



Family Child Care, Incorporated Quarterly Newsletter

2013~January, February, March~

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FCCI is an organization of licensed family child care providers committed to developing and promoting high quality child care in our community through education, resources, and support.

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Workshop Location

Redeemer Lutheran Church
869 7th Avenue SE
Rochester MN 55904

Please use the main entrance and proceed to the lower level. The entrance door is on a security timer and is unlocked ½ hour before and after the start of the workshop.

Upcoming Workshops

Members, please be prepared to show your membership card.
Non-members, be prepared to pay a \$15 training fee.

January 14, 2013
6:15pm-9:30pm

Taxes & Recordkeeping

Presenter: Tom Copeland

Doors open at 5:45pm

This workshop will discuss the new changes in tax laws that affect family child care providers, key record keeping tips that will save you money on your taxes, 50% depreciation rule, hiring employees, and tips on how to fill out your tax return.

February 11, 2013
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

There's a Monster at My Table!

Presenters: CCR&R Food Program Representatives

Do you feel like you have a monster at your table rather than a young child? Let us help you keep that monsters behavior at bay and still serve nutritious meals and snacks. Helpful hints and ideas for parents and providers with toddlers and young preschoolers will be shared throughout this class. Recipes, hints and ideas packed handouts will also be available.

March 11, 2013
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Balancing Act: Best Behavior and Learning Through Movement

Presenter: Catherine Burns

Children's first way of learning is through movement. Not only does movement keep us in balance physically, but early activities that children naturally enjoy also provide important brain connections for good attention and emotional regulation skills. These specific developmental movements establish early learning readiness. All young children benefit from these simple activities, adapted to fun play for every age and stage.

2013 Workshop Calendar

January 14, 6:15-9:30	6:15 FCCI Business Meeting 6:30-9:30 Taxes and Record Keeping	Tom Copeland
February 11, 7pm-9pm	There's a Monster at My Table	CCRR Food Prgm
March 11, 7pm-9pm	Balancing Act: Best Behavior and Learning Through Movement	Catherine Burns
April 8, 7pm-9pm	I'll Show You Mine, If You Show Me Yours	Deb Colling
May 13, 6pm-9pm	Annual Provider Banquet~ Social 6:pm Dinner and Program 6:30pm	Jim Gill
June 10, 7pm-9pm	Love and Logic	Angie Ellsworth
July ?? date, location, time TBA	Summer Potluck Picnic – Everyone Welcome!	
August 12, 7pm-9pm	Licensing Forum	Olmsted Licensors
September 9, 7pm-9pm	Simple Ways to Add Spanish to Your Day	Kate Seifert
October 14, 7pm-9pm	SIDS/Shaken Baby Syndrome	Michelle Gillard
November 11, 7pm-9pm	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	Melissa Fredin
December	Happy Holidays! No Workshop	

Looking for great activities for preschoolers or add-ons to your curriculum?

The FCCI Sales and Purchasing table offers seasonal and themed die cut packages, felt board activity kits, teaching tools, and literacy combinations for purchase before every workshop, except January and May. The table opens at 6:30 pm and closes at 7 pm.

View sample items on-line at
www.fccimn.com on the Provider Page.

New Baby? In the Hospital?

Getting Married? Special Celebration?

Death in the Family?

Our members are important to us!

If you know of a special event or time of concern for a fellow FCCI member, please contact Julie, 288-1064 or email, fccihospitality@gmail.com so she can let that person know that their friends at FCCI are thinking of them!

Have a Second Business?

The Provider Marketplace offers sales table to providers with a second business at the monthly workshop. So, whether it's cosmetics, jewelry, children's toys, scrapbooking, etc. We invite you to share your second business. Contact the Community Outreach Coordinator to register for a free table. A door prize donation is requested.

Keep Informed of Provider News!

Sign up for FCCI's monthly E-news; send your request to fccimn@gmail.com

Receive current news from your state association, Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care by becoming a member. Visit mlfcca.org for more information!

