

Waukesha County Child Care Newsletter

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Thank You For Caring!



Arts & Crafts Corner

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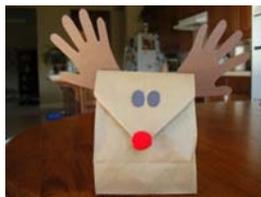
Paper Bag Rudolph

Materials-

- Paper bag
- Tape or glue
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Scrap paper
- Red pom-pom (optional)

Directions-

1. Stuff the bottom 1/3 of your paper bag with crumpled up scrap paper.
2. Fold each top corner over to make a triangle, and tape to secure.
3. Fold your triangle down and tape it to the paper bag.
4. Now you will need to cut out 2 hand prints from brown construction paper and eyes from black paper. If you don't have a red pom-pom, just cut out a red circle from red paper. Glue on all your reindeer parts!



Hands and Fingers Wreath

Materials-

- Big piece of paper
- Green and red paint
- Big brush (optional)
- Scissors
- Paper plate or shallow dish

Directions-

1. Pour some green paint into a paper plate or shallow dish. Lightly dip hand(s) into paint and press hand prints in a circular shape onto a piece of paper.
2. Pour some red paint into a separate plate and dip a finger(s) into it. Press it onto your wreath to make your berries.
3. Cut out your wreath around the hand prints.



Suggestions-

You can make this even easier for little ones by cutting out the wreath shape first and then have the child press their hand print all over the paper, this way they don't have to try and make their hand prints in a circle.

Sometimes handprints are better made by brushing paint onto the hands and then pressing onto paper. Too much paint on the hands can make smoochy prints and will also make your paper ripple much more! But in the end it's the process, not the product...sometimes it's more fun to put your hand into a big blob of paint!

Nutritious Nibbles: Holiday Snacks



Peppermint Cookies

Source: www.familycrafts.about.com

Ingredients-

- 1 1/4 c. crushed peppermints
- 1 1/3 c. sugar, divided (1/3 c. for topping, 1 c. for dough)
- 3/4 c. butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. peppermint extract
- 3/4 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Directions- Grind peppermint candies in 1/3 c. sugar until powdery with a few larger chunks of candies. (This is best done with a food processor.) Mix flour and salt in a small bowl. Mix butter, eggs and sugar together in a separate, larger bowl. Add vanilla and peppermint extracts. Add flour mixture in 3 parts to sugar mixture until well mixed. Form dough into small balls, about 1 inch wide. Roll dough balls in crushed candy mixture and place on an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake for 8 minutes in preheated 350-degree oven. Remove cookies from oven and let cool on baking sheet for 1 minute, then remove them and roll them in the mixture once more before placing them on a sheet of wax paper to cool.



Santa Claus Punch

Source: www.familycrafts.about.com

Ingredients-

- 1 qt. cranberry juice
- 2 pkg. raspberry Kool-Aid
- 2 c. sugar
- 4 qt. water
- 2 (6 oz.) cans frozen lemonade
- 2 (10 oz.) bottles 7-Up or ginger ale

Directions- Mix Kool-Aid, sugar and water. Add cranberry juice and lemonade (undiluted). Chill. Pour over ice in punch bowl. Just before serving pour 7-Up in edge of bowl.



**Happy Holidays to all of our providers
from the Child Day Care Certification Staff**

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LET'S CELEBRATE

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

- Amy Kreitzer: Initial Certification Date 12/2/08

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For they hadn't found a home.
Chop! went the ax.
Down came the tree.
And off it went with a happy family.

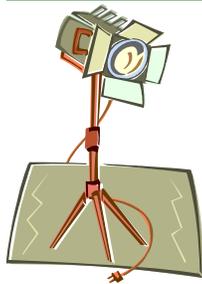
Three little Christmas trees
Stood all alone.
Their hearts were sad
For they hadn't found a home.
Chop! went the ax.
Down came the tree.
And off it went with a happy family.

Two little Christmas trees
Stood all alone.
Their hearts were sad
For they hadn't found a home.
Chop! went the ax.
Down came the tree.
And off it went with a happy family.

