Fine Motor Skills

Menyuam cov fine motor skills yog hais txog ntawm lawv lub zog me. Lub zog me tseev ceev heev rau menyam qhof loj hlob. Lub zog me txhawb rau tej yam dej num xws li sau ntawv, hnav khaub ncaws, thiab siv diav noj mov. Muab ntau yam dej num rau nws ua kom txhawb rau nws lub zog me.

Sib dhos thiab txhawb khoom. Cia nws ua si nrog khoom uas muaj ntau yam xim thiab ntau yam puab. Thaum nws xyauam muab cos khoom ntawd sib dhos thiab faib ces yuav pab nws cov ntiv tes muaj zog tshaj.


Hnav khaub ncaws. Thaum nws loj zui zus, nws yuav nyiam ua tej yam khoom xws li hnav khaub ncaws nws ib leeg. Qhov no yog ib qho zoo kom nws pib xyauam siv nws cov ntiv tes los swb thiab khwm ris tsho. Cia nws hnav thiab hle nws cov khaub ncaws nws ib leeg.

Ntim khoom. Saib xyuas koj tus menyam ua si dej lossis li cov suab zeb. Muab ib lub thoob rau nws kom nws ua si ntim dej thiab hlv dej tawm. Qhov ntawd twb yog ib yam ua si uas yuav txhawb nws lub zog me heev.

Reference
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Think Small invests in the lives of young children through quality early childhood education and educational resources. Since 1972, Think Small has educated, advocated, and supported thousands of parents, child care providers, and other early childhood professionals in the state of Minnesota and across the country.

Our mission. To advance quality care and education of children in their crucial early years.
Think Small has the following services:

1. **Professional Development in Classrooms and Online**: Classes on early childhood and on the business of child care-classes are offered in many languages including English, Hmong, Amharic, Karen, Oromo, Spanish, and Somali. Interpreters are also available in other languages including Vietnamese and Chinese.

2. **Language Access Line for Hmong, Somali and Spanish**: Language support available statewide for parents and child care providers.

3. **Career Guidance Services**: Advice for child care providers on professional development.

4. **Quality Supports**: Quality improvement coaching and support for family child care providers and child care centers.

5. **Financial Support for Providers**: Grants, scholarships, and financial assistance for child care providers.

6. **Debra S. Fish Early Childhood Resources Library**: Over 4,000 books, materials, and bi-lingual resources for early childhood professionals and parents.

7. **Businesswise Support**: Support and information for child care providers.

### Hmong Child Care Talk

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### Family Child Care Licensing Orientation

**Kev Kawm Txog Tsoj Cai Ua License Zov Menyuan Hauv Tsey**

Tuaj mloog txog tsoj cai ua license zov menyuan.
Hauv qab no yog cov hnub thiab sijhawm teem tseg.

**Orientation meetings**

To be considered for licensure, you must attend a free, 2-hour large group meeting. The meeting covers licensing rules, process, and other information. You will learn about many of the specific child care licensing requirements and have the opportunity to ask questions.

- Do not bring children as there is no child care.
- Applications are available only at these meetings.
- You must attend the orientation in the county you plan to operate your daycare.
- Must give 2 weeks notice if requesting an interpreter.

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<td>Community Action Building 450 N. Syndicate Street (Bruce Vento Room) St. Paul, MN 55104</td>
<td>Hennepin County Brookdale Library 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway Brooklyn Center, MN 55430</td>
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Yog kaj xav paub ntxiv txog **Ramsey County** licensing, hu mus rau tus xovtooj 651-266-5437. Yog kaj xav paub ntxiv txog **Hennepin County** licensing, hu rau tus xovtooj 612-348-3883.
Parent Aware

What is Parent Aware?

Parent Aware improves, supports, and celebrates the strengths of child care and early education programs through Parent Aware Ratings. Parent Aware shows families that your program is devoted to children’s health,

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<td><strong>Reason #5:</strong> To help children prepare for school</td>
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Steps to earning a Star Rating:

1) Attend a Parent Aware Information Session and apply for participation in a January or July cohort
2) Join Develop and earn your step on the Career Lattice
3) Review your program strengths and set a Star level goal with your coach
4) Work with your coach to gather program documentation
5) Submit your Quality Documentation Packet
6) Receive your Star Rating


Early Learning Scholarships

What is an Early Learning Scholarship?

