

***Even Young Children Know How to Play Fair!
Urge Our State's Leaders to Do the Same!***

It's time for Families, and Community Members to...

“Level the Playing Field”

Don't let the General Assembly balance the state's budget on the backs of children and families.

Join our team-rally state leaders to put families first.

Show your support for a fair budget that will sufficiently fund human services and early care and education before the start of the next fiscal year on July1, 2009 by participating in the planned “Level the Playing Field” activities.

Thursday June 11, 2009

- Balls and Calls**-collect all types of balls (big, little, old, new, etc). These balls represent children, families, teachers, employers, and communities that will be hurt by the projected budget cuts. Please place your program, child or family name on each ball. Balls can be dropped off at the Child Care Resource and Referral office in Carterville or Williamson County Early Childhood Cooperative office at 411 South Court Marion, Illinois by Monday June 8, 2009. Please call Governor Quinn at 1-217-782-0244 and voice your concerns.
- Legislative Bus Tour**- Thursday, June 11, Buses will leave from the John A. Logan College parking lot at 12:30pm en-route to all area legislators. We will be advocating for the families that will be hurt by the projected budget cuts. Collected balls will be delivered to all local legislators to illustrate the “the ball was dropped in Springfield” and children and families are “tired of being bounced around and caught in the political crossfire”. If you would like to reserve a ***free*** seat on our legislative bus tour, please call CCR&R at 985-5985 or WCECC at 997-0137. Buses will leave at 12:30pm and return back to the JALC after the below Unity Rally.
- Unity Rally**-Thursday June 11, 2009 join other concerned citizens as we rally our support for a budget that adequately funds programs and services for children and families. Let your Legislators see the faces of the children, families and programs that they will HURT! **Event will take place in Carterville, Illinois at 6pm.** It will be held next to Channel 12 news-on the frontage road by McDonald's (Commerce Dr.) FOLLOW THE SIGNS!

*In the event of rain, this event will be cancelled. **Please wear blue or red in support of our TEAM!***

Join Team Southern Illinois

“Advocates working together, fighting for the needs of children and families in Southern Illinois”

Child Care Resource and Referral
& the Child Care Provider Community
700 Logan College Drive
Carterville, Illinois 62918
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Williamson County Early Childhood
Cooperative
411 South Court Street
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