

Waukesha County Child Care Newsletter

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Thank You For Caring!



Arts & Crafts Corner



Paper Plate Flowers:

Materials needed- Paper Plates, Construction Paper, Scissors and Glue.

1. Trace child's hand on construction paper. You will need between 10 and 18 cut outs depending on the size of the hand.
2. Place handprints to form a circle on outer edge of paper plate and glue down. (fingers facing out)
3. Form another circle within that circle with handprints (fingers facing out) and continue forming circles and gluing down until you reach the middle of the plate.
4. In the center of the plate, place a small circle for the center of the flower or insert a small circle with a snapshot of the child for the center of the flower.

Flower Magnet:

Materials needed- Magnets, Fun Foam, Glue, Glitter and Beads.

1. Cut flower shapes from the fun foam and have children decorate these shapes. Attach a magnet to the back of fun foam and display.

SAVE THE DATE...OCTOBER 8, 2009!

What: Waukesha Co. Childcare Providers Recognition Celebration

When: Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Where: Child & Family Centers of Excellence
N4 W22000 Bluemound Road, Waukesha

Why: Make & Take Tables, Community Resources, and Breakout Sessions on Child Care Issues

Cost: FREE

Nutritious Nibbles: Summer Snacks



Crock-pot Applesauce:

8-10 medium apples
½ cup water
1 cup sugar
1 tsp cinnamon

Combine apples and water in a slow cook-pot. Cover and cook on low for 4 hours or until apples are soft. Add sugar and cook on low for another 30 minutes. Sprinkle with cinnamon. You can puree the mixture in a blender if want the applesauce to be smoother.

Apple/Banana Frosty:

1 golden delicious apple
1 peeled diced banana
¼ cup milk
3 ice cubes

Add all ingredients into blender and blend. Serves 4

Orange-Applesauce Jello Salad:

1 3-oz package of orange flavored jello
1 cup water
1 8-oz jar of applesauce
1 apple, cut up into bite-size pieces
½ cup lemon-lime carbonated beverage or cold water

Pour orange flavored jello into a large mixing bowl. Add 1 cup boiling water to the jello mixture and stir until it dissolves. Add the applesauce until mixed together and put the mixing bowl in the fridge. Wash the apple and remove the core. Cut the apple into bite-size pieces. Remove the bowl from the fridge and stir in the apple pieces, add the lemon-lime beverage or cold water. Pour the mixture into 4 small individual bowls. Place the bowls in the fridge and child until firm, about 3 hours. Serves 4

Frozen Fruit Pops:

3 cups strawberries
1 cup water
2/3 cup sugar
1 envelope unsweetened strawberry or cherry flavored soft drink mix
12-16 3-oz waxed paper drink cups or frozen popsicle molds
Muffin pans

Wash the strawberries and cut off the leaves/stems. Mash the strawberries with a spoon or fork until the mixture is almost smooth. Stir in water, sugar, and soft drink mix until mixed together. Pour the mixture into waxed paper cups or popsicle molds until almost full. Use a muffin pan to hold the cups steady. Cover each cup with foil and make a little hole in the foil with a knife. Push a wooden popsicle stick into the cup through the hole. Freeze 4-6 hours or until firm. To serve, tear off the paper or remove from the molds. Makes 12-16 popsicles.

LOCAL APPLE ORCHARDS

Aunt Evies Orchard:
18950 W. National Ave
New Berlin
262-679-3776

Patterson Orchard:
124th Street
New Berlin
414-425-0563

Weston Antique Apples:
5470 S. Overlook Drive
New Berlin
262-679-2862
www.westonapples.com



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BUSINESS BEAT CORNER

Networking & Professional Development:

Early childhood and child care are not the easiest of professions. The profession has a high turnover and burnout rate. Two ways to help retain early childhood professionals is with networking and professional development plans.

