



Family Child Care, Incorporated Quarterly Newsletter

2014~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 \$20 training fee.

January 13, 2014 6:30-9:30 pm	Taxes & Record Keeping Presenter: Tom Copeland <p>This workshop will discuss new changes in tax laws that affect family child care providers. We will also discuss the keys to record keeping that will save you money on your taxes.</p>
February 10, 2014 6:45-9 pm	Helping Hands: Pass it Around & Food Program Annual Training Presenters: CCR&R Food Program Staff <p>Learn the advantages of Family meal service for both the children and the provider. We'll use role play to demonstrate the tips and tricks for a positive meal experience.</p>
March 10 2014 6:45 – 9 pm	Noteworthy Circle Time Presenter: Bobbi Jean Tweed <p>Discover how music, songs, books, and props can guide the education that happens for children in your care. This session will offer discovery in spicing up circle time! In this session, fun and learning go hand in hand for providers and educators that will spread to the families they serve. An understanding will be gained to plan circle times in a way to incorporate a wide range of indicators from the Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIPS). Participants will leave with resources, strategies, and a song in their heart.</p>

2013 Workshop Calendar

January 13, 6:45-9:30 pm	Taxes and Record Keeping	Tom Copeland www.tomcopeland.net
February 10, 6:45-9 pm	Food Program Annual Training	CCR&R Staff
February 24, 7:00-9pm	Ready 4 Licensing Renewal & Rule 2 Review	Olmsted Licensing Staff
February 22, 8:30-3:00 pm	Sensational Saturday 6 Hour Training	Various Trainers
March 10, 6:45-9 pm	Noteworthy Circle Time	Bobbi Jean Tweed
March 25, 7-9 pm	BONUS: Contracts & Policies	Lori Hameister
April 14, 6:45-9 pm	365 Preschool Activities	Lori Hameister www.littlebitofguidance.com
April 28, 7-9pm	BONUS: Marketing Your Business/Interviewing Techniques	Lori Hameister
May 12, 6:45-9 pm	Annual Week of the Provider Banquet	Jason Kotecki www.kimandjason.com
May 29, 7-9 pm	BONUS: Professional Development Legal/ Liability/Insurance Issues	Lori Hameister
June 9, 6:45-9 pm	Training Topic TBA	TBA
July ???	FCCI Annual Provider Picnic	FCCI Board
August 11, 6:45-9 pm	Licensing Forum	Olmsted County Licensing
September 8, 6:45-9 pm	Supervising for Safety	Trainer TBA
October 13, 6:45-9 pm	SUIDS/Abusive Head Trauma	Michelle Gillard
November 10, 6:45-9 pm	Child Development	Jen Spaeth
December	Happy Holidays! No Workshop	

Beginning in 2014, there is a \$5 charge for training certificate replacement. Please keep your training certificates in a secure location for licensing verification.

****Please note: FCCI Workshops are designed as adult learning environments****

Members please present your card upon arrival, non-members please be prepared to pay the \$20 training fee. Please note that beginning with the January 2014 workshop, training fees for individual workshops is \$20.

Update Your MNCPD Status Today!

Recently, the Minnesota Center for Professional Development (MNCPD) updated their website, and in turn updated the way that providers log into their profiles. If you are on the MNCPD Registry, please go to www.mncpd.org and update your login so that FCCI can continue to add the trainings that you've taken with us to your training profile. The Registry will walk you through this simple process on their website. Without updating your login information with MNCPD, FCCI is currently unable to add your trainings with us to your profile and you will be required to send your training certificates in for verification of attendance.

Message from 2014 President

The excitement continues into 2014...



