

CTAS UPDATE



Childcare Training & Accreditation Solutions

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the CTAS Update for 2013. We hope everybody had a great Christmas and new year. We are very excited to be back in 2013 and look forward to an even bigger year of providing quality training to the childcare industry.

Traineeships

Traineeships are a great way to combine practical experience at work with your formal training for a qualification. It also means that you are able to work and earn money while you are training. At CTAS we offer traineeships in Certificate III and the Diploma of Children's Services. These can be undertaken on a fulltime or part time basis. One of the many benefits of completing a traineeship is the government funding. Currently the Diploma of Children's services is fully funded. This means that all you would be required to pay is a resource fee. This is a great time to take full advantage of this incentive and to start forward planning for the upcoming childcare regulation changes.

To find out more about traineeships call the office on 9350 9222 and speak to one of our friendly staff members.

CTAS Student of the Year 2012

We would like to congratulate Louise Harris from Great Beginnings on becoming CTAS Student of the year for 2012! Louise was selected out of all our 2012 trainees which included Certificate III, Diploma and Advanced Diploma level students. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish Louise all the best for her future endeavors.



2013 brings the opportunity for a new winner and we wish all our wonderful students the best of luck for a successful year of study

Lava Lamp Bottles

We get so excited when our services share their creative ideas with us at CTAS.

These lava lamp bottles are always so popular with children, they just love discovering all of the special materials inside the bottles floating up and down. The best part about this experience is that the lava lamps have been made using recycled materials which is great for the environment! If you are wondering how you can make these lamps, it's simple: Mix water and food colouring together to make the coloured water of your choice, pour the mixture into your recycled bottles, add a handful of different materials to each lamp to explore what sinks and floats. Lastly, don't forget to seal the bottles with glue or tape. Some of the materials that we have found work well inside the lamps include: Beads, small balls of play dough, peas, rice and marbles. The options are endless!

A big thank you to our student Sam for sharing her great idea.



PD TRAINING UPDATE

We are very excited to have launched our Professional Development Calendar for 2013. We have listened to your feedback and have developed a calendar of popular training topics. These topics are aimed to inspire, encourage and expand your knowledge of the EYLF, NQF and regulations.

We value your opinions and encourage you to share any ideas for future sessions that are of interest to you. CTAS can also customise sessions based on the needs of your service, upon request. If you would like to find out more about our professional development training please contact Mikayla Renoylds at CTAS head office.

What's Coming Up?

QIP

Gain a understanding of the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP), how to use it as a working document and a reflection tool

Date: Wednesday 27th March 2013
Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Breaking Down the Regulations

Attend this all-in-one session and find out which regulations have changed and what is relevant to you.

Date: Wednesday 10th April 2013

Building Relationships Within your Community

The community around you is an invaluable resource. Learn how to create links and relationships that will benefit you, the children and your service.

Date: Wednesday 24th April 2013

For the complete January - June calendar or for further information on Professional Development please contact Mikayla via email: pdtraining@ctas.wa.edu.au or phone: 9350 9222.

MEET OUR PD TRAINERS

Our wonderful team members Jenny and Laura will be delivering our professional development sessions in 2013. Both Laura and Jenny are extremely passionate about the childcare industry and look forward to sharing their experience and knowledge with you.



Jenny Dyball

Jenny brings to CTAS 13+ years of childcare experience. Jenny is dedicated to engaging and enthusing others with a passion and commitment to the unique role educators are afforded in the holistic development of children in early childhood education and care services.



Laura Quinn

Laura has seven years experience as a childcare coordinator. Laura holds a Bachelor Degree of Education as well both certificate III and IV in Children's services. She has experience as a lecturer for both childcare courses and teacher assistant courses. Laura has an interest in child protection, after school care, working with special needs and writing learning stories.

HOW TO FIND CTAS

- Our address is unit 5, 1-13 Hamilton Street, Cannington.
- The entrance to the **CTAS Training Room** faces Manning Road.
- Access to **parking** is to the right of the building off Manning Road
- Additional Parking access on Hamilton Street



Harmony Day

21st March 2013

Help celebrate cultural diversity in our community!

- * Decorate your service using the colour Orange
- * Host a morning tea and serve multicultural food
- * Have a dance party using multicultural music
- * Say hello and goodbye using another languages
- * Have a discussion about what everybody had for dinner the night before



For more information or ideas visit www.harmony.gov.au



REmida

The Creative Reuse Centre



REmida's Creative Reuse Centre is a non-profit organisation which collects and supplies clean industry discards and makes them available to the community for creative and educational projects. These discards often include things such as plumbing pipe, plastic/wood off cuts, carpet samples, nuts and bolts and much more. Individuals or businesses are able to purchase REmida annual memberships in order to access the fantastic recycled and reusable materials.

REmida also conducts workshops for childcare services, schools and festival events throughout WA with their aim to inspire curiosity and creativity through sustainable art practices using Industry discards. REmida feels passionate about supporting teachers and educators by inspiring them and exploring new ways of looking at the way you can use recycled materials in everyday learning environments. REmida have developed specific workshops to introduce new art practices and to inspire creative learning environments for children:

PD 1. The 100 languages of children

This inspiring workshop provides Professional Development for teachers, lecturers and child care providers with suggestions on how to display and the use of REUSE materials towards projects and play.

PD 2. Alternative Ways of Joining Materials

This workshop gives teachers and Educators the opportunity to investigate alternative joining techniques and to discover that there are many creative ways to join materials without glue or sticky tape.

PD 3. REmida's Early Years

While Children "Experience" REmida materials, Educators document their children through a series of process provided by REmida.



How much is membership?

Student - \$55
Childcare & OSHC - \$143
Family Day-care \$77

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Out of The Box Experiences



Milk Carton Watering Containers

By adding holes to the lid of a milk container you can create a watering can for the garden.

To make the container even more inviting why not add some coloured ice cubes or dye the water inside.

This experience is a great way to show children how to care for and appreciate the world around them by teaching them how you can water plants to nurture them and help them grow and how you can use recycled materials for another purpose. It is also great for their motor development the children will manipulating the bottles up and down to pour the water.



Ice Cube Towers

Using colour dye make different coloured ice cube blocks. Place the frozen cubes in a container with some tongs and invite the children to build and play with the ice cubes.

This experience is great for starting conversations about how ice melts into water, how colours mix. A fantastic sensory experience that opens up the opportunity for children to interact with each other and develop their fine motor skills all at the same time.

Homemade Shape Puzzles

Go on a treasure hunt in your inside/ outside areas to find various materials in all shapes and sizes. Using a black marker trace around all the objects. Place the materials into a basket ready for the children to start matching.

A great experience to help encourage children's thinking and problem solving skills and the best part is they can help create their own experiences.



Share your out of the box experiences by emailing Gabrielle g.ryan@ctas.wa.edu.au

Thank you for taking the time to read the first issue of the CTAS News. If you would like to share with us any ideas, suggestions or feedback please call 9350 9222 or email admin@ctas.wa.edu.au
Don't forget to like us on Facebook to receive the latest CTAS news .

What We Offer at CTAS

- Nationally recognised childcare, qualifications, including: Certificate III, Diploma and Advanced Diploma
- Professional Development Training
- Customised training programs
- Childcare consultation and support services
- We service the metro area and regional areas throughout Western Australia

CTAS Updated Contact List

Please note some of our contact details have changed



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