

Waukesha County Child Care Newsletter

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Arts & Crafts Corner

Source: www.busybeekidscrafts.com

Indian Corn Wall Hanging

This Indian Corn Wall Hanging is a great Fall Craft for all ages. Even toddlers can smear some fall colored paint for corn kernels and older children will love the adorable finished product! We used paint to make our corn kernels, you can use other materials to make the corn: Small balls of colored paper glued on; or, if you don't have time to wait for paint to dry you could use markers to draw on the kernels.

Materials-

- 3 toilet paper rolls (or other paper tubes cut down to size)
- Orange, yellow and brown paint*
- Paint brush (optional)
- Yellow tissue paper
- Twine or string

Directions-

1. Put dots of brown, orange and yellow paint over at least one half of the paper tube. You can use a paint brush to dab on the colors; toddlers and preschoolers may find it easier to use their finger tips - it doesn't matter if the colors mix!

2. Once the paint is dry wrap your paper tube corn in the yellow tissue paper leaving some of the corn exposed. We folded our tissue paper in half to give it lots of husk at the top.

3. Gather your tissue paper at the top and tie it with a piece of twine or string. If you need to trim the tissue paper if it's too long.

4. Once you have made 3 of these corn (or more) turn them all over and thread string through the ties of each corn. Make a knot to secure and now you can hang your Indian Corn!



TP Roll Turkey

This adorable TP Roll Turkey is an easy and inexpensive kids craft to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Stick a napkin through the roll and you have a napkin holder for your holiday table! Note: Make this easier for little ones by pre-cutting all the pieces.

Materials-

- TP roll
- Scissors
- Construction paper in fall colors
- Pencil
- 2 googly eyes, or black marker
- Glue

Directions-

1. Cut two slits into your TP roll to make a triangle, and fold up to make your Turkey's bill (as shown in the picture)



2. Trace your hand print onto the construction paper and cut out.

3. From your construction paper (preferably red color) cut out a "J" shape for under your turkey's neck. Glue onto the TP roll just under his beak. Glue the hand prints around the base of your TP roll.

4. To finish it off, glue on googly eyes, or draw on eyes with a black marker. You've just created an adorable Thanksgiving turkey!



Nutritious Nibbles: Fall Snacks

Source: www.halloween-website.com

Apple Salad

Ingredients-

- 1 (20 oz.) can of crushed pineapple, un-drained
- 2/3 c. sugar
- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. lemon Jell-O
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1 c. diced, unpeeled apples
- 1 c. diced celery
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts
- 1 c. whipped topping

Directions-

Combine the sugar and pineapple in a saucepan. Bring to boil and boil for three minutes. Stir in the Jell-O until dissolved. Add the cream cheese and stir until thoroughly combined, let cool. Fold in apples, celery, chopped nuts, and whipped topping. Pour into a 9" square baking dish. Chill in fridge until firm.



Pumpkin Dip Recipe

Ingredients-

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) softened cream cheese
- 1 can (15 oz.) of solid pack pumpkin
- 2 cups confectioner's sugar
- 3 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger

Directions-

Fresh apple and/or pear slices. Beat the cream cheese and sugar in a mixing bowl. Stir in the pumpkin, vanilla, ginger and pumpkin pie spice. Beat until smooth. Serve with fruit and refrigerate any remaining dip.



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BUSINESS BEAT: TO BE OR NOT TO BE A PROFESSIONAL...THAT IS THE QUESTION!

By: Karen Narlow

I was at an event at Waukesha County Technical College, when it was known Waukesha County Technical Institute, and I remember Dean Anderson saying that we, meaning early childhood providers, would never be recognized as a profession unless we started supporting and recognizing each other professionally.

A professional, according to Webster, is a person who has a particular profession as a career and engages in a businesslike manner in the workplace. I tell the students I have in my classes, you have to act like a professional if you want to be treated as one. How does that look?