Many of you know me since I've been on the board of FCCI for eight years now. For those of you that don't my name is Shan Stewart and I've been a provider in Rochester for nearly fifteen years. I came to my first FCCI meeting before I was even licensed and heard Tom Copeland's tax workshop. I found it so informational as a new provider and continued to attend workshops over the next eight years just sitting in the crowd. Kari Fairclough, then President, approached me and invited me to join a board meeting and see what I thought. That was the start of my career as a board member. I can't thank Kari enough for opening that door for me. I had no idea what I was missing not being a part of the leadership of our childcare community. The connections with our community partners, state associations, and most important to me, the friendships of those who have served on the board. It is such a rewarding experience and now I'm honored to serve as your 2014 President in a new role to me. I hope to touch other members the way Kari did for me and help you to understand the reward of volunteering or serving on a committee for FCCI.

Looking over the past two years of childcare I'm trying to find a word to summarize it; wow, whew, amazing, exhausting, and exciting. I think all these words apply. As a childcare community we have been facing two major issues of infant death in child care homes (leading to new regulations) and unionization. I am very proud of how we all pulled together to represent our strength to DHS, legislators and our local community. FCCI has been a leader in our state and now on a federal level representing the needs of our members. Every member counts and we continue to look forward to your support when legislative issues or unionization issues come forward. If you would like to have input on forming new or changing existing regulations please contact Jackie Harrington to join our advocacy committee. This committee has been working with DHS and local legislators for the past few years building a relationship to benefit all providers in our state.

FCCI has also been building a stronger relationship with our licensing staff by meeting periodically with Rich Hacker and staff. We will continue to have them annually to discuss regulations concerns or changes, look for them in August. On February 24th, licensing will be holding a special training for any member that wants to learn more about Rule 2 and the relicensing visit to your home.

The board has heard from our members regarding additional training requirements so we have set up a Sensational Saturday event planned on February 22nd to help you meet those training regulations. We are also excited to be partnering with Lori Hameister through her business Little Bit of Guidance and presenting a training series in 2014 called Stepping Stones to Success! This series will be a minimum of five additional training sessions. Details will be on our website and Facebook pages. Jackie Seifert, our training coordinator, also has a great line up for our regular workshops this year so check it out.

Your board **is** listening and working hard for you. I am grateful for such a strong board for 2014. We have a few people moving positions and a few new faces but a lot of experienced board members. We all have busy lives so thank you to our board for going that extra mile for all of us! If you feel that you would like to be a part of the board please contact me. We have several avenues of communications with our website, Facebook page, Enews and newsletter. You can always email me with ideas, questions or concerns at fccimn@gmail.com.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Shan Stewart

2014 FCCI board President
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**FCCI is now on Facebook! Keep up-to-date
with local child care news, training, and more!
Search: Family Child Care Incorporated**

2013 ANNUAL REPORT- FAMILY CHID CARE INC.

The Board of Directors of Family Child Care Inc. respectfully reports to our membership the accomplishments and activities of 2013.

2013 FCCI BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: Stacy Boysen
Secretary: Shan Stewart
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Hospitality Coordinator: Julie Lewison
Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Parish
Member-at-large: Amy Kanz
Member-at-large: Becky Mulholland
Advisor: Jackie Harrington

Board met each month (except September), including a summer potluck picnic (everyone welcome) and holiday/year- end celebration. Board met in October for annual retreat current status and future goals. Board guests included Pat Gannon, Rich Hacker, Jodi Wentland, Lori Hameister, and Briana Satzke.

Workshops

- January 14th : Taxes and record keeping, presenter Tom Copeland
- February 11th : / annual CACFP Basic Training, presenters Gail Jensen, Marlene Jenke, Shelby Ellis, Chris Bowen
- March 11th : Workshop cancelled due to inclement weather
- April 8th : I'll Show You Mine, If You Show Me Yours, presenter Deb Colling
- May 13th : Annual Provider banquet, Inspiring Music Play, presenter Jim Gill
- June 10th : Love and Logic, presenter Angie Ellsworth
- July : no workshop
- August 12th : Q and A, presenters Olmsted County Licensors
- September 9th : Simple Ways to Add Spanish to Your Day, presenter Katie Seifert
- October 14th : SUIDS/AHT, presenter Michelle Gillard
- November 11th : Exploring the Invisible Disability of FASD, presenter Melissa Fredin
- December : no workshop