Early Learning Scholarships give eligible families up to $7500 per year to help pay for high-quality care and education in order to prepare young children for school. Scholarship dollars are paid directly to the 3 or 4 star Parent Aware program that an awarded child attends.

How much is the scholarship?

Up to $7500 is awarded to each child during a 12 month period. The scholarship dollars may not cover the full cost of your child’s attendance in an early learning program.

For questions about scholarships or eligibility, please call 651-641-6604 or toll-free 1-855-898-4465 to talk with the scholarship team.

If I apply, will I get a scholarship?

The MN Department of Education reports that over 5,700 scholarships per year will be awarded, which represents about 12% of the eligible children in MN. Not every eligible applicant will receive a scholarship. Applications are prioritized for previously awarded children, foster children, and also sorted by the residential county. Applying early is recommended.

Where can I use the scholarship?

A scholarship must be used at an early learning program in Minnesota with a Parent Aware rating of 3 or 4 stars. For help finding an eligible program, contact Parent Aware staff at 888-291-9811 or search www.parentaware.org

How long will a child have an Early Learning Scholarship?

Scholarships may be available to awarded children until the child is age-eligible for kindergarten. Scholarships end the day before kindergarten for children who are 5 by September 1. Families must follow participation rules to retain a scholarship.
Community Announcements

Hmong Trainings

⇒ To register, please log onto www.developtoolmn.org.
⇒ Yog xav cuv npe kawm, nkag mus rau hauv www.developtoolmn.org.
⇒ Yog xav tau kev pab siv Develop, hu rau 651-366-6792.

October

First Aid
(Event ID: 208802)
Date: Saturday, 10/22
Time: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: Think Small, Minneapolis
Cost: $30, 4 training hours

November

Tipping the Scales-Nutrition and Obesity Prevention
(Event ID: 208810)
Date: Mondays, 11/7 & 11/14
Time: 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Location: Think Small, Minneapolis
Cost: $66.00, 6 training hours

December

Working With Parents of Childcare
(Event ID: 208880)
Date: Tuesday, 8/9
Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Location: Think Small, Minneapolis
Cost: $22.00, 2 training hours

All registrations are final.
To view the complete list of trainings, please log onto www.developtoolmn.org.

Parent Aware. Universal
Pre-Kindergarten. Early Learning Scholarships.

These are just a few policies that state government decides.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS in discussions about these and other early learning policies. You can help shape these policies by participating in the process.

Participate by VOTING.

Election day is Tuesday, November 8. For information about how to register and where to vote, go to the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website: http://www.sos.state.mn.us/ or call 651-215-1440.

If you would like more information about how you can become involved with state policies that affect you, contact Marie Huey, Civic Engagement Specialist, at 651-641-6605.
Fall Activities and Resources

Fall is here, school is in session, and families are busy! Here are some resources for you to help support children’s learning and have fun at the same time!

1. Get connected to your local library for activities and events.
   - Story time in different languages
   - Block Play
   - Saturday family events
   - Homework Center

Check these websites for more services offered and activity schedules:
St. Paul Public Library
http://www.sppl.org/

Minneapolis Public Library
http://www.hclib.org/

2. Look for community events and activities at your local community center. Activity classes for youths: Arts and Crafts, Sports, Dances, Parent and Tot time, FREE Lunch Program, and Holiday events.

For more information, check your local city website or go to a community center and request for an activity brochure.

St. Paul Parks and Recreation
https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/activities/activities-brochure

Minneapolis Park and Recreation
https://www.minneapolisparks.org/activities__events/activity__program__brochures/

3. Bring your children to experience the Hmong culture at different Hmong cultural locations.

   Hmong Village
   1001 Johnson Parkway
   St. Paul

   Hmong Town Marketplace
   217 Como Ave
   St. Paul

   Hmong Resource Fair
   St. Paul Eastside YMCA
   Saturday, 10/8/16

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Important Dates & Observances

September 25 - Child Care Service Grants due
October 14 - Think Small’s Connecting For Kids resource fair & focus group
October 30 - Halloween
November 6 - Daylight Saving Time
November 8 - Election Day
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 24 - Thanksgiving (Think Small closed)
November 25 - Observed Holiday (Think Small closed)

Looking for child care? We’re here to help.
Puas yoj koj nhiaj neeg zov menyam? Peb yuav pab tau koj.

1(888)291-9811
Call for free interpreting services in Hmong, Spanish, and Somali.