With the families enrolled your family child care program it should look something like this. In the morning you are dressed, your child care area is set up and ready to go for the day and you greet each child and parent as they enter your home for the day and you acknowledge their departure as they leave your home for the day. As a family child care provider you provide nutritious meals, a safe environment and age and developmentally appropriate materials and equipment for the children enrolled in your care as required by the rules in **DCF 202.08**. You maintain a business relationship with your clients based on open, honest and ongoing communication. You should have a contract in place with each family enrolled your child care program as required by certification rule **DCF 202.08 (12)(c)**. You may want to go a step further than the rules and have a parent handbook or policy and procedure manual for your family child care program that outlines such things as admission, termination, guidance, activities, emergency plans and nutrition. You keep track of the income and expenses of your family child care business for tax purposes and budget planning.

With the certifiers who monitor your family child care program, you should allow them access to your home during child care hours. Refusing to allow a certifier access into your home will result in the suspension or revocation of your certification per **DCF Rule 202.06 (1)(h)**. As a provider, you will allow the certifier access to your home to monitor for health and safety issues as defined in **DCF 202.08**. You should allow them access to your daily attendance records as well as your child and staff records during these monitoring visits. These records should be current, as recordkeeping should be a regular part of maintaining your family child care program. When talking with certifiers you should maintain a friendly and respectful professional attitude and watch your non-verbal body language as well.

Many of you will be participating in YoungStar throughout your child care career. Remember that YoungStar looks at compliance issues, professional business practices like budgets and contracts as well as parent involvement in your child care program. Early childhood is your career; family child care is your business so the answer to the above question should be...I want to be a professional!



SUGGESTION BOX:

Certified Providers...We are looking for your comments and or feedback on our monthly newsletters. In addition, we are also looking for topic ideas to be featured in future newsletters. Please forward any ideas or suggestions to Jennifer Mantei, Beth Tredler or Karen Narlow.



HOT TOPICS: ANCHOR FOR SAFETY: TV & FURNITURE TIPOVERS

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Most parents don't even think about it but the statistics are staggering and the results are heartbreaking. It is not a well known home hazard, and that makes it even more dangerous.

TV and furniture tipovers kill scores of children and injure tens of thousands of children. A child dies every two weeks when a TV, furniture, or appliance falls on them. More than 22,000 children are injured each year. Make sure your TV, furniture and appliances are secure to help STOP this preventable death. Follow the easy safety tips to ensure your home/childcare program is safe and secure.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In March of this year, an 11-month-old died while watching TV with his dad and his 2-year-old sibling. The baby's brother bumped into the furniture holding the TV and the TV fell onto the baby's head and abdomen. Unfortunately, this is not a rare incident. Furniture and TV tip-over incidents are one of the top hidden hazards in the home. Today, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is urging parents and caregivers to inspect and anchor furniture and TVs now, in order to protect young children from a preventable tragedy.

A new [data report](#) (pdf) shows that between 2000 and 2010, CPSC staff received reports of 245 tip-over-related deaths involving children 8 years old and younger. More than 90 percent of the incidents involved children 5 years old and younger. In more than half of the 245 fatalities (56%), the child was crushed by the weight of the television, furniture, or appliance. The majority of these children suffered fatal injuries to the head (67%). In addition, more than 22,000 children 8 years old and younger are treated in hospital emergency rooms every year (2008-2010) for injuries related to instability or tipover of televisions, furniture, and appliances. And like the fatalities, a majority of these injuries (56%) are to the head.

"Children like to climb on furniture. Placing TVs on furniture not intended for them or having furniture that is not secured can have tragic consequences," said Chairman Inez Tenenbaum. "These tragedies can be prevented by taking low-cost steps. Anchor those TVs and dressers, and protect your child or a child visiting your home."

The most common tip-over scenarios involve toddlers who have climbed onto, fallen against or pulled themselves up on furniture. About 70 percent of children's fatalities (169 incidents) involved falling televisions, and 27 percent (65 incidents) involved only furniture falling. Of the 135 child fatalities where furniture fell by itself or fell with a TV, the majority of incidents (64%) involved a chest, dresser, or a bureau. Often, these pieces of furniture have drawers that children can use to climb.