Membership

- 224 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, 2013, with gift cards awarded at November 11th workshop for one on-line purchase winner and one at workshop purchase winner.
- FCCI memberships cards and newsletters were printed on salmon, then goldenrod due to postal changes

Fundraisers

- Calendar Keepers
- Cartridge World Ink/Staples recycling programs
- Die cuts/teaching tools (available online and workshop)
- 50/50 raffle
- T-shirts (It takes a big heart to help shape little minds)

Partnership

- CCR&R Family Child Care is a business, 11 providers participated and received an FCCI membership
- Mississippi Welders provided extinguisher service at the August workshop
- Sponsorship of MLFCCA 2013 Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference and Banquet
- Vendor at the MLFCCA Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference, selling T-shirt, bleach wipes, and die cuts
- Provided volunteers for MLFCCA Conference at the Kahler May 3-4.

Advocacy

- Jackie Harrington represented FCCI as Olmsted County's representative with MLFCCA at board meetings
- Developed position statement regarding the MN Infant Mortality Panel Report and Recommendations, January 2013
- Testified in person and submitted written testimony on various bills related to Safe Sleep and Child Care Unionization, January-May 2013
- Attended DHS stakeholder meetings, May 2013 and August 2013
- Hosts County Licensing staff for a Q and A and legislative highlight report August 2013
- Met with Senator Carla Nelson regarding her upcoming legislation connecting Parent Aware and CCAP funds, July 2013
- Signed onto the Amici Curiae supporting Harris V. Quinn as its outcome is relevant to child care unionization: (BRIEF OF AMICI CURIAE FAMILY CHILD CARE INC., et al., IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS), November 2013
- In progress: legislative agenda for 2014 session
- Met with Senator Carla Nelson and Representative Kim Norton regarding FCCI's legislative agenda for 2014, asking for their authorship on our bills, December 2013
- Distributed legislative updates to members through Enews, Facebook, website, and monthly workshops
- Worked in partnership with MLFCCA and other child care associations on policy issues related to family childcare

Newsletter

- Published quarterly newsletters: mailed to all FCCI members and all Olmsted County licensed providers and community partners
- Newsletter advertising space revenue: \$975

Website

- The website www.fccimn.com receives 57,000+ visits from providers and parents as an up-to-date resource.
- Clean Sweep of non-member classifieds, directory listings, and reconciliation with DHS listings, Jan. 14, 2013
- 57 -2013 memberships purchased on-line through Pay Pal. This is the fourth year on-line membership purchasing.
- FCCI partners with Olmsted County licensing & CRR to obtain monthly report of new and closed providers to increase accuracy in our database.
- Monthly E-News sent to providers, with Special Legislative Enews in March

Community Outreach

- 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
- Kari Fairclough 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, April, June August, Sept, Nov workshops.
- FCCI July board meeting open to all members for a summer potluck, the board and 7 additional members attended.
- FCCI 7th Annual Board Retreat was held in October 28th, 2013 for future planning and goal setting.
- Revived the Provider of the Year nomination and award process for the 2014 provider banquet.

Volunteer

- Volunteer Recognition at Annual Provider Banquet: 25 volunteers receive a certificate of appreciation, and many attended and received a complimentary banquet meal.
- Volunteers prepare die-cuts, laminated activity kits, and teaching tools to sell at workshops.
- 23 participating and active volunteers in 2013 from May to May.

Hospitality

- Hospitality Coordinator welcomed "new to FCCI" members, with a personalized card on behalf of FCCI.
- Hospitality Coordinator provided tasty treats at monthly workshops.
- Music CD was given to first time attendees at workshop.

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 was purchased in November for an 18 month term.

Banquet and Week of the Provider

- Hosted the "Week of the Family Child Care Provider" Pasta banquet at Redeemer Lutheran Church.
- The keynote speaker, Jim Gill presented "Inspiring Music Play," 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, Shelby Ellis, Keith Lewis, Tammy Shettl, Dawn Shenk, Briana Satzke, and Marlene Jenke
- All attendees received a door prize.