Shaken Baby Video: Available at the February, March, April, June, August, September, October and November workshops, 6:30pm. Check-in at the membership table. Video also available on-line: www.fccimn.com Click on the Community tab and then click

Message from 2013 President

Happy New Year!

I am Stacy Boysen and I will be serving as your president for 2013. I have been a licensed family child care provider for the past 15 years and have been a member of FCCI throughout those 15 years. I have served on the board in various positions for the past 7 years. I provide child care in rural Pine Island with my husband, Jamie. I have two children, Cole is 17 and Luke is 14. I enjoy horseback riding and camping, as well as reading. I have just finished my MA degree in Family Life Education and am looking forward to enjoying free time without homework for the first time in six years! I'm also looking forward to an exciting year as your president!



At this time, the board would like to thank Carrie Winter and Tina Xie for giving their time and talents to the FCCI board. Carrie will be missed as she takes on a new venture outside of family child care. We wish her all the best! Thank you to Tina for serving as treasurer this past year. We appreciate your hard work! Best wishes, Carrie and Tina!

We would now like to welcome Becky Mulholland to the FCCI Board of Directors. Becky opened Children's Choice Child Care in 1993 and will soon be celebrating her 20th year in family child care. She has been married to her husband Nathan for 12 years and they have 6 children: Kyle (19), Jake (18), Natasha (18), Autym (15), Luke (9), and Erynn (7). Becky just obtained her MN Child Care Credential through CCR&R and is in the process of obtaining her National Credential as well. Becky enjoys spending time with her family, and cheering on her kids in their many activities! She also enjoys taking classes and developing as a professional in the Early Childhood field. She looks forward to serving on the FCCI board as our Member-at-Large 2. Welcome, Becky!

Returning this year to the board are Kari Fairclough and Amy Kanz! Kari has served in various board positions in the past, including the president and advisor roles. This year, she will be serving as our Community Outreach Coordinator. Kari has been married to Tim for 34 years, and they have two grown children (Heather and Ted) and one lovely granddaughter (Josie, kindergarten). Her child care program, Kari's House, has been in business for 17 years - "time flies when you're having fun!" Kari is a veteran FCCI board member who has served in various positions over the years. Her favorite activity is reading. She says, "Everyone should believe in something and I believe I'll read another chapter!" Kari and Tim spend their summer weekends camping at a lakefront site on Rush Lake - "he fishes for muskies and I read!"

Amy Kanz is returning to the board as our Member-at-Large. Amy has been a licensed provider in NW Rochester for 6 years. She has been married to her husband, Jason, for 12 years, and they have two boys: Blake (8) and Landon (6). Amy has just finished her MN Child Care Credential program through CCR&R, and she also serves on the Board of Directors for CCR&R. In her spare time, she enjoys watching the boys play hockey, scrapbooking, reading, and the Kanz family loves to go camping together. She is looking forward to serving on the Board for FCCI, again! Welcome back, Kari and Amy!

In professional development news, FCCI has partnered with CCRR to provide a training opportunity for family child care providers, and especially those providers who are interested in becoming mentors. Not By Chance: Quality in Practice for Family Child Care Environments (FCCERS) will be offered in Rochester for a reduced cost of \$25 in January. We are also partnering again to provide the popular "Family Child Care as a Business" training. These classes are not often offered in our area, so sign up today and take advantage of these great trainings! More details are provided in this newsletter.

FCCI is also excited to welcome the MLFCCA Annual State Child Care conference and banquet to our area. It has been many years since the MLFCCA conference and banquet has been held here in Rochester. It is a great conference and we are excited to welcome family child care providers from across the state. Please plan to attend this conference! If this is your first year as a member of MLFCCA, your conference attendance fee is FREE! Membership information is provided in this newsletter and look for conference registration details coming soon!

Here's to a wonderful 2013!

