

Odessa Community Day Care Center in Odessa, MO was recognized as an Eat Smart Child Care center at the **advanced level** in June 2014. On June 27, 2014, Sarah Gaines, Nutrition Consultant, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance (MDHSS-BCFNA), recognized Kristy Howerton, director, and Odessa Community Day Care Center for achieving the standards set by the advanced level of the Missouri Eat Smart Guidelines. Staff members, parents and children celebrated their achievement as children participated in various food and nutrition activities, which included making a “watermelon cake,” coleslaw wraps and fruit kabobs, which were then enjoyed by all those present. Odessa Community Day Care Center is the 102<sup>nd</sup> child care center in Missouri to be recognized as Missouri Eat Smart, and the 52<sup>nd</sup> child care center to be recognized at the advanced level.