Sales and purchasing

- Calendar Keepers
- Assorted teacher resource/teaching tool items.
- T-shirts
- Bleach wipes

Respectfully submitted,

*Stacy Boysen, 2013 FCCI President
and the 2013 FCCI Board of Directors*

2014 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

IT'S TIME FOR A CLEAN SWEEP!

Beginning **January 14, 2014** the online directory and classified ads will be updated. Any non-member directory listing or online advertisement will be deleted. Purchase your 2014 FCCI membership now to keep from losing your listing or advertisement on the FCCI website.

2014 FCCI memberships will be available at each workshop, by mailing in the membership form at the back of this newsletter, or by purchasing online using PayPal at www.fccimn.com on the Provider page.



*****Bonus Training*****

Ready for Licensing Renewal / Rule 2 Review Training

**Presented by:
Olmsted County Licensing Staff**

Date: Monday, February 24, 2014

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church

Come and join us for an overview of the relicense process, including:

- *required paperwork**
- *training requirements**
- *renewal reminders**
- *common mishaps**
- *frequently asked questions**

Free with your FCCI membership, non-members, please bring \$20 training fee.



FCCI BOARD NEWS!

The FCCI Board of Directors would like to welcome two new board members to our line up! Anna Telecky will be serving as Member-at-Large and Stephanie Ruess will be our Secretary this year! Please welcome them!

BOARD MEMBER BIOS:

ANNA: Hi! My name is Anna Telecky and I've been doing in home child care for almost eight years. I worked in the Rochester Public schools for eight years before starting my own child care. I have a wonderful husband who I've been married to for 12 years and two daughters, 11 and 5. We enjoy camping together and taking rides on the lake in our pontoon. I also enjoy running, a good book, and playing a little piano. I'm super excited to be a part of the board for the first time and look forward to a wonderful year with FCCI!

STEPH: My name is Stephanie Ruess. I was born in Wells, MN, raised in Hastings, MN, and currently live in Owatonna, MN. I am a licensed elementary teacher and have been in the child care field for over three years working in a center in Red Wing, MN and over eighteen years at in-home child care. I am currently the Board of Education Chairperson, Sunday School Superintendent, and Youth Activities Coordinator at our Church. I am also an MLFCCA Mentor. My hobbies include genealogy, gardening, biking, camping, kayaking, and craft projects. My husband Brian works in Edina as a Training Manager for International Dairy Queen. I have two sons: Matt is 19 and attends South Central College in Faribault, MN majoring in Computer Integrated Machining and my other son, Eric is 16 and earned his Eagle Scout Award earlier this year. I look forward to serving on the FCCI Board as the Secretary.

FAREWELL:

As we welcome new board members, we also say farewell to Kari Fairclough. Kari will be stepping down from the Community Outreach position in December. We would like to extend our appreciation to Kari for her hard work and dedication to FCCI's mission and for her passion for promoting high quality child care. Thank you, Kari! We wish you all the best!

SAVE THE DATE!



FCCI'S Annual Provider Banquet

Monday, May 12th

Come escape Adulthood with us!

Presented by: Jason Kotecki

Registration info to follow in the next newsletter!

Olmsted County Licensing Notes

From Rich Hacker, Child Care Licensing Supervisor

Phone number 507-328-6418

email: hacker.richard@co.olmsted.mn.us

Public thank you to Jackie Harrington for speaking at a County Advisory Board Meeting in December. Jackie shared what it is like to be a day care provider, the hard work and the joy. She also shared information regarding FCCI and that day care providers represent a significant contribution to the economy.

Training: Hopefully, by the time you are reading this the state will have finalized and made public the new trainings available and better clarified timeframes. We will do a mailing to all providers as soon as reasonably possible and post on our county website.