Stacy Boysen
2013 FCCI President
fccimn@gmail.com



FCCI is now on Facebook!
**Keep up-to-date with local child
care news, training, and more!**
Search: Family Child Care Incorporated

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2012 BOARD

President: Nita Higgins

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Member-at-large: Carrie Winter

Member-at-large: Tracie Reider (March to present)

Advisor: Jackie Harrington

Board met each month, including a summer potluck picnic (everyone is welcome) and holiday /year end celebration. Board met in October for annual retreat current status and future goals. Bylaws were reviewed. Board guest included Pat Gannon, Barb Miller, Barb Wilson, Bonnie Rietman, Sandy Sprung, Ann Hamilton, Kari Fairclough, Jen Bestgen, Shelby Ellis, Marlene Jenke

WORKSHOPS

- January 9th : Taxes and record keeping, presented by Tom Copeland
- February 13th : Little Hands Sign Language, presented by Denise Meyer
- March 12th : It's Driving me Buggy / annual CACFP Basic Training, Presented: by Marlene Jenke, Shelby Ellis
- April 9th : Developmental Differences Between Boys and Girls Presenter: Kathy Salem and Janie Atwell
- May 14th : Annual Provider banquet Laugh Yourself Happy! Presenter: Linda Hutchinson
- June 11th : Ways to connect: Handling Those Important Everyday Conversations Presenter: Mary Behrens
- July : no workshop
- August 13th : Giggle Wiggle Clap & Learn! Presenter: Jane Kitson
- September 10th : Kitchen Scientist Presenter: Bev Herr
- October 8th : Crabbie masters Presenters: Becky Undlin
- November 12th : Q and A with Olmsted County Licensors
- December : no workshop

Membership

- 218 paid members.
- FCCI memberships at the state and national level: MLFCCA (Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association) and NAFCC (National Association of Family Child Care).
- Membership Drive beginning November 1st, 2012, with gift cards awarded at November 12th workshop for one on-line purchase winner and one at workshop purchase winner.
- FCCI memberships cards and newsletters were printed on salmon paper

Fundraisers

- Calendar Keepers
- Cartridge World Ink recycling program
- ACA partner program
- Die Cuts/ Teaching Tools(available on line and at workshop)
- 50/50 Raffle at November workshop

Partnership

- CCR&R Family Child Care is a business, 21 providers participated and received an FCCI membership
- Taran Schneider and Voices for Children Day at the Capitol
- Fire Safety U.S.A. provided extinguisher service at the August workshop.
- FCCI and MLFCCA conduct statewide provider survey in response to recommendations from Infant Mortality Panel.

Newsletter

- Published quarterly newsletters: mailed to all FCCI members and all Olmsted County licensed providers and community partners
- Newsletter advertising space revenue: \$875.00

Website

- The website www.fccimn.com receives 52,000+ visits from providers and parents as an up-to-date resource. An increase of over 6,500 visits from 2011.
- Clean Sweep of non-member classifieds and directory listings and reconciliation with DHS listings, January 2012
- 70, 2012 memberships purchased on-line through Pay Pal. This is the second year on-line membership purchasing.
- FCCI partners with CCRR to obtain monthly report of new and closed providers to increase accuracy in our database.
- Monthly E-News sent to providers.

Community Outreach

- FCCI Advocacy Committee sponsors Provider and Legislator Conversation regarding the recommendations from the Infant Mortality Review Panel to DHS; October 23, 2012
- Week long classified ad ran each month in the Rochester Post Bulletin to promote FCCI and direct parents to child care providers via www.fccimn.com
- Board representatives attended the monthly Olmsted County Licensing New Provider Orientation to introduce FCCI through a presentation. Attendees received a copy of the newsletter and a \$15 complimentary training coupon.
- Shaken Baby Video shown before Feb, March, April, June August, Sept, Oct, Nov workshops.
- Participated in CCRR's Family Fun Night, promoting family child care to families and fun and prizes for little ones.
- FCCI July board meeting open to all members for a summer potluck 12 members attended.
- FCCI 6th Annual Board Retreat was held in October 29th, 2012 for future planning and goal setting.

