



CUTLINE: Angela Brown, SSCC Patri-Tots toddler teacher, engages children during dramatic play, which has been shown to develop a child's higher executive function.

SSCC Patri-Tots in Wilmington scores fifth perfect inspection

The Patri-Tots Learning Center at Southern State Community College's North Campus in Wilmington has just earned its fifth 100-percent compliant state licensing inspection.

"I want to commend my staff for their continued dedication to our children and their families," said Karee Shaw, site administrator. "The fact that they earned this perfect rating during an unannounced visit while I was out of the office just proves the level of quality at which they continually operate."

In 2012, the center received a Two-Star Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ is a voluntary, three-star quality rating system which helps parents identify early care and education programs that go beyond the minimum standards of licensing. The center anticipates receiving this award again in 2013.

Southern State houses Patri-Tots centers on its North Campus in Wilmington and Central Campus in Hillsboro. Both are licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and serve children from ages 18 months to five years.

The centers offer developmentally appropriate activities within a preschool setting. Qualified teachers align their curriculum with the Ohio's Infant and Toddler Guidelines and Early Learning Content Standards. The centers are open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and have part- and full-time care options.

For more information, please call 1-800-628-7722, ext. 4629 (Wilmington site) or ext. 2629 (Hillsboro site) or visit <http://www.sccc.edu/services/patri-tots.shtml>.