One little Christmas tree
Stood all alone.
It's heart was sad
For it hadn't found a home.
Chop! went the ax.
Down came the tree.
And off it went with a happy family.

Have a child come and 'chop' down one of the trees each time and 'take it home.

SPOTLIGHT ON A PROVIDER Julie Giles - "M. Poppins Family Day Care"



Greetings, fellow providers! I am mom to two adult daughters--Elizabeth who works as a nanny near Washington, D.C. and Kathryn who is a senior at Bard College at Simon's Rock. I have a dog, Brinn and a guinea pig, Camille. Opposite of daycare I am a part time area coordinator for the WECA Child and Adult Care Food Program. In my free time I spend time with my boyfriend, Randy, am an avid rock climber, and enjoy reading, knitting and traveling.

M. Poppins Family Day Care opened in 1989 and has been regulated by the county or state ever

since. Presently, I am regularly certified. Prior to opening my child care I taught in different public and private settings. My proudest professional accomplishments are being twice accredited by WECA and earning my Master's Degree in Education from Carroll University while working full time.

One of my favorite recollections from childcare occurred years ago. My daughter Elizabeth was calling for me, "Mom! Mom!" And one of the little daycare girls turned to her and said, "That's not your Mom, that's my Julie."

My greatest joys in this work have been the wonderful connections I have had with so many families and beloved children and the gift it has been to be able to work at home during my own children's formative years. I entered into family childcare believing it was a short-term diversion in my career. I discovered that contrary to all my original plans, I had stumbled into the most important and rewarding work of my life. After 22 years in family childcare, having no tangible trappings equated with success--no high-figure income and no prestige--I have grateful awareness that I have made a difference to many families and many children, and they have made a great difference to me.

HOLIDAY CORNER: Felt Board Games and Songs

Happy holidays to our certified child care providers, their families and their day care children. The holiday felt board games and songs will get you and your day care children in the holiday spirit. Enjoy!

5 Little Christmas Trees

Source: www.archjrc.com

Use the stencil below to cut out 5 trees and an axe for the finger play.



Five little Christmas trees
Stood all alone.
Their hearts were sad
For they hadn't found a home.
Chop! went the ax.
Down came the tree.
And off it went with a happy family.

Four little Christmas trees
Stood all alone.
Their hearts were sad



5 Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen made of snow,
Five little snowmen in a row.
Out came the sun and shone all day.
And one little snowman melted away.
Continue for 4, 3, 2, 1

5 Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen knocking at the door,
One melts away and then there were four.

Four little snowmen climbing a tree,
One melts away and then there were three.

Three little snowmen looking for something to do,
One melts away and then there were two.

Two little snowmen are now having fun,
One melts away and then there was one.

One little snowman all by himself,
He melts away and now there are none.

Button Snowmen

Source:

www.archjrc.com



Use the stencil below to cut out 5 snowmen, hats, and scarves. Children can match the numbered hats to the snowmen. You can use fabric paint to decorate the facial features and details. I used the carrot nose so the snowmen could also be used with The Chubby Little Snowman poem (bunny included). You can also paint on a nose and then just cut one carrot nose for that poem.

These snowmen can also be used for the finger plays included on this page. The actual felt pieces are larger than the picture above. I resized them so they would load faster and would fit nicely on my page! Enjoy :-)



Professional Development, Networking & Training Corner:

- **Waukesha County Health and Human Services - 500 Riverview Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188**
Provider Gathering - Make-N-Take Night
January 9, 2012
6:00-8:30 pm
- **4C for Children** – 320 W. Vine St., Milwaukee – 414-562-2650 - www.4c-milwaukee.org
- **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 - January 17, 2012
- **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
- **FYI Providers...**Tom Copeland's 2011 Tax Organizer (\$17.95) and 2011 Tax Companion (\$17.95) books are now available through Redleaf Press. Please visit the website (www.readleafpress.org) or call the toll free number (1-800-641-0115) to place an order.