Volunteer

- Volunteer Recognition at Annual Provider Banquet: 26 volunteers receive a certificate of appreciation, and 22 attended and received a complimentary banquet meal.
- Volunteers prepare die-cuts, felt board activity kits, and teaching tools to sell at workshops.
- 34 participating and active volunteers in 2012 from May to May. Many new faces!

Hospitality

- Hospitality Coordinator welcomed "new to FCCI" members, with a personalized card on behalf of FCCI.
- Hospitality Coordinator provided tasty treats at monthly workshops.
- "Prize" FCCI chocolate bar or music CD was given to first time attendees at workshop.
- Lite Pizza dinner offered at Die Cut Committee meeting for volunteers.

Financial

- Developed and followed a yearly budget.
- Finance committee met quarterly to review budget income and expenses.
- Treasure filed State and Federal income taxes.
- Certificate of Deposit cashed
- Safety Deposit box rented to store FCCI documents.

Banquet and week of the provider

- Hosted the "Week of the Family Child Care Provider" Pasta banquet at Redeemer Lutheran Church.
- The keynote speaker, Linda Hutchinson presented "Laugh Yourself happy," Mayor Ardele Brede presented the Proclamation from the City of Rochester declaring it the "Week of the Family Child Care Provider" Community members in attendance were Chris Bowen, Taran Schneider, Shelby Ellis, Keith Lewis, Victoria Hale, Katy Chase, Tammy Shettl, Holly Jantzen, Dawn Shenk, Marlene Jenke
- 2 Pasta Art Contest winners received gift baskets valued at \$100 each
- All attendees received a door prize.

Sales and purchasing

- Calendar Keeper
- Assorted teacher resource/teaching tool items.
- 3 new on-line books- Hat Book 1, Hat 2, and Polar bear Splash.
- 10 New books with die cuts

Provider marketplace

- Discovery Toys-Kari Richards
- Growing with music-Carol
- Encore music class- Rachelle Benard
- Sumiran's Couture- Surat Sombhatla

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Higgins 2012 FCCI President and the 2012 FCCI Board of Directors

2013 FCCI Board of Directors Calendar

Board meetings are held 6:30-9pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, unless otherwise noted.

January 22, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20,
September 17, October 22, November 19, December TBA.

All members are welcome to attend, observe, or participate in the open comment period. Contact the president for open comment guidelines. fccimn@gmail.com

In appreciation...



The FCCI Board of Directors wishes to extend our gratitude to the following providers and community members who have volunteered at our monthly workshops, on committees, or as board members and have contributed their time and talent to support you and FCCI since May 2012!

Volunteers

Chris Bowen
Shelby Ellis
Kari Fairclough
Donna Fitzgerald
Tasha Gurtner
Cheri Hoeft
Mary Lombard
Christina Pena
Michelle Rand
Bonnie Rietman
Sandy Sprung
Anna Telachy
Jen Bestgen



2012 Board Members

Kayla Abrahamson
Stacy Boysen
Jackie Harrington
Nita Higgins
Julie Lewison
Jennifer Parrish
Tracie Rieder
Jackie Seifert
Shan Stewart
Lee Vang
Carrie Winter
Tina Xie



In appreciation of those who actively participate in supporting FCCI, we recognize their contributions at the May 13, 2013 provider banquet, where they will receive a complimentary banquet meal as a token of our appreciation. Thank you!

Volunteering to support FCCI is a simple matter of contacting Jennifer at fccivolunteer@gmail.com or 529-8801. Opportunities are available to participate on the following committees: Finance, Banquet, By-law, and Die-cut committees, as well as volunteering to help at the monthly workshops or serving on the Board of Directors. We welcome your input, ideas, and support and would love to add your name to our list of special guests at the 2013 provider banquet!



Volunteer Opportunities...

