



A publication of the Southern Good Faith Fund Business Development Center

A Small World Child Care and Preschool Academy

Denise LaGrant, LaTina Geiggar, and Tracey Shavers recently partnered to purchase A Small World Child Care and Preschool Academy. A Small World serves children aged between six weeks and 13 years and is located on 1227 West 5th in Pine Bluff.

"It's exciting to finally be in business for myself," says Geiggar who is the center's Director. "We worked with staff from the Business Development Center and Southern Financial Partners to get our loan approved and highly recommend them to anybody who needs help with completing a business plan and obtaining a loan."

"I am really passionate about children and ensuring that we provide them with the highest quality of care," Geiggar says. "We still have a few more slots so call us at 870.534.2792 to discuss your child care needs," says Geiggar.

Would you like your center featured in our newsletter?

Call us and schedule an appointment!

Upcoming Training

Basic Computer Training - Helena-West-Helena

This course teaches the basics of operating a computer, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Cost: \$20

Dates: Tues. evenings, July 11-Aug. 1

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Community College (UA), Technology & Industrial Building, Room 120

First Step™ FastTrac® - "How to Start a Successful Small Business"

This course is ideal if you want to start or expand a child care business. Training includes exploring the feasibility of your business idea, marketing, financials, taxes, and financing.

Pine Bluff

Cost: \$50 by Sept. 1, \$60 after. \$25 for IDA participants

Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 5 - Nov. 14 (11 classes)

Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Southern Good Faith Fund, 2304 West 29th Ave.

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Cost: \$30 by Sept. 1, \$40 after. \$15 for IDA participants

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 5 - Oct. 10 (11 classes)

Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Lee County CDC, 28 South Poplar



Licensing Workshops

In this 2-hour workshop, DHHS' Licensing Unit talks about the requirements to license a business. To register call DHHS at 870.534.7200.

Pine Bluff

Cost: Free and a light lunch is served

Dates: Every 4th Thursday: June 29, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 16, and December 21.

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Location: Southern Good Faith Fund, 2304 West 29th Ave.

Forrest City

Cost: Free and a light lunch is served

Dates: Monthly on Wednesdays

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Location: Department of Human Services, Hwy 70

To register or for more information call:

Pine Bluff: 870.535.6233

888.535.6233

Helena: 870.816.1120

Forrest City: 870.630.2005

The Steps to Starting a Child Care Business

If you are interested in starting a child care business, here is what you need to do to get started.

Step 1

Review the types of child care businesses and consider which is appropriate for your situation. For example, would you rather have children come to your home or would you prefer a commercial facility? A home-based center is obviously cheaper to start than a commercial one. For more details visit

<http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/privinfo.html>.

Step 2

Contact the local office of the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Service nearest you or the main office in Little Rock at 501.682.8590. Let the staff know you are interested in starting a child care business. You may be required to attend an orientation session where you would receive a packet of information. The contents of information packets may include things such as:

1. Application forms;
2. Training sources in your area for CPR and first aid; and
3. Contact information for local Child Care Licensing staff.

Step 3

You may want to contact your local municipal government to see if there are any ordinances you will need to follow regarding issues such as zoning, fire safety and related inspections, food service permits, and inspections.

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Step 4

Familiarize yourself with the state's minimum standard rules for center and home-based child care businesses.

Step 5

Attend some form of business training such as that offered by the BDC in order to receive help with your business plan and financial projections. The BDC can also provide a consultant to work with you once your business is up and running.

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Forrest City

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