." Childcare Resources facilitated the program with collaboration from the following organizations:

- Childcare Resources
- The Learning Alliance
- Indian River Academy
- Head Start
- Indian River County School District - VPK
- Little Rising Stars
- Big Brothers Big Sisters



Each workshop started with a shared commitment. Throughout the year, Ms. Flowers will return to provide further coaching to 25 selected participants who will build upon their commitment to utilize Conscious Discipline within their classrooms.



Conscious Discipline in action!



"As a teacher with close to 30 years of experience, I have seen educational programs come and go. When I first heard about Conscious Discipline, I thought, "oh boy, here we go again." After attending a week long seminar presented by Dr. Becky Bailey, I have become a poster child touting its beliefs. I have seen the *I Love You* rituals calm distressed infants and toddlers in an instant and end with older children giggling "do it again!" Utilizing techniques, such as the breathing exercises *STAR*, *Drain*, *Pretzel*, and *Balloon* are fun and lower stress levels of both children and adults. Our *Kindness Tree* is filled with wonderful messages, adding to the positive environment Conscious Discipline helps create. These various techniques create a school family and sense of belonging which in turn ensures that active learning can take place."

- Paulette Maggiasco, *Childcare Resources Early Education Coach*

Letter from the Executive Director

Shannon McGuire Bowman

At Childcare Resources we have been putting your generous contributions to good work. I want to first say a big, THANK YOU, to all our friends who reached out during and after Hurricane Irma. We want you to know that your Childcare Resources School fared well and suffered only limited damage from the storm. The children you help support were back at school on Wednesday, September 13th, immediately after electricity was restored.

Your contributions are making a lasting impression in our community through outreach programs offered by Childcare Resources. From parent meetings and professional development workshops to coaching opportunities and learning communities, your dollars are enhancing the teaching skills of over 300 early educators in Indian River County. Through the dedication and hard-work of these teachers and administrators, more than 4,000 children have benefited from higher quality early education.

Because of you, we are able to offer a wide variety of programming to elevate early education throughout our community. If you would like to learn more or take a tour of our school, please contact me at 772-567-3202 x106.

With gratitude,



Shannon McGuire Bowman
Executive Director

Your donation helps me
to discover new adventures!



Childcare Resources Celebrates #Giving Tuesday – November 28, 2017

What is #GivingTuesday?

In the days following Thanksgiving, we have Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Now we have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back to the causes which are most meaningful to you.

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, gifts made to Childcare Resources between now and November 28, 2017, will be matched up to \$10,000!



Double your donation today by making a gift to Childcare Resources #GivingTuesday online at www.ChildcareResourcesIR.org or mail your gift to:
Childcare Resources - #GivingTuesday,
2300 Fifth Avenue, Suite 149, Vero Beach, FL 32960

GROWING TOGETHER

"I feel privileged to lead this group of dedicated women. We truly are a family."

-Elizabeth Swann, Ph.D.,
CPEE Program
Facilitator



Thanks to Indian River Impact 100, the Credentialing Program for Early Educators is well underway! In collaboration with Indian River State College, 12 early childhood educators are fast-tracking their Florida Child Care Professional Credential through a 17 week course held on Childcare Resources' campus. The program is open to individuals who are currently employed at any childcare center in Indian River County. There is no cost to participants and all materials are provided.



Thanks to a grant from the John's Island Foundation, the children now have a place to encounter nature with the addition of the Children's Learning Garden. The children will explore the garden as a place for endless possibilities and adventures. The teachers and children are thankful to have this wonderful outdoor learning environment.

"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments."
-Janet Kilburn Phillips



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Art Concept Alternative
and Raw Space Gallery,
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by artists across the world
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Starfest

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Friday

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Our Stars



For the past six years, a group of dedicated women and men, under the leadership of Judy Munn and Karla Spooner, have focused their efforts on making our Starfest luncheon a huge success. As most table captains will tell you, it's not about the location, the lunch or the speaker, it is about the cause. These devoted supporters go to great lengths to ensure Starfest is a sold-out success year after year. We are forever grateful for the leadership provided by Judy and Karla and support of all table captains.

Thank you to all past, present and future table captains for supporting high quality early education in our community:

Diane Archer, Pat Arnold, Pam Barefoot, Susan Blaxill-Deal, Carol Buhl, Phyllis Dillon, Elke Fetterolf, Susan Friesell, Dede Gilbert, Shelli Gordon, Katy Block Healy, Maureen Hendricks, John Hendricks, Barbie Horton, Cindy Hultquist, Susie Hunter, Kathy Johnston, Sheryl Jones, Sara Labellarte, Joy Lambert, Maureen Lee, Linda Lemmon, Doris Limbeek, Wanda Lincoln, Stephanie MacWilliam, Kathy Marshall, Peggy Martin, Barbara Morgan, Bill Munn, Judy Munn, Barbara Neubarth, Judy Newhouse, JoAnn O'Reilly, Rose Sadlek, Sally Spilman, John Spooner, Karla Spooner, Mary Van Dervort, Carolyn Veeneman, Sherry Waddell, Lynn Wiksten, Andy Williams.*



*List is current as of: October 31, 2017 for the 2018 Starfest. If you are interested in becoming a Starfest table captain or to learn more, please contact Kate Blackman, Donor Engagement Coordinator at 772-567-3202 x108.

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