Advocacy Committee

Are you interested in impacting policy changes to family child care and making community connections? Then the Advocacy Committee is looking for you!

The Advocacy Committee meets regularly. For more information:

Contact Jackie,
282-1799

Finance Committee

How does it add up?
Fine tune the finances with this savvy group!

The Finance Committee meets once per quarter to review FCC I's finances.

Contact
Tracie,
285-0502

Workshop Volunteer

A few extra hands make workshop night run smoothly! Here's what you can do to help:

- *Assist members at the sign-in book/handouts
- *Greet members at upstairs entrance door.
- *Collect workshop evaluations.
- *Hand out training certificates.

Contact Jennifer,
529-8801

Lend a Hand!

Die Cut Committee

Join us a few times a year to prepare the die cuts for our members to purchase at the monthly workshops. The die cut committee meets at the Rochester Technical College for a few hours to create seasonal and themed die cuts that providers can use as a craft activity, to create a book, or as a story board activity.

Contact Nita for dates and directions,
285-8625

Banquet Committee

Join with the banquet committee to help with the details of the evening where we celebrate our community of child care providers!

Contact
Julie,
288-1064

Member Online Directory & Classifieds Clean Sweep!



January 10, 2013 the online directory and classifieds advertisements will have a clean sweep of any non-member directory listing or online advertisement. Purchase your 2013 membership now to keep from losing your listing or advertisement on the FCCI website.

2013 memberships will be available at each workshop, by mailing in the membership application at the back of this newsletter, or by purchasing online using Pay-Pal at www.fccimn.com on the Provider Page.

Quick! Easy! Convenient!

Purchase your 2013 FCCI membership online with the ease and convenience of Pay Pal or a credit card! Visit www.fccimn.com

1. Go to the Provider Page and choose "2013 FCCI memberships available for purchase"
2. Select PayPal or Credit Card
3. Complete the online Membership registration
4. Select the PayPal button to complete the transaction with the PayPal or a credit card
5. You will receive an email receipt for your purchase from PayPal
6. You will receive your FCCI membership card in the mail



There is no additional service fee to you to use this payment option.

Thank you for your membership support!

Support FCCI by donating empty **ink cartridges** from any printer. FCCI weill earn money for them through Cartridge World. There is a box set up at the member sign-in table to drop them off at our monthly workshop. Thanks for your support!!



Save the date!

Join us for FCCI's Annual
Family Child Care Provider Banquet!

May 13, 2013

Look for registration details in the next newsletter!



Join us!

Learn more about your environment and how it can affect the learning opportunities for the children in your care-

Not By Chance: Quality in Practice for Family Child Care Environments (FCCERS) *MNCPD Approved!*

This training is focused on the Family Child Care Rating Scale, an environmental rating scale developed specifically for family child care settings. The FCCERS is a research based tool that encourages important but simple changes which will dramatically improve the quality of your program. It is a learning tool that recommends best practices centered on six main areas: Space and Environment, Personal Care Routines, Listening and Talking, Activities, Interactions, Program Structures, and Parents and Providers. Knowing how to utilize the rating scale will benefit not only your program and families you serve, but can also benefit your community as a whole. With knowledge of this important tool at your finger tips you will be ready to improve the quality of your program and to intentionally, systematically impact school readiness for the young children in your care.

January 19, 2013

8:30a- 3:30p

January 23, 2013

6:30p- 8:30p

Rochester Community and Technical College

Judy Bissen, Trainer



Cost: FCCI brings this training to you at a reduced cost of \$25

REGISTER THROUGH FCCI: *contact Jackie Seifert at fccitrainingcoordinator@gmail.com or 507-951-7887 to make payment and for confirmation of room location.*

This training is a required component for family child care providers interested in pursuing the MLFCCA Mentor Credential. To learn more about the MLFCCA Mentor Credential and how you can be paid for your expertise as a family child care mentor, visit www.mlfcca.org and/or contact Jackie Harrington at 507-722-1893 or Jackie.harrington@mlfcca.org

Child Care Resource & Referral Notes

Congratulations MN Child Care Credential Graduates!