December YoungStar Training Schedule

Looking for information to be better prepared for YoungStar Ratings and Services? This workshops are designed to do just that! Each of these workshops focus on a specific YoungStar category. They are designed to give participants:

- A better understanding of YoungStar and the rating categories.
- A clear understanding of what the reviewers will be looking for during the YoungStar rating process.
- Tips, tools, and suggested practices that will help programs prepare for the rating process.
- All workshops will be held at the **4C Training Area: 320 W. Vine Street, 414-562-2650 - www.4c-milwaukee.org** unless noted differently.

Registration is limited to 30 participants. Please register early.

YoungStar Category A – Education and Training

This information includes credit-based education. Verification and trainings are approved through the Registry and verified through the Registry Profiles.

YoungStar Category B – Learning Environment and Curriculum

Self-Assessment and Quality Improvement Plan 4 Hours Fee: \$35

This training examines competencies of change and change management. By the end of the training, participants will describe the steps for rapid-cycle quality improvement process, and accurately use self-assessment as the foundation for creating a quality improvement plan. The plan can become the foundation for future YoungStar services.

December 1, 2011	4C: Room 3	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
December 2, 2011	4C: Room 3	9:00 am – 12 Noon

Developing Children's Portfolio's 4

Hours Fee: \$35

Tracking how and what children are learning can be a tricky and difficult task given the typical childcare environment and activity. This workshop will give providers strategies to not only document what children are learning, but also introduce systems that can help providers use this information when doing intentional planning. Information about YoungStar indicators related to children's portfolios and planning will be shared.

December 3, 2011	Days Inn: 1840 N. 6 St, 3 rd Fl. Mtg Rm	9:00 am–1:00 pm
December 5 & 6, 2011	4C; Room 2	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
December 19, 2011	Days Inn: 1840 N. 6 St, 4 th Fl. Mtg Rm	10:00 am–2:00 pm

Agnes and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) 7 Hours Fee: \$40

The ASQ: Ages and Stages Questionnaire is a tool that can be used by parents and providers to check the development of a young child. The use of the ASQ will help parents and caregivers be more attuned to the developmental stages of the child. The workshop will provide information about what the ASQ is, the types of development it documents, and how the information can be used.

December 1, 2011	4C: Room 3	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
December 10, 2011	Days Inn: 1840 N. 6 St, 3 rd Fl. Mtg Rm	9:00 am – 4:00 pm

YoungStar Category C – Business and Professional Practices

Business Practices for Family Child Care – Part 1 3 Hours Fee: \$10

Understanding YoungStar Expectations: Do you want to know what is expected of you to satisfy YoungStar standards when it comes to family child care business practices? This is the training for you! We will review the Business & Professional Practices component of YoungStar and offer a clear explanation of how you can earn points in this area for your family child care program.

December 8, 2011	4C: Room 2	6:15 pm – 9:15 pm
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Business Practices for Group Child Care – Part 1 3 Hours Fee: \$10

Understanding YoungStar Expectations: Do you want to know what is expected of you to satisfy YoungStar standards when it comes to Group child care business practices? This is the training for you! We will review the Business & Professional Practices component of YoungStar and offer a clear explanation of how you can earn points in this area for your Group child care program. *For Directors, Administrators, and/or Business Managers of Child Care Programs.*

December 8, 2011	4C: Room 3	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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Business Practices for Family Child Care – Part 2 3 Hours Fee: \$20

Compiling the Materials: So, now you know what YoungStar requires for Business and Professional Practices. Do you need help making it happen? If so, come to this hands-on work session! Bring your policies, tax return, and any other documents you think you want help with. We will provide templates to help you develop needed policies, a budget, and other business practices. This session will include small group discussion with other family child care providers, as well as individualized support.

December 12, 2011	4C: Room 2	6:15 pm – 9:15 pm
December 13, 2011	4C: Room 3	6:15 pm – 9:15 pm
December 15, 2011	4C: Room 2	6:15 pm – 9:15 pm

Business Practices for Group Child Care – Part 2 3 Hours Fee: \$20

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December 5, 2011	4C: Room 3	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
December 13, 2011	4C: Room 3	9:00 am – 12 Noon
December 15, 2011	4C: Room 3	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Family Involvement 3 Hours

Fee: \$25

Families are powerfully important to the education and development of children. Programs that partner with parents not only improve child outcomes, they are able to improve business outcomes. This training will help participants be able to describe elements of a strong family teacher/caregiver relationship, discuss how provider family partnerships shape positive child outcomes and understand how to apply at least three strategies to build family partnerships.