To prevent tragedies follow these safety tips in any home where children live or visit:

- Anchor furniture to the wall or the floor.
- Place TVs on sturdy, low bases.
- Or, anchor the furniture and the TV on top of it, and push the TV as far back on the furniture as possible.
- Keep remote controls, toys, and other items that might attract children off TV stands or furniture.
- Keep TV and/or cable cords out of reach of children.
- Make sure freestanding kitchen ranges and stoves are installed with anti-tip brackets.
- Supervise children in rooms where these safety tips have not been followed.



Professional Development, Networking & Training Corner:

- **Waukesha County Health and Human Services - 500 Riverview Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188**
Provider Gathering - Autumn Harvest Make-N-Take
November 14, 2011
6:00-8:30 pm
- **4C for Children** – 320 W. Vine St., Milwaukee – 414-562-2650 - www.4c-milwaukee.org
- **CPR Training – Pulses** – 1800 Dolphin Drive, Waukesha - Call to register: 262-781-2294
- **DCF/MECA Special Needs Child Care Program**-call 414-289-6558 for registration. Classes held at Coggs Center- 1220 W. Vilet Street, Milwaukee- Room 104
- **Early Education Station**-8634 W. National Ave., West Allis –414-546-3960
- **Parents Place**- 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha - 262-549-5987 - www.ppacinc.org
- **Waukesha County Family Day Care Association:** Administration Building- 1320 Pewaukee Road, Waukesha
- **Waukesha County Technical College**-800 Main Street, Pewaukee, WI – Call: 262-691-5259 to register
- **Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA)** - 1556 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee - 414-278-9322 - www.wecanaeyc.org

LET'S CELEBRATE

This month's congratulation goes to Danielle Otterbacher of Muskego. Thanks for the outstanding care you provide to the children of Waukesha County!

- Danielle Otterbacher: Initial Certification Date 11/24/2009, 2 years

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SPOTLIGHT ON A PROVIDER

Betsy Anderson



Betsy Anderson is our featured certified childcare provider for this month. Betsy has lived in Menomonee Falls for 2 years. She lives with her 3 yr old daughter, Lilly, and her husband Jon. Betsy and Jon recently were married on Oct. 15, 2011 in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Betsy began her childcare business 4 years ago after her infant son, Donovan died from sudden infant death syndrome. At the time, Betsy described her lifestyle as very busy working full time at Froedtert Hospital and part time as a waitress. She had Donovan in daycare and didn't get to spend much time with him. After his death in

2007 she knew she wanted to be home to care for children and be able to be there for her daughter who she describes as "my world."

Betsy enjoys watching her daycare children grow and finds it rewarding when talking with the parents about how happy they are seeing the children learn new things. She describes some days as "nightmares" when all the children are fussing and sick, but then at the end of the day they go home and she is able to rest, relax and prepare for the next day.

Betsy uses the "Your Baby Can Read" program and starts with her daycare children when they are 6 months. She then uses the flashcards with the older children during lunch and has fun with them naming different objects. We would like to thank Betsy for contributing to this month's newsletter and sharing her story.

CERTIFIER CORNER: Provider Appreciation Event

Hello Certified Providers:

Sorry to have missed you at the Provider Appreciation Event last month; we hope to see you at the upcoming spring event. There was a great turn out of licensed group, licensed family and certified family providers at the fall event. The Child Care Work Group works hard to recognize and thank each of the regulated providers and programs throughout Waukesha County.



We would like to extend an invitation to interested certified or licensed providers who would like to sit on the Child Care Work Group Committee and help plan upcoming events. It would be helpful to have some provider input as to what early childhood professionals want and/or need to improve their child care programs. Please contact the Waukesha County Certification Staff at 262-548-7212 if you would like additional information about this committee.



Here is a little history on the Child Care Work Group Committee:

The Waukesha County Child Care Work Group is the product of the child care needs assessment conducted in 1997. The activities of this group fall under the State of Wisconsin's original Family Preservation Initiative currently known as Promoting Safe & Stable Families. The focus of the group is to share information related to issues affecting child care as well as plan, develop, implement, train and recognize early childhood professionals.