What is networking? Networking is the sharing of information among a group with a common interest. Networking allows you to meet others in your field in order to share and receive information. One way to network with other child care providers is to join child care associations. Waukesha County Family Day Care Association is a local child care association that meets the third Tuesday of every month September through May at 7 p.m. at the Waukesha County Administration Building (1320 Pewaukee Road, Waukesha). Networking is a good way to find yourself a mentor in the field of early childhood. A mentor is another professional you can go to with questions and ask for advice on your child care program and business. Another way to network with other child care providers is to attend continuing education workshops or conferences.

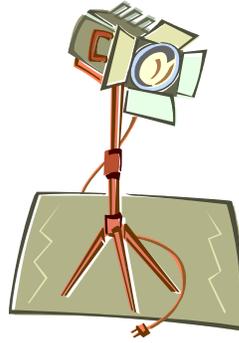
A Professional Development Plan is another way of retaining early childhood professionals. The National Association for the Education of Young Children's Conceptual Framework for Professional Development (www.naeyc.org) states that professional development should be an ongoing process where child care professionals gain new knowledge and skills that will help them in working with young children and their families. Good professional development experiences link what is learned in theory to practical every day real world experiences. It also promotes a hands-on, interactive approach that allows individuals to learn from each other. These experiences also allow the early childhood professional to reflect and receive feedback on what was learned. The trend over the last few years in the field of early childhood has been an emphasis on education. Research has shown the more educated and trained a child care provider is the better type of care they offer to the children in their programs. (13 Indicators of Quality-Research Update by Richard Fiene – <http://aspe.hhs.gov>) When forming a Professional Development Plan a child care provider should do some reflecting on what areas of the child care program or personally they would like to change or improve. Then the child care provider should look for training in those areas in order to obtain more information or new ideas.

Allowing an early childhood professional to develop their personalized professional development plan gives them more of a sense of ownership when gaining knowledge and reinforces this is an ongoing process. Following is a list of agencies that offer continuing education opportunities:

- ★ 4-C's Community Coordinated Child Care, Milwaukee
414-562-2650
www.4c-milwaukee.org
- ★ Early Education Station, West Allis, 414-546-3960
www.earlyedstation.com
- ★ Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
1-800-243-9482 x5221
www.witc.edu
- ★ Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
1-800-422-4982 x6872
www.nwtc.edu
- ★ Waukesha County Technical College, 262-691-5566
www.wctc
- ★ Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, 414-278-9322
www.wecanaeyc.org

If you are interested in creating your own professional development plan a nice resource is <http://www.ncchildcare.org>. Hit the tab titled Interactive Workbooks and then Teacher's Workbook. This interactive workbook will help you create a personal and professional plan of action that you can print out at the end for your reference. –Karen Narlow

SPOTLIGHT ON A PROVIDER



Christine Murray is a certified child care provider in the city of Waukesha. Christine has been a certified child care provider for close to 30 years and has been doing certified child care at her present home for 14 years. Christine has two children a son who is 33 and a daughter who is 29. Christine's daughter works for a dentist and is a part time model. Her son has two children who are 11 and 13. Christine says she loves her grandchildren and being a grandma.

Christine started doing child care when she was pregnant with her daughter. Her son was sick and it was hard to find child care for him so Christine decided she would have to do something out of her home so she could take care of him. Christine says she takes her day care children at 6 weeks and they stay with her until they start school. Currently Christine has infants and toddlers in her care with ages ranging from 9 to 13 months. Christine's advice to other child care providers is that you need to enjoy working with children. If you do not enjoy children then you should not be in this line of work. Providers also need to have patience and love when working with children.

Christine loves to scrapbook. She is currently working on her third scrapbook for her granddaughter, has completed two scrapbooks for her grandson and has done all her pictures. She likes to make cards and has made her own Christmas cards for the last couple of years. In winter, you will also find Christine tie dying blankets. Last winter she did 33 blankets. With all this going on Christine still finds time to work-out at the gym 6 days a week.

Thank you to Christine for providing quality child care to the children and families in Waukesha!

RULES & REGULATION CORNER

Question:

What is crisis respite child care and can I do it from my certified home?