These providers were the first group in the Southern District to receive their MN Child Care Credential. They have devoted two years to enhancing the quality of the education they offer the children in their care by dedicating themselves to increasing their knowledge and skills in early childhood. They have completed 123 hours of training in many different components of early childhood education including Developmentally Appropriate Practices, Intentional Teaching, Health, Wellness and Safety, Professional Development, Early Childhood Environments, Curriculum and Assessment and more. A majority of the students will continue to excel by also completing their CDA, the National Child Development Associate Credential via the National Council for Professional Recognition. We also have a group of students that are interested in pursuing their AA in Early Childhood at Rochester Community and Technical College.



Pictured (L to R): Becki Anderson, Stephanie (Okonkwo) Parmuat, Ashley Majerus, Candis Novek, Bridget Brekke, Kayla Ness, Regina Lawman, Amy Kanz, Caryline Reiter, Sahra Abdallah and Essa Mohamed. Not pictured: Becky Mulholland and Erin Underbakke

For more information on continuing your education, please contact Barb Wilson, Professional Development Coordinator at Child Care Resource and Referral, Inc. barbw@c2r2.org or 507-287-2020 x 1592.

JOIN US! MN Child Care Credential enrolling for Fall of 2013! The MN Child Care Credential *NOW* can be completed in one year! All classes meet the Parent Aware training requirements!

Barbara Wilson
Professional Development Coordinator



First Steps Report to the Community

On December 13th, 2012 the Rochester Area Foundation had a First Steps Report to the Community to recognize all of the work that has been accomplished in regard to Early Childhood Education. As a Family Child Care provider, you have been vital to the successes of the First Steps Initiative. I have seen tremendous dedication to increasing your knowledge and the quality of your programs.

We have had hundreds of Olmsted County licensed child care programs involved in the First Steps School Readiness Project. Through the First Steps Initiative we have had many successes such as:

- *Very significant increases in the number of three year olds that come in for screening in the Rochester Public Schools
- *Approximately 38% of child care programs have taken the SEEDS of Early Literacy training
- *Over 70% of licensed child care programs have taken the 'What is Assessment?' training and have implemented the use of Work Sampling Checklists to track the development of 3 and 4 year olds.
- *Locally completing a school readiness study in partnership with the Rochester Area Foundation, First Steps, Child Care Resource & Referral, Head Start, Wilder Research, Licensed Child Care Programs, and Rochester Public Schools.
- *Educating parents about their child's developmental progress

I would like to thank those of you who have supported and participated in this community-wide initiative since First Steps began! The Rochester Area Foundation is looking forward to the future work regarding early care and education. Happy Holidays, everyone!

Taran Schneider, CCRR/First Steps Outreach Liaison
tarans@c2r2.org



Olmsted County Licensing Notes

The following note comes to providers from Rich Hacker, Child Care Licensing Supervisor:

We are in times of many changes and lots of talk of changes. We encourage you to pay attention to the information that FCCI continues to make available. I will not make any comments on the possible changes as we don't know what is going to happen. This brief article will focus on the changes with cribs and the requirements for safe sleeping of infants.

CRIBS: on December 28, 2012 new crib standards and compliance went into effect. If you attended the FCCI meeting on November 12th, you have received a 4 page document borrowed from Dakota County, entitled "Crib Standards and Compliance." We are also planning a mailing to all licensed child care providers that will include a copy. Please don't wait until your next licensing visit to ask questions, we will expect you to be in compliance as of 12/28/2012.

Effective December 28, 2012, all cribs that are used by or are accessible to any child in care must either have a permanent marking on the crib showing that the date of manufacture was after June 28, 2011, or manufacturer documentation of compliance (Certificate of Compliance).

Mesh-sided playpens or pack-n-plays: The new standards do NOT apply to mesh-sided playpens or pack-n-plays, which family child care providers are still allowed to use as long as they meet the crib safety requirements under MN Statutes, sections 245A.146 and 245A.1435.

Fitted Crib Sheets: MN Statute 245A.1435 REDUCTION OF RISK OF SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME IN LICENSED PROGRAMS. (b) The license holder must place the infant in a crib directly on a firm mattress with a fitted crib sheet that fits tightly on the mattress and overlaps the mattress so it cannot be dislodged by pulling on the corner of the sheet. The license holder must not place pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskin, pillow-like stuffed toys, or other soft products in the crib with the infant. The requirements of this section apply to license holders serving infants up to and including 12 months of age. Licensed child care providers must meet the crib requirements under section 245A.146.

Additional information regarding safe sleep guidance:

- If you cannot find a tight fitting sheet for the mattress, you cannot use the crib, pack-n-play, or mesh-side playpen.

Infant Sleep Space Fines: DHS has directed county licensing units to recommend a fine of \$200 for any substantiated infant sleep space violations. Violations include:

- Not sleeping infant in an approved crib
- Not having a tight fitting crib sheet
- Having pillows, quilts, comforters, sheepskin, pillow-like toys, or other soft products in the crib with a sleeping infant (Olmsted County discourages the use of light blankets for infants)
- Not placing infant on his or her back to sleep unless there is a signed parent directive
- Sleeping an infant in a room / space not approved for child care
- Any person involved in the care of an infant who has not completed SIDS or Shaken Baby Syndrome training prior to providing care.

***Rich Hacker, Child Care Licensing Supervisor,
phone number 507-328-6418,
email: hacker.richard@co.olmsted.mn.us.***

Please contact a member of the licensing team if you have any questions:

Keith Lewis 507-328-6421 lewis.keith@co.olmsted.mn.us
Dawn Schenk 507-328-6882 schenk.dawn@co.olmsted.mn.us
Tammy Schettl 507-328-6219 schettl.tammy@co.olmsted.mn.us



Free One-on-One Coaching through MLFCCA Mentor Program

MLFCCA is able to offer *limited* free mentoring in southern Minnesota due to support from several funders. Trained Mentors, experienced family providers themselves, are available to assist you in many areas:

- Curriculum Development and Implementation
- Contracts and Policies
- Environment
- Parent/Provider Relationships
- Parent Aware Standards
- National Accreditation and more!

To learn more about MLFCCA Mentoring, visit mlfcca.org, and click on the Mentor Program tab.

For more information, or to sign up and get an application, email Sandy.Pursley@mlfcca.org or call Sandy at 651.636.1989 x 10. Email Jackie.Harrington@mlfcca.org or call Jackie at 507.722.1893.

There are limited spots, so hurry and contact us soon.

We look forward to working with you!

If you live in the Slatterly Park neighborhood of Rochester, or Watonwan, Steele or Brown counties you may receive separate communication due to program specifics for those areas. We'd love to hear of your interest now; let us know! MLFCCA is grateful for support from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, the Rochester Area Foundation and United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, and Pierce Counties.

Are you new to the business of Family Child Care?

*Here's a class just for those of you
who are starting out in the profession!*

Family Child Care is a Business Training & Tom Copeland's Taxes & Record-Keeping

This class is designed to help family child care providers grasp the basics of owning a business. Providers are given tools on how to begin a family child care, including start-up cost, how to write contracts and policies, marketing, insurance, legal risks, record keeping, taxes, and budgeting. CDA: 5 CC: VII

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Time(s)</u>	<u>Session Topics</u>
Tuesday, April 9 th	6:30pm to 8:30pm	Starting your Business Marketing Your Business
Tuesday, April 16 th	6:30pm to 8:30pm	Reducing the Risks Contracts & Policies
Tuesday, April 23 rd	6:30pm to 8:30pm	Taxes & Record-Keeping

Instructor: Lori Hameister

Location: CCR&R, Rochester



This training is for new child care providers (licensed 2 years or less). Family Child Care is a Business is a part of the MN Child Care Credential Course.



**Co-Sponsored by Family Child Care Inc. (FCCI)
&
Child Care Resource & Referral**

Cost: \$40 for the Entire Training Series



Please contact Jackie Seifert to register at:
507-951-7887

or e-mail fccitrainingcoordinator@gmail.com

*Participant must complete all 3 classes (6 hours) to receive a training certificate
along with a free 2013 membership to Family Child Care, Inc.*

MINNESOTA LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

Member Benefits

- 
- ✓ \$2500 American Income Life (AIL) AD&D policy (no charge to you)
 - ✓ Child Safe Kits  from AIL for your entire child care
 - ✓ Connection to the National Association For Family Child Care (NAFCC) state affiliate
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 - ✓ Liaison to help you with licensing issues
 - ✓ Help building your program and your local group or association
 - ✓ Voice at the state and national level
 - ✓ Information on critically important issues affecting your work with children
 - ✓ Annual Governor's Proclamation for the Week of the Family Child Care Provider
 - ✓ Participation in the Provider of the Year Conference and Honoree Banquet
 - ✓ **Megaphone** subscription, our quarterly professional journal and monthly *Growing Together* for your child care families
 - ✓ Discounts on website development: log onto Childcare Bridge at childcarewizard.com and look for the MLFCCA member link
 - ✓ Purchase your insurance with Adults and Children's Alliance and they will donate \$6 to MLFCCA for each renewal account. # 9027 MLFCCA is the member partner number
 - ✓ Statewide infrastructure of neighborhood groups and county associations at annual MLFCCA board meeting

- ✓ **FREE** conference attendance with your first year new membership with MLFCCA or
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Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address (will not be sold or shared)

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Education

College degree/major _____

CDA ☐ CBTA ☐ NAFCC Accreditation ☐

Other Affiliations

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Family Child Care, Inc 2013 Membership Registration

Annual Individual Membership Fee - \$40.00

Please make checks payable to: FCCI

FCCI memberships are January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

- ☐ I am a licensed provider and new FCCI member
☐ I am a licensed provider and a renewing FCCI member
☐ I am unlicensed or a community member and am an Advocate Member.

NAME _____ County _____

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____ Yes, add my email to FCCI's monthly E-news

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How will you volunteer with FCCI in 2013?

- ____ Board Member Position
 ____ Volunteer @ meetings
 ____ Preparing Die Cuts
 ____ Banquet Committee
 ____ Community Events
 ____ Donation of a door prize

For office use
Membership _____
Database _____

Do you want your licensed family child care business listed in the On-line Provider Directory?

- ☐ Yes...please complete the information on the right panel.
☐ No thank you.

Please note: Your directory information must be renewed each time your membership is renewed or purchased. If a membership is renewed or purchased and an on-line directory form for the current year is not included, the previous years' on-line directory listing is removed during the annual clean sweep in January.

Mail Membership and Directory forms to:

Kayla Abrahamson
 1231 Harbor Drive SE
 Rochester, MN 55904

Family Child Care, Inc. 2013 On-line Provider Directory Form

Current members of FCCI can list their licensed family childcare business on the FCCI's website Provider Directory by filling out the following information or by submitting your listing on-line at www.fccimn.com. *If you do not have a computer, simply call the Membership Coordinator listed in your newsletter.*

Your Name: _____

(As it is to appear on the Internet)

City and/or Section of Town: (ie Rochester, NW)

Business Name: _____

Ages of care: (check all that apply)

- ____ Infant/toddler only
 ____ Preschool only
 ____ Infant-preschool only
 ____ School age only
 ____ All ages

Elementary School: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Website: (if applicable) _____

How do you want to be contacted?

- ____ Telephone only
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Is this an update to your current 2013 provider directory information?

- ____ Yes ____ No



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- or*
- Mail in the 2013 membership registration found on the back cover of this newsletter.

Look inside for more details!

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