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Sesame Street & Extension!

Nebraska Extension's Learning Child team has some exciting news for next week! Sesame Street in Communities is having a Virtual Family Celebration in partnership with Nebraska Extension! Get your family together and join a virtual evening of fun to learn about activities that encourage reading, writing and resilience. Experts will also discuss how reading can help teach kids resilience skills and a furry friend may make a visit too. This exciting event will be held Friday, April 16 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. central time. Visit netNebraska.org/SSIC to participate. No registration is required. This is in collaboration between NET, Nebraska's PBS and NPR Stations and the Nebraska Extension Learning Child Team.

In addition, there is a free Online workshop for caregivers seeking to receive 1.5 in-service hours during Week of the Young Child. The Read for Resilience online workshop will teach caregivers how to use children's literature in an interactive way to help children heal. Participants will explore how to engage with children to help them improve their coping skills and hear about Sesame Street in Communities as a resource.

Caregivers play an essential role in young children's emotional development in addition to helping them cope. Learn how to interactively use children's literature using an engaging program known as Read for Resilience (R4R). R4R provides adults with suggested activities like drawing and writing and teaches them how to ask probing questions to help children personally connect with the experiences of the characters in the books. Then, learn about Sesame Street in Communities, a bilingual multi-media tool with hundreds of activities and resources to help kids and families enrich and expand their knowledge during the early years. These workshop opportunities will be offered April 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. central time, April 15 from 1-2:30 p.m. or 7 – 8:30 p.m., central time. Register at netNebraska.org/SSIC.

Ag Safety Day

Mark your calendars for the annual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day which will be held at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds in Geneva on May 27th. Details and registration will be launched next week!