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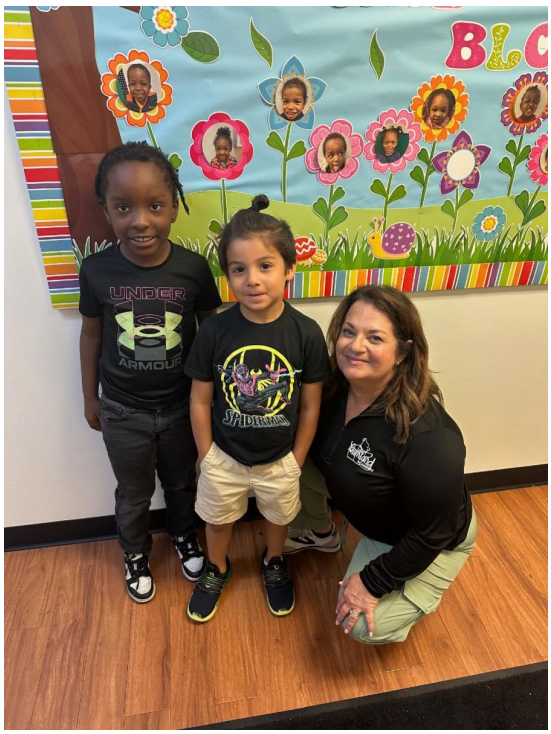
COMMUNITY NEWS

PROVIDER OF THE MONTH

Shay Clark/Youthland Academy Beekman



From Bronze to Gold: Youthland's Journey to Excellence

"How did I go from Bronze to Gold?" Shay Clark asks smiling. As the owner of Youthland Academy Beekman, she knows the answer better than most: perseverance, consistency, and an unshakable belief in the power of early childhood education.

A few years ago, Shay stood in the shadow of a familiar competitor— Head Start. "That's who most families know," she explains. "But once they walk through my doors and see what we offer, they choose us. And they stay. I've had the joy of watching children from the same family grow up in our program and go on to high school and even college. That's what makes it all worthwhile."

Her center proudly serves 72 children, up from 52 just a few months ago. Of that number, 34 are preschoolers. That growth isn't just a number. "It's a sign," Shay says. "It tells me our community wants high-quality preschool. They deserve it, and we're here to provide it."

What's Shay's advice to fellow Providers? "Stick with it. The paperwork is intense, but Gold is achievable — and it means something to our families. It shows we're committed to excellence."

For Shay, the rewards go far beyond the classroom. "We're not just a daycare with a preschool. We're building futures," she says. The center's hands-on curriculum and child-directed learning create a space where young minds are nurtured and inspired

to grow. "We guide children at their own pace, making learning joyful and natural."

As a longtime CPP Community Provider, Shay credits much of her center's progress to the support she receives. "CPP gives us more than just tuition assistance," she adds. "They're our cheerleaders. They offer professional development, advice, and a steady hand when we need it most."

What is Shay's secret to success: consistency and vision. "You have to be able to see the big picture. Early education is a game-changer for the families we serve. It creates a more equitable future—for everyone."

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ATTENTION TA PROVIDERS

The 2025-2026 Provider extension form has been sent out via email.
Please return by **August 4, 2025.**

CENTER-BASED CURRICULUM DEADLINE

Licensed centers and school-based programs have until **July 1, 2025**!
Use this link to request curriculum: https://tinyurl.com/y3rh5m92

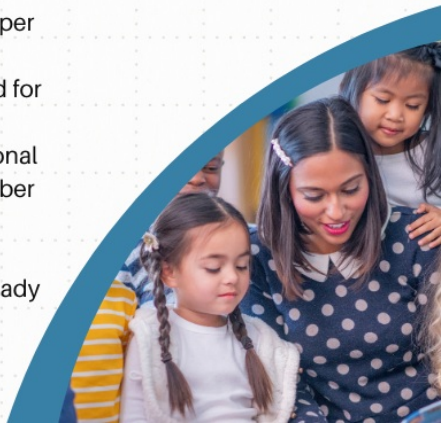
IMPORTANT CURRICULUM UPDATE FOR CENTER-BASED PROGRAMS

Licensed centers and school-based programs have until **July 1** to order the infant, toddler and/or preschool Creative Curriculum 6th edition.

DCY is offering this curriculum for free to support programs with Step Up To Quality. Programs will have until **October 1** to implement the curriculum.

The following can be requested:

- One hard copy of the curriculum set, per age group, per licensed site
- Digital subscription to the Creative Curriculum Cloud for each teacher (expires September 2027)
- Digital subscription for every teacher to the Professional Development Teacher Membership (expires September 2027)
- Teaching Strategies GOLD online assessment
- GOLD and cloud access alone for programs that already have print materials



Preschool Graduation Season is Here!

We'd love to celebrate this special milestone with you and your little graduates! If your preschool is hosting a graduation ceremony, please share the date, time, and location with us. The Cincinnati Preschool Promise team would be honored to attend, cheer on your scholars, and capture a few memorable moments.

Send your graduation details to sydney@cincy-promise.org

Let's celebrate our future leaders together!

Kindergarten Transition

Schools throughout the community are ready to partner with you to help transition your preschoolers to kindergarten. Both Cincinnati Public Schools and IDEA Schools are expanding their outreach efforts by reaching out to you directly to offer their support. Look for communications from them with ideas, registration sessions, and parent engagement opportunities.

We understand the dedication, sacrifice, and persistence it takes to run a small business. Cincinnati Preschool Promise continues to work with partners in the community to bring requested resources to help your preschool thrive.

Please take a moment to take this brief survey and let us know which small business topics are of interest to you for webinars, training sessions, and coaching.

Click here to take the survey

HELP US CELEBRATE A DEDICATED & DESERVING PROVIDER!

Submit your Provider of the Month nominations to: **tdelvalle@cincy-promise.org**

Provider Connection is an informative publication of news you can use. To submit accolades, **Provider spotlight nominations**, or interest in becoming an ambassador for CPP, contact CPP at marketing@cincy-promise.org

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