

Little by little, Liberal Area Coalition for Families aims to help new day-care providers get established

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As any day-care provider can attest, looking after children well is more about the little things than grand plans, so a small start is appropriate. That's the same approach adopted by the Liberal Area Coalition for Families in its push to help establish more day-care options for parents and children. A Daycare Fair sponsored by LACF last weekend provided an example of baby steps for big results.

"We know we can't just build a center overnight, as much as we might wish to," said LACF director Sarah Mersdorf Foreman. "What we could do is encourage people who are interested in starting a home day care. The fair was our way of providing a first-step option for those people to meet up with potential mentors."



Workshop offers social skills tool kit for child-care providers

At the AI's Caring Pals training provided by the Liberal Area Coalition for Families, Mexican-American Ministries and the Garden City Area Mental Health Center, child-care providers will cover topics designed to help them understand and guide young children. These include:

June 18: Resilience and feelings

July 16: Listening and calming down

Aug 13: Brainstorming and meaningful involvement

Sept 17: Clear norms and problem-solving I

Oct. 15: Problem-solving II and creativity