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**Press Release**

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## **Ohio Cares: Workshops for Caregivers & Parents**

Free workshops for childcare providers and parents that focus on helping participants learn the skills to use with children to reduce the incidence of violent behavior will be offered at three branch libraries in October. **Ohio Cares: Workshops for Caregivers and Parents** will be presented by Barbara Walker, Ready to Learn Coordinator for CET Learning Services.

### **Part One: Playing Well with Others: Teaching Children How to Get Along**

Participants will become familiar with ways to encourage children's socially acceptable interaction and response with adults and peers. Behaviors such as helping, turn-taking, comforting, sharing, and compromising will be modeled. The Ohio Department of Education Early Learning Content Standards for Social Studies will be explored as participants become aware of strategies that allow young children to become problem solvers who understand the outcomes of their choices and behaviors.

### **Part Two: What Do You Do with the Mad That You Feel?**

Helps participants think about anger and self-control— their own as well as children's—and provides suggestions for helping children develop inner controls. Written with materials developed by Family Communications, Inc., producers of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

### **Part Three: Challenging Behaviors**

Defines behaviors that are challenging as compared with those that are developmentally appropriate for children. Helpful self-control strategies will be explored. Workshop participants will also develop a greater awareness of media violence. Written with materials developed by Family Communications, Inc., producers of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

### **Program Schedule**

North Central Branch Library, 11109 Hamilton Avenue, 369-6068  
(7:00 p.m.)

- **Thursday, September 22:** Playing Well with Others
- **Thursday, September 29:** *What Do You Do with the Mad That You Feel?*
- **Thursday, October 6:** Challenging Behaviors

Miami Township Branch Library, 8 North Miami (Cleves), 369-6050 (6:30 p.m.)

- **Monday, October 3:** *Playing Well with Others: Teaching Children How to Get Along*
- **Monday, October 10:** *What Do You Do with the Mad That You Feel?*
- **Monday, October 17:** *Challenging Behaviors*

Oakley Branch Library, 4033 Gilmore Avenue, 369-6038 (10:30 a.m.)

**Thursday, October 13:** *Playing Well with Others*

**Thursday, October 20:** *What Do You Do with the Mad That You Feel?*

**Thursday, October 27:** *Challenging Behaviors*

**Ohio Cares** is a series of three workshops, made possible by a grant to the Ohio Educational Television Stations by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for children and families. The workshops are free, but registration is required. Sponsored in part by CET, Greater Cincinnati's Public Television Station.

### **About Barbara Walker**

Barbara Walker is the Ready to Learn Coordinator for CET Learning Services, joining Learning Services at CET in 1998. Her education and training are in writing, Internet research, educational technology, classroom teaching, media literacy and early childhood education. Barbara manages programs that provide workshops and resources for community agencies, teachers, parents, childcare providers, and librarians, presenting more than 100 workshops each year. She has presented at conferences for Cincinnati Public Schools, Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Southern State Community College Childcare, and Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education.

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