Waukesha County Department of Health & Human Services is working to create a list of interested regulated child care providers who would be interested in providing short-term crisis child care for families of Waukesha County who are in need. This would be a short-term commitment facilitated by the County for families in need of emergency child care. Some examples include homeless families, special needs children, foster care children, parents with emergency medical needs or teen parents. Each of these families requires emergency child care while they are at work, in treatment or in the hospital. You would be reimbursed by the County for the hours the children are in your care. We are interested in involving in-home child care providers because your homes are warm, inviting and comforting environments for these children while they are in a time of need. Please consider this opportunity to help your local community members. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Jennifer Mantei or Karen Narlow for additional information. Thanks for your consideration!

We would love to hear from you...

Please let us know if you have specific questions or concerns. We would like to start a provider question of the month, so please call or send an e-mail with your questions each month to Jennifer Mantei at jmantei@waukeshacounty.gov or (262) 548-7250 or Karen Narlow at knarlow@waukeshacounty.gov or (262) 970-4795.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NETWORKING & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Waukesha County Child Care Providers Recognition Celebration:

WHEN: Thursday, October 8, 2009 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: Child and Family Centers of Excellence:
N4 W22000 Bluemound Road
Waukesha, WI 53186
Contact Vickey Angles at 262-548-8080 for more information
FUND RAISER: [www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?
campaign_id=407](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=407)

Gathering of Early Childhood Professionals:

Save the date! You are invited to a **free** series event of gatherings for Waukesha County Certified Child Care Providers. Feel free to network with other child care professionals while focusing on Professionalism in Early Childhood tips & Learning Business Techniques for your certified child care program. Formal invitations will follow closer to the date.

WHEN: Thursday, November 12, 2009 6:3 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
WHERE: Waukesha County Health & Human Services Building
500 Riverview Ave Waukesha, WI 53188
Brookfield Room
262-548-7212

Start of WCFCA 2009-2010 meeting year:

Just a Reminder that Waukesha County Family Day Care Association starts their provider meetings this month. The first one will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Waukesha County Administration Center. The topic will be a Meet and Greet. Waukesha County Family Day Care Association meets the third Tuesday of every month from September through May. Association dues for the year are \$25.00 and are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to WCFDCA and mailed to Dawn Cresci at N265 W6932 Thousand Oaks Drive, Sussex, 53089. Please contact Jean Long at 262-255-1423 with any questions.

2009-2010 Meeting Calendar:

September 15, 2009:	Meet & Greet, Get to Know Your Neighbors
October 20, 2009:	Enhancing Child Speech by Sandra Boney
November 17, 2009:	Library by Kate Fitzgerald Fleck
December 2009:	No Meeting, Happy Holidays!
January 19, 2010	Child Abuse & Neglect by Barb Holtz
February 16, 2010	Positive Child Guidance by Karen Narlow
March 16, 2010	Don't Get Injured by Mike & Elizabeth Gruel
April 20, 2010	Nurse online, Child Illness by Sue Medd
May 15, 2010	Suggestive Art

Workshops at 4 C's Community Coordinated Child Care:

1805 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3639
414-562-2650

September 10- Make & Take Flannel Board Fun 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Variety of flannel board activities will be shared for both stories and games and patterns will be available for participants to make the activities during the workshop.

September 17- Make & Take Math Activities 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ideas for hands-on math activities will be available for toddlers through 5 years old. Patterns will be available for participants to make the activities during the workshop.

Cost of workshops is \$25.00 each or two for \$40.00. Cash, money orders or credit card (Master Card or Visa) payments are accepted.

2009 PROVIDER SURVEY

Did you receive your 2009 Certified Family Child Care Provider Survey? Waukesha County Department of Health & Human Services Shared Services Unit and the Day Care Certification Staff are currently in the process of making changes to improve the services to our certified family child care providers. We are looking for your feedback. If you did not receive a survey, please contact Jennifer Mantei at 262-548-7250 or Karen Narlow at 262-970-4795. You can also send an email to jmantei@waukeshacounty.gov or knarlow@waukeshacounty.gov and we will be happy to send you a survey. To the providers who have already returned the surveys, thank you! We appreciate your time, consideration and input. Be on the look for survey results in an upcoming issue of the Child Care Newsletter.