December 3, 2011	4C: Room 3	9:00 am – 12 Noon
December 9, 2011	4C: Room 3	9:00 am – 12 Noon
December 16, 2011	4C: Room 3	9:00 am – 12 Noon

YoungStar Category D – Health and Wellness

Strengthening Families: Protective Factors 3 Hours Fee: \$25

Strengthening Families is an approach early learning programs can use to strengthen specific protective factors all families have in order to reduce the risks associated with child abuse. This workshop introduces the protective factors and strategies early learning programs can use to cultivate these factors with the families they serve.

December 7, 2011	4C: Room 3	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
December 14, 2011	4C: Room 3	9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Reminder: Registration is limited to 30 participants. Please register early.



**Battat Recalls Magnetic Sketchboards;
Magnetic Pen Tip Poses Choking Hazards**

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: Toulouse-LapTrec magnetic sketchboards

Units: About 95,000 in the United States and 4,300 in Canada

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

Manufacturers: Rainbow Force Plastic Products, of China

Hazard: The magnetic tip of the drawing pen can dislodge from the pen, posing a choking hazard to children.

Incidents/Injuries: Battat has received 19 reports of the magnetic tip separating from the pen. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves the Toulouse-LapTrec magnetic sketchboard, which has a white plastic writing surface bordered by either a red or brown plastic frame, and has a bean bag type backing. The sketch board has four animal shapes across the top – a rabbit, dog, cat and duck. The multicolored magnetic pen is affixed to the front of the sketchpad. The model number BX1026 (red frame) or BX1027 (brown frame) can be found on a paper wrapper that comes with the product at the time it was purchased.

Sold at: Target stores nationwide and by various online retailers from March 2010 to March 2011 for about \$16.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take recalled sketchboards away from children and contact Battat to receive a free replacement sketchboard.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Battat toll-free at (866) 665-5524 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit Battat's website at www.battatco.com

Note: Health Canada's press release is available at http://cpsr-rspsc.gc.ca/PR-RP/recall-retrait-eng.jsp?re_id=1452



**Guidecraft Recalls Twist 'n Sort Toys
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: Twist and Sort Toys

Units: About 760

Manufacturer: Guidecraft Inc., of Winthrop, Minn.

Hazard: The small pegs on three of the four posts can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: This recall involves Twist 'n Sort wooden toys. The toy has a square base, four posts and twelve primary-colored game pieces that can be arranged to fit over the posts. Product number "712" is printed on underside of base.

Sold at: Specialty toy stores and gift shops nationwide, catalogs and online from September 2009 through November 2010 for about \$20.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys from children and contact Guidecraft to receive a replacement or another product of equal value.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Guidecraft toll-free at (888) 824-1308 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.guidecraft.com



**Kiddieland Recalls Disney-branded
Fairies Plastic Trikes Due to Laceration 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: Disney Fairies Plastic Racing Trikes

Units: About 12,000 (9,000 Disney Princess Trikes were recalled in April 2011*)

Manufacturer: Kiddieland Toys Limited, of Scituate, Mass. (Note: Disney licensed their brand name to Kiddieland.)

Hazard: The plastic fairy figures protrude from the top of the handle bar posing a laceration hazard if a child falls on them.

Incidents/Injuries: CPSC and Kiddieland have received one report of a 3-year-old girl from Ohio who suffered a facial laceration near her right eye.

Description: This recall involves the Disney-branded Fairies Plastic Racing Trike. The trike is green and purple with a white seat and yellow wheels. On top of the handlebar, there is a Tinkerbell figure and three other rotating fairy figures. "Disney Fairies" is printed on the label in front of the trike just below the handlebar.

Sold exclusively at: Target stores nationwide from July 2009 through December 2009 for about \$50.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the trikes away from children and contact Kiddieland for a free replacement handlebar with an enclosed rotating display.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Kiddieland at (800) 430-5307 anytime, or visit the firm's website at www.kiddieland.com/hk

*New model Princess Trikes do not have figurines and are not included in the recall.



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