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The Right Turn, Inc. has a new monthly newsletter highlighting our programs and services that we feel businesses and individuals in our community should be aware of. If you do not wish to receive our newsletter or would like us to take you off of our mailing list please call 773-4755



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EVEN START/ RIGHT TURN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Even Start Program is a family literacy/federally funded program that has been around for years and is based on 4 key components: Adult Education, which involves individuals working on their GED, HS diploma, or some brush up skills to pursue continuing education; Parenting classes; Early Childhood classroom, where children attend while their parent(s) are working on their education; and Interactive Literacy, which offers information and hands on literacy projects for parents and their children. It is a fantastic program that has unfortunately faced deep cuts in federal funding recently.

However, with some creative thinking, The Right Turn decided to expand the Even Start program into a fully licensed day-care facility. As a licensed facility Even Start will continue to serve Even Start parents in addition to opening the philosophy and environment to the community-at-large.

THE RIGHT TURN EARLY LEARNING CENTER / *In Collaboration with Central South Dakota Even Start* officially opened its doors to the community on June 4th as a fully licensed group family center. We still serve Even Start parents but are now open to anyone who would like a quality learning child care environment. We are licensed for 20 children, but would like to be able to stay at approximately 18 children if we can fiscally do this. The ratio for adults to children age 0-3yrs by state law is 1 adult to every 5 children. We are going to maintain a 1:4 ratio. Preschool 3-8 years of age is 1 adult to 10 children. Our hours are 7:30am to 5pm (5:15pm). Eventually we hope to be open in the evenings on Tues and Thurs to meet the needs of those pursuing their education. Our fees are \$95/week children 0-3, and \$90 a week for children 3-6yrs. Kindergarten and school aged children have different fees.

The environment created in our setting focuses on developing a sense of wonder, creativity, curiosity, respect for others, problem solving, trust and manners -to hopefully instill a love for learning. These things can be achieved by asking open ended questions, exposing children to science, language, gross motor/fine motor activities, drama, music, field trips, and teachers who are skilled at making the most of those teachable moments. There are learning activities scheduled throughout the day but also, if anything is child-initiated we expand on the child's curiosity.

Many of the valuable components from the Even Start Program are available to all of our families. **If they choose,** all families can attend family events, be part of interactive literacy, and attend parenting classes. Also, we plan to give routine developmental assessments to all children.

We use the early childhood philosophies of West Ed and are also inspired by Reggio Emilia.

We are offering a quality child-care program with trained, dedicated staff in a beautiful facility.

These are just some of the reasons why we feel that children should be given every opportunity daily if possible in the following: dramatics, cognitive learning, fine motor, gross motor, socialization, music, art, science, language, cooperation, problem solving - and most importantly, learning should be fun – if we are doing our jobs correctly as their teachers and caregivers, we will have instilled the love for learning and nurtured creativity while building their brain development, and they know nothing more than – they played all day!!!!

We visited....

- The Library and learned about ocean life
- A ranch and rode a horse and learned about different farm animals
- The park everyday to create, run, play and learn about nature
- The Zesto for our family event and listened to "Lisa the Great" tell a story totally from imagination
- The beach, went swimming and collected items for a group collage with our friends

For more information on The Right Turn Early Learning Center or our Even Start program please call Lisa at 773-4755 or e-mail LBlake@midco.net

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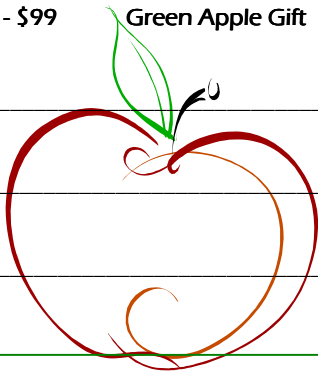
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If you would like to honor someone who has overcome obstacles in his or her life and used education as a way to a better life, you may make your contribution in his or her honor. They will receive a letter of recognition stating that someone is proud of their accomplishments and has made a contribution in their honor to help someone else in need.

In honor of: _____

Address: _____

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Your tax deductible donation may be designated to go specifically toward any of our programs or services. Please specify:

- Advance High
- Adult Education
- English as a Second Language
- Employability
- Computer Training
- Medical Transcription
- Medical Coding
- GED testing fees
- PACE Tutoring
- Even Start
- Other _____

FUNDRAISER

JULY 17th (TUESDAY)

We will be doing a fundraiser at PIZZA RANCH

for our Even Start participants to assist in providing a few extra items.

(Examples are diapers, gas vouchers, presents for their children's birthday etc.)

Please be sure to join us for dinner as you are waited on by our teachers and parents!

The Right Turn Early Learning Center has openings!

For more information or to schedule a tour of our facility please call Lisa Blake at 773-4755.

Please stay tuned..... in the future..... for our.....



Grand Opening



a fun open house you will not want to miss.....