THE JOY MOVIE

Thank you to day care provider, Jan Ehli, for sharing this short inspirational video clip with the Day Care Certification Staff. Jan found the expressions in this video to be beautiful and appropriate for day care. In fact, Jan printed out two of the quotes for the cover of her day care enrollment packet. Please check out this video clip when you have a chance. Just sit back, relax and enjoy! www.thejoymovie.com

RECALLS:

Target Recalls Circo Booster Seats Due to Fall 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.

Name of Product: Circo Booster Seats

Units: About 43,000

Importer: Target, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Hazard: The booster seat restraint buckle can open unexpectedly, allowing a child to fall from the chair and be injured.

Incidents/Injuries: Target has received eight reports of the booster seat buckles opening unexpectedly, including three reports of bruises.

Description: This recall involves Circo booster seats with manufacture date codes XJ0811, XJ0812, XJ0901, and XJ0902. The plastic booster seat is blue with green trim and has white straps. The manufacture date code is printed on the backside of the seat next to the consumer warning information. "Circo" can be found on a label located in the front of the seat.

Sold exclusively at: Target stores nationwide from December 2008 through June 2009 for about \$13.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the booster seat and return the item to the nearest Target store to receive a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Target at (800) 440-0680 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.target.com



RECALLS:

Jump 'n Jive Doorway Jumpers Recalled by Graco 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.

Name of Product: Jump 'n Jive™ Doorway Jumpers
Units: About 2,400

Manufacturer: Graco Children's Products Inc., of Atlanta, Ga.

Hazard: The recalled doorway jumpers include detachable toys that are attached to the jumper straps with strips of hook and loop fabric. The strips of fabric are not permanently attached to the toys and can become detached during use, posing a choking hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: The company has received one report of a child removing the fabric strip and placing it in his/her mouth. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recalled doorway jumper includes an interactive musical dance mat and two detachable toys. The model number, 1755544, appears on the carton UPC label and on the underside of the jumper tray. The doorway jumpers were sold from April 2009 through July 2009.

Sold at: Babies R Us and other children's specialty retail stores nationwide and online from Amazon.com for about \$55.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled product and remove and discard the detachable toys and the attaching fabric strips and call the manufacturer for a replacement set of toys. After the toys and fabric strips are removed, consumers can continue to use the jumper and interactive musical dance mat.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Graco at (800) 345-4109 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.gracobaby.com



Dorel Juvenile Group Expands Recall of Safety 1st Stair Gates Due to Fall 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.

Name of Product: Safety 1st SmartLight Stair Gates

Units: About 31,500 (100,000 units were [previously recalled](#) in February 2009)

Importer: Dorel Juvenile Group USA, of Columbus, Ind.

Hazard: The hinges that hold the stair gate in place can break, posing a fall hazard to children if the gate is placed at the top of the stairs.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves the Safety 1st SmartLight Stair Gate with model number 42111, which is printed on a

sticker under the handle panel. The gates, which were manufactured before December 20, 2008, are white metal with a gray handle and a motion sensor nightlight that illuminates on approach. The manufacture date is located below the gate's handle as a date wheel imprinted in the plastic; an arrow indicates the month, and the year is stamped inside the circle. The manufacture date is also printed on a sticker inside the battery door.

Sold at: Mass merchandise and juvenile product stores nationwide, including Babies R Us, Toys R Us, Wal-Mart.com and other online retailers from January 2005 through July 2009 for about \$60.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled gate and contact the company to obtain a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: Consumers can call Dorel Juvenile Group toll-free at (866) 690-2540 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET; complete an online order form on the Dorel Juvenile Group Web site at www.djgusa.com/safety_notice/ to obtain their free repair kit; email the company at Smartlightgate@djgusa.com, or send a fax to (800) 207-8182.



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