The 2011 fall recognition event included several breakout sessions, interactive information/demonstration tables, make-n-take areas, community resources, and opportunities for professional networking. The event is an open-house concept so it tends to be a relaxed environment for early childhood professionals to gather together and enjoy the night. The theme of this year's event was "Krazy for Kids." The featured speaker was Patricia Dischler, who provided an interactive lecture reminding providers why they love the child care field. Providers raved about how Patricia reminded them to put the silliness, fun and happiness back into their programs so they can continue to enrich the lives of the children in their care.



Patricia was an in-home licensed provider for several years and is now a national speaker and author. Waukesha County Certification staff is happy to have purchased Patricia's book entitled, "From Babysitter to Business Owner," which talks about getting the most out of your home child care business, for each of our certified providers. If you missed the event, a certifier will stop by your home to deliver this autographed book to you.

The Child Care Work Group Committee would also like to recognize and thank the following businesses who were gracious enough to donate door prizes to the providers who attended this event. Thank you to the following local donors:

- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Laser Tag Adventures
- Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
- Wal-Mart
- Sam's Club
- Green Bay Packers
- Milwaukee Wave
- Betty Brinn Children's Museum
- Big Backyard
- Country Springs Hotel
- Patricia Dischler- KIDBIZ Resources
- Half Price Books
- Woodman's



RECALLS:
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**Musical Wooden Table Toys Recalled
by Battat Due to Choking Hazard**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Musical Wooden Table Toys

Units: About 14,000

Importer: Battat Inc., of Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Hazard: Small pegs on the xylophone toy can loosen and detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Incidents/Injuries: CPSC and Battat have received nine reports of loose and detached pegs. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Battat's Musical Wooden Table toys. The table has a green painted surface and colorful instruments affixed to the top. The table stands about 7 1/2-inches tall and has three supporting legs. Instruments on the table include a xylophone, cymbal, drum and two drumsticks.

Sold at: Music and toy stores nationwide and on the Internet from September 2006 to October 2010 for about \$30.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact Battat to receive a refund.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Battat at (800) 247-6144 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.battatco.com



band of the Audrey doll to eliminate the hazard. Consumers may also call Pottery Barn Kids for instructions on how to return the affected dolls for a merchandise credit.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Pottery Barn Kids toll-free at (855) 880-4504 between 4 a.m. and 9 p.m. PT seven days a week or visit the firm's website at www.potterybarnkids.com

Note: Health Canada's press release is available at http://cpsr-rspsc-hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/recall-retrait-eng.jsp?re_id=1389



**Dolls Recalled by Pottery Barn Kids
Due To Strangulation Hazard**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Chloe, Sophie and Audrey soft dolls

Units: About 81,000 in the United States and 1,300 in Canada

Importer: Pottery Barn Kids, a division of Williams-Sonoma Inc., of San Francisco, Calif.

Hazard: The hair on the Chloe and Sophie dolls may contain loops that are large enough to fit around a child's head and neck, and the headband on the Audrey doll, if loosened, can form a loop that fits around a child's head and neck. These loops can pose a strangulation hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received five reports of dolls with looped hair, including one report in which a loop of the Chloe doll's hair was found around the neck of a 21-month old child. The child was not injured.

Description: This recall involves soft dolls sold under the names Audrey, Chloe and Sophie. The dolls measure about 17 inches high and have hair made of yarn. Audrey's hair is black, Chloe's hair is dark brown and Sophie's hair is blonde. The dolls are part of Pottery Barn Kids' Girl Doll Collection. The doll's name can be found on a tag sewn onto her bottom.

Sold exclusively at: Pottery Barn Kids stores nationwide, online at www.potterybarnkids.com and through Pottery Barn Kids catalogs from July 2006 to April 2011 for about \$40.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should take the dolls away from children immediately and cut the looped hair of the Chloe and Sophie dolls and remove the head-

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