



SSCC Patri-Tots preschool students investigate boxes as part of their learning processes. These long-term studies, which last several weeks and cover all of the developmental domains, help the children learn new concepts and improve their approaches to learning (initiative, persistence, engagement, creativity).

SSCC Patri-Tots in Wilmington achieves seventh perfect inspection

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

Site Administrator, Karee Shaw, reported that the state inspector is very pleased with the quality of the program and commented that it was a "...hidden gem within the community."

"I would like to thank the teachers for their dedication to our children and families, and for working so hard to make the Patri-Tots the high quality, award-winning, program that it is," said Shaw. "We recognize that the support of our families, the community and the Patri-Tots staff at the Hillsboro campus has helped us achieve this goal. To them, we say, 'Thank you!'"

In March 2014, the center received a renewal of its Three-Star Step-Up-To-Quality (SUTQ) award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ is a voluntary quality rating system which helps parents identify early care and education programs that go beyond the minimum standards of licensing.

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 Early Learning and Development Standards – birth through K-entry. 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.sscc.edu/services/patri-tots.shtml>.