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Early Years Are Learning Years®

The Grady County Interagency and Great Plains Child Care Resource and Referral asks Grady County to come together for children during the Week of the Young Child™ (April 22-28, 2012). As part of the national Week of the Young Child™ celebrated across the country, Grady County is honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.

"All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and Grady County has a great opportunity to do our part to help young children," said Rachel Myrko, Outreach Coordinator for Great Plains Child Care Resource and Referral. "Week of the Young Child™ is a time for Grady County to recognize that Early Years are Learning Years® for all young children."

Week of the Young Child™, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is an opportunity for early childhood programs across the country, including child care and Head Start programs, preschools, and elementary schools, to hold activities to bring awareness to the needs of young children.

The Grady County Interagency Coalition would like to invite the community to help us celebrate the young children and families of Grady County with Family Game Night on April 26th 5 pm-7 pm in the parking lot of Atwoods in Chickasha. This free event will have carnival games, prizes, hot dogs, touch-a-truck and lots of fun for the whole family. In coordination with the event Safe Kids Oklahoma will be providing car seat safety checks at John Holt Chevrolet dealership from 4 pm-6 pm.

Young children and their families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start and bring lasting benefits to Grady County. Week of the Young Child™ is a time to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children.

The Grady County Interagency Coalition and Great Plains Child Care Resource and Referral have many professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs.