



Family Child Care, Incorporated Quarterly Newsletter

2013~April, May, June~

www.fccimn.com

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.*

April 8, 2013

7:00 pm-9:00pm

Show Me Your & I'll Show You Mine Presenter: Deb Colling

Learn about healthy sexual development in children and adolescents, how to recognize signs that may be cause for concern, and how your responses to these behaviors are effective tools in preventing the perpetration of child sexual abuse. This overview is also suitable for parents, teen helpers, and youth leaders of all ages.

May 13, 2013

6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Annual Provider Banquet 6:00 pm Social time

6:30 pm Dinner and Meeting (Registration required)
7:30 pm Inspiring Music Play! With Jim Gill
(Providers may attend keynote at 7:30 and receive a 1.5 hour training certificate. No registration needed.)

Both children and caregivers find Jim Gill's music play inspiring! Jim will share examples that you can bring back and share with the children in your care. Jim will discuss how his unique creations in music play inspire young children not only to move, but to regulate their movements...not only to sing, but make connections between the words they sing and the printed word.

June 10, 2013

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Love & Logic Magic Presenter: Angie Ellsworth

Less Stress? More responsible kids? Put the fun back into caregiving when you use these simple and proven techniques. Presented with entertaining videos and a passion for making your life easier, Angie will laugh right along with you as we work on specific examples of raising kids who can solve their own problems, and yet learn from their mistakes! Come with questions or scenarios.

2013 Workshop Calendar

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 16 @ Nita Higgins's house	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!

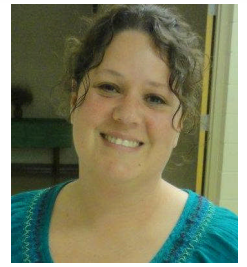
Shaken Baby Video: Available at the February, March, April, June, August, September, October and November workshops, 6:30pm. Check-in at the membership table. Video also available on-line: www.fccimn.com Click on the Community tab and then click

Support FCCI by donating your **empty ink cartridges** from any printer. FCCI will 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!

Welcome Spring!

Message from 2013 President

While it might not look like it out there right now, soon we will be seeing signs of spring! Warmer weather and sunshine are on the way. I just know it!



There are many legislative updates to be made and potential changes are soon on the way. HF 950/SF778, which are the bills to unionize family child care providers, have been passing through House and Senate committees with voting remaining mainly along party lines.

Currently, one bill says that only unlicensed friend, family, neighbor care providers and licensed family child care providers that receive Child Care Assistance payments will be allowed to vote. Only a 10% yes vote from that select group will pass the unionization, which is against standard MN labor laws.

Several Rochester providers have testified at these hearings regarding their personal opinions on unionization including Jennifer Parrish, Jackie Harrington, Kari Fairclough, & Shan Stewart. This is proof that your voice can be heard! It's easy to do and very important! Just email or phone your legislator or send letters to the editor of your local newspaper to let them know how you feel about the unionization of family child care and the value of independent, small business owners. Visit childcareunioninformation.weebly.com for more information and stay tuned to FCCI's Facebook page for the most up-to-date information. If child care becomes unionized, it will affect your business, whether or not you are a dues paying member. It is important to let your feelings be known.

In professional development news, FCCI is excited to welcome the MLFCCA Annual State Child Care conference and banquet to our area. It has been many years since the Week of the Family Child Care Provider conference and banquet has been in Rochester. Family child care providers from across the state will be visiting our area for this conference. Please plan to attend, too! Sessions include Mentor training and a free DHS Stakeholder's meeting on Friday. Saturday sessions are CPR, First Aid, SIDS/Shaken Baby, Zumba, Anti-bullying and other fabulous topics! If this is your first year as a member of MLFCCA, your conference attendance fee is FREE! You should have received the conference registration in the mail this month, if not, please visit mlfcca.org to register. FCCI is a member of MLFCCA, our state child care association.

Finally, the Week of the Family Child Care Provider will be May 5-11, with Provider Appreciation Day on May 10, 2013. The first five years of children's lives are the most important years in their growth and development. As licensed family child care providers, we play a significant role in their development. We are there to support, educate, guide, nurture, and enhance their lives throughout these years. I'd like to personally invite you to celebrate with us at the FCCI Annual Child Care Provider banquet this May. This year, Family Child Care, Incorporated celebrates **40 years** of support and service to the family child care profession in our area. Please join us on May 13, 2013 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rochester to mark this milestone with us and celebrate you, the wonderful family child care providers who devote their time to the children in our area.

With Appreciation,

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

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

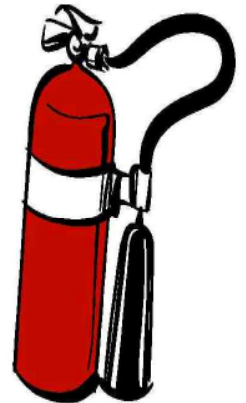
All members are welcome to attend, observe, or participate in the open comment period. Contact the president for open comment guidelines. fccimn@gmail.com

Fire Extinguisher Inspection at the April 8, 2013 workshop

FCCI in partnership with Fire SAFETY USA offers you the convenience of having your fire extinguishers' annual pressure test at the...



FCCI April 8, 2013 workshop.



- Bring your extinguisher and \$5.00 (per extinguisher) cash or check for the service.
- Fire Safety USA will present a demonstration and information regarding fire safety
- While you are enjoying the workshop, your fire extinguisher will be serviced.
- Fire Safety USA is not able to provide the hydro-test on-site. This is required for your extinguisher every six years.
- Fire Safety USA technicians will advise you if your extinguisher needs further service.
- Fire Extinguishers will be available for purchase.



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PHONE: 507-529-8444

FCCI ANNUAL CHILD CARE PROVIDER BANQUET

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

*"There's No Place Like
(a Child Care) Home"*



Monday May 13, 2013
Redeemer Lutheran Church
869, 7th Ave. SE, Rochester

Dinner Catered by Canadian Honker

Featuring:

Penne Pasta w/chicken

*your choice of marina or alfredo sauce

Side vegetable

Garden salad w/ ranch or vinaigrette

Garlic toast

Coffee and Punch and Dessert

Agenda

6:00 pm: Social Hour

6:30 pm: Dinner served

7:00 pm: Business meeting

7:30 pm: Training Begins

Speaker: Jim Gill

Workshop title: Inspiring Music Play!

Come join us to celebrate a great profession !



Deadline to register: May 6th

NO LATE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED

Send completed registration form with payment to:

Nita Higgins

4665 Windslow Ln Nw

Rochester, Mn 55901

40th Anniversary

Name: _____

_____ \$15.00 members

_____ \$18.00 non-members

**"A hundred years from now
it will not matter
what my bank account was,
the sort of house I lived in,
or the kind of car I drove...
but the world may be different
because I was important in the life of a child. "**

~Forest E. Witcraft



Week of the Provider, May 5-11, 2013

The FCCI board wishes to thank you for your dedicated
commitment to the children that you care for and their
families. From all of us, to all of you, thank you!

We appreciate you!



Save the Date!

*Join us for the FCCI annual family child care
provider potluck picnic!*

*July 16th, 2013 at 6 pm
at Nita Higgins's home*

We will be indoors if it is too hot outside!

Welcome New Olmsted County Providers!

Family Child Care, Inc. would like to welcome the following recently licensed providers to the child care profession. We hope to see you soon! Please call Kari at 281-1860 or email Fccicommunityoutreach@gmail.com to get your membership started!

November 2012

Lorraine Bolland
Courtney Culver
Faduma Ibrasim
Stacey Johnson
Tara Roth
Nya Thak Mar

December 2012

Anisa Omar
Angela Pipkorn

January 2013

Andrea Watson
Farhiyo Ali
Souad Bari

February 2013

Deanna Clopton

Child care providers have a responsibility to stay informed and up-to-date on all child care profession-related issues. Professional associations, such as FCCI, offer valuable tools to help you stay informed and make wise decisions concerning the future of your business and the children that you care for.



10 reasons to join FCCI:

1. Meet awesome, like-minded people.
2. A guide toward professionalism.
3. Educational opportunities.
4. Access to resources.
5. Keep informed and up-to-date on the ever-changing early childhood education.
6. Market your business.
7. Advocacy for the profession.
8. Networking.
9. Validation in your career path.
10. A good reason to get out of the house!



Free One-on-One Support 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 in your area, are available to assist you at no cost 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 mlfccca.org, and click on the Mentor Program tab.

For more information or to sign up, contact Vicki.Shofner@mlfccca.org or 1-800-652-9704 x 10, or Jackie.Harrington@mlfccca.org or 507.722.1893.

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

We look forward to working with you!

MLFCCA is grateful for support from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, the Rochester Area Foundation and United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, and Pierce Counties.

**Special opportunity
for providers in the
Slatterly Park
Neighborhood in
Rochester.
Call or Email Now!**

Child Care Resource & Referral Notes

Parent Aware Voluntary Ratings to Continue and Grow

Parent Aware, Minnesota's Quality Rating and Improvement System, will continue in several areas and expand statewide in the coming years. This news means good things for parents, child care professionals and children. ***The next Parent Aware cohort in Olmsted County begins in July 2013!***

Parents are asking for star ratings to help them identify child care providers/early educators who are committed to ongoing learning. In fact, a recent survey found that 96 percent of Minnesotans support Parent Aware star ratings as a way to connect with programs committed to excellence.*Child care providers/early educators agree, with 92 percent of participants reporting that Parent Aware improved their quality.** These child care providers/early educators report that Parent Aware makes a difference by supporting them throughout the process, from the preparation and learning to the award and promotion of their star rating. Learn more today!

Attend a Parent Aware Information Session near you- (RSVP to Katie or Holly)

April 25th, 2013 6:00pm-8:00pm at Child Care Resource & Referral- Rochester Office

May 20th, 2013 6:00pm-8:00pm at Child Care Resource & Referral- Rochester Office



Visit www.parentawareratings.org for more information or call your local CCR&R for more information.

Katie Wachter, Quality Coach 1 ext. 1591 katiw@c2r2.org

Holly Jantzen, Quality Coach 1 ext. 1556 hollyj@c2r2.org

Barb Wilson, Professional Development Coordinator ext.1592 barbw@c2r2.org



Parent Aware:
Minnesota's Quality Rating and Improvement System
Parent Aware will be available across Minnesota by 2015.

Over 90 percent of Minnesotans want caregivers who understand the latest best practices in early learning. They are asking for star ratings to help them identify programs committed to this type of excellence.

Parent Aware is here to help child care/early learning professionals respond!

- Learn the latest best practices.
- Receive support, grant dollars and training.
- Reach for the Stars.
- Celebrate your quality!

Parent Aware **improves, supports and celebrates** the strengths of child care and early learning programs.



Olmsted County Licensing Notes

Notes from the Licensing Supervisor



Relicensing Visits & Off-Year Visits: I have had the opportunity to talk with many of you during the past couple of months. One of the major concerns is that a new licenser will have different expectations. We totally understand your nervousness about a different licenser doing your home visit. The licensing team is working hard to be on the same page on how statutes and rules are interpreted and enforced. Our primary responsibility is that our licensed child care homes are safe and in compliance with all the operating statutes and rules. **What can you do?** Pay serious attention to the relicensing form (DHS: Family Child Care Licensing Checklist) that is sent to you. Our next & future licensing mailings will have an updated “DHS Family Child Care Licensing Checklist.” DHS has expanded the checklist to include all the safe sleep items. This form will also be available on our website. The detailed “yes or no” questions virtually walk you through the Rule & Statute requirements. I review all Correction Orders and in most situations there is an inconsistency between what was reported by the provider on their relicensing form and what the licenser observed or found. Please give me a call if you have any questions or concerns, Rich Hacker, 507-328-6418.

Bleach: We thought we were good on this one, and then companies making the popular wipes changed their formulas and removed the bleach. I, too, was surprised when I looked at the Clorox wipes I had at home. Yes, there in bold print it said “Bleach-Free”.



DHS continues to enforce MN Rule 9502.0435 Subp 13 D: ***Diapering must not take place in a food preparation area. The diaper changing area must be covered with a smooth, nonabsorbent surface. If the surface is not disposable and is wet or soiled, it must be washed with soap and water to remove debris and then disinfected with a solution of at least two teaspoons of chlorine bleach to one quart of water. If the surface is not soiled with feces or urine, then it must be disinfected with the solution of chlorine bleach and water after each diapering.***

Options? 1) make the bleach solution, per Rule 9502.0435; 2) use a one-time use disposable surface; or 3) purchase a solution (such as Clorox Clean-Up with bleach) or wipes from FCCI (or the internet) that contain acceptable bleach solution.



Gates: Lots of questions about gates lately. ***MN Rule 9502.0425 Subp 10. Stairways. C. Gates or barriers must be used when children between the ages of 6 and 18 months are in care.*** We are looking for Gates or Barriers that will prevent 6 to 18 month olds from getting to the stairs. **Where?** Depends on where you are doing child care. You may need one at the top and bottom of the stairs, so consult with your licenser if you have any questions. We know that it may be challenging to keep Gates closed when you have older children using the stairs. However, it is your responsibility to keep stairs inaccessible to 6 to 18 month olds.

For questions, please contact a member of the licensing team:

Keith Lewis 507.328.6421 Licensing Social Worker
Dawn Schenk 507.328.6882 Licensing Social Worker
Tammy Schettl 507.328.6219 Licensing Senior Case Aide
Rich Hacker 507.328.6418 Licensing Supervisor



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to register online!

Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association

Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference and Recognition Banquet

“Meeting the Challenge”

**Friday, May 3, 2013
Saturday, May 4, 2013**

**Kahler Grand Hotel &
Rochester Marriott**

FOCUS ON THE CHILDREN

April 12th & 13th, 2013

39th Annual Child Care Conference

Location: Rochester Community and Technical College, East Hall

"Bridging the Divide: Ensuring Educational Quality for our Youngest Learners"

For conference information, visit:

<http://www.rctc.edu/community/youth/conference.html>

Judy Lindman Book Drive

We will accept new and gently used children's books during this two-day event. Donated books will be sorted and labeled "Donated in Memory of Judy Lindman – for her passion for reading and love of children" and distributed to several local organizations. Please help us make this a successful event!

Child Care Liability Insurance
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- *Independent Agent with 30 years experience.
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- *Reasonable rates and monthly auto pay.
- *Immediate coverage.
- *Personalized coverage tailored to your needs
- *Property
- *Liability (including Professional liability, Abuse and Molestation Coverage)
- *Auto Liability (covering child care vans and personal auto)
- *Workman's compensation (covering injured employees)
- *Umbrella Liability (higher liability limits)

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Product Recalls and
Safety News:

US Consumer Safety Commission
www.cpsc.gov or 1-800-638-2772



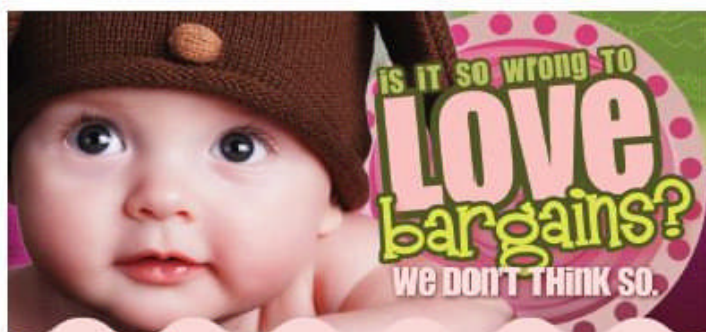
FCCL as an association is a member of the Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association (MLFCCA) and the National Association for Family Child Care. (NAFCC) Individual provider memberships are available.

Check them out and see what they can offer you!

MLFCCA.ORG NAFCC.ORG

Rochester Jaycee's Sandbox Fill!

\$10 per wheel barrel load delivered directly to your sandbox, Rochester area only. Order by 5/5 and sand, delivered on 5/18 throughout the day. Fill order form: <http://rochesterjaycees.com/.mainpage/sandboxfill.html>



Be a part of the Nation's leading children's and maternity consignment sales event!"

Rochester Event • May 2-4

Graham Arena • Olmsted County Fairgrounds

- **Shop** and get unbelievable deals on the boutique and brand names you love!
- **Sell** your items as a consignor and earn up to 70%! Details and sign up online!
- **Save** 50-90% OFF RETAIL PRICES! Plus, save time as it's all here under one roof!
- **Smart!** Make money and save money with the Nation's Leading Sales Event!



Thursday (5/2), 10am-7pm
Friday (5/3), 10am-7pm
Saturday (5/4), 9am-1pm
*Saturday is HALF-PRICE day!
Don't Miss This Event!

shop. sell. save. smart!™
jbfsale.com

This event benefits, in part, Sharing Time, clothing distribution arm of the Rochester Outreach Center.



Check online for more event information. Consignor registration opens January 1.

FREE ADMISSION WITH THIS AD!

Admission is \$2 for first day only. All other days are free. Cash preferred. Credit cards accepted.

Child & Adult Care Food Program

Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association Food Program

- FREE Minute Menu Kids Software
- ECIPS Birth-3 & 3-5 years handbook
- FREE FUN activities for children in your care
- CREATIVE ways to introduce new foods
- CHILDCAREPAY for electronic payments from parents
- FREE access to online Calendar-Keeper

Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association

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Join Today

Contact MLFCCA
651-636-1989 | 800-652-9704
www.mlfcca.org



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 _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

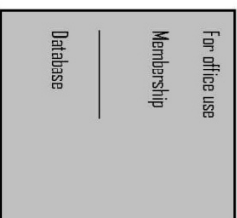
PHONE(_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

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

____ No, do not add my email to FCCI's monthly E-news

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



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
____ Email only
____ Both

Is this an update to your current 2013 provider directory information?

____ Yes ____ No



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Join us in celebrating 40 years of FCCI!



ANNUAL FCCI PROVIDER BANQUET!

Monday, May 13th, 2012

6:00 Social hour

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Training begins

See inside for more details and registration info!

May 5 -11, is the 2013 Week of the Family Child Care Provider
National Provider Appreciation Day is Friday, May 10, 2013