Changes in household membership : Are you 100% sure that the new person in your life doesn't have a DQ (disqualifier)? What about a friend or relative that will be staying with you for awhile? Don't jeopardize your license by failing to contact your licensor regarding changes in your household membership, including engagements, marriages, friends moving in, etc. We have had providers that have failed to report changes that have resulted in stress, anxiety, negative actions and potential loss of license. As a provider you have a responsibility to ensure that persons that will have contact with daycare children will have cleared background checks.

Fines: We have had to recommend around 20 sleep fines in the last 18 months. I have checked and this on par with other counties. We are required to recommend fines for the following violations: (1) failure to have background checks on required individuals; (2) any safe sleep violation; and (3) anyone providing care PRIOR to completing SUIDS/AHT training. Recommending fines is not a pleasant part of our responsibility, but we need to ensure safe sleep and an overall safe daycare environment. The county does not get any of the \$\$, all fines are paid to and retained by the state. Thankfully there has been a reduction in sleep deaths in family daycare in the last 18 months.

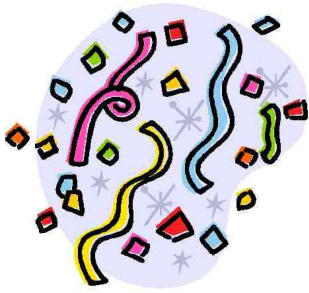
Moving or remodeling? Be in contact with your licensor as soon as you know you will be moving or doing any significant remodeling. We can assist you with timely visits to minimize any disruptions to operating your daycare business. Remodeling? Typically, if you get permits for remodeling you will be okay. We did have a situation of child foster care provider installing new windows that may not meet licensing requirements.

Rule Training: We are preparing for our first: **RULE 2 Review "Preparing for your Re-licensing Visit"** training. It will count towards general training hours. We are offering this training in collaboration with FCCI, Feb 24, 2014 7-9pm, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Customer Service: Timely, timely, timely. Timeliness is a two way street. Licensors expect providers to return applications on time, make licensing payments on time, report household changes, etc. You should also expect your licensor to also be timely in returning phone calls, responding to emails and responding to questions and requests. We have an expectation that licensors respond within two working days, even if just to acknowledge receipt of phone/email message, substitute background check, variance request, etc.

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
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Tammy Schettl	507-328-6219	schettl.tammy@co.olmsted.mn.us



Sponsored by FCCI

Sensational Saturday!

Saturday, February 22, 2014

8:30 am – 3:00 pm



Join us for 6 Hours of MNCPD Approved Training!

Session I: 8:30-10:30 am

Everything I needed to Know for Kindergarten, I Learned in My Provider's Home

Presenter: Karen Bradley

Everyone thinks about the ABC's, but what do children really need to be ready for school? In this class, providers will learn to identify Minnesota's standards and support tools, and learn skills they can teach within their curriculum to prepare children for Kindergarten.

Session II: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Working with Challenging Behaviors

Presenter: Raelene Ostberg,

Caring for young children is not easy. No matter how skilled an adult is, young children may still bite, have emotional breakdowns, hit, and refuse to cooperate! What is a provider to do? During this training, you will consider what is behind common behavior challenges, explore techniques to work with specific difficult behaviors, and discover tips to prevent unwanted behaviors. You will then apply the strategies to a specific common challenge in a child care setting.

Session III: 1-3 pm

Parent-Provider Communications: Making the Connection

Presenter: Lori Hameister

Communication is the essence of any relationship. When it thrives, the relationship grows, but when it breaks down, the relationship breaks down as well. Child care providers need to develop their communication skills in order to prevent problems, handle difficult situations and strengthen their relationships with the parents. During the class, we will discuss the Initial, Written, Daily and Difficult Communications you have with the parents in your child care setting.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment: Circle one FCCI Member: \$45.00 Non-Member: \$60.00

Return this section with your payment to:

(Please make checks payable to FCCI)

Amy Kanz
Attn: Sensational Saturday Registration
2813 Ashland Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Deadline to Register:

February 1st, 2014

For more information, contact Jackie S. at fccitrainingcoordinator@gmail.com or (507) 951-9887.

New Training Series!

Are you looking for basic business information to help you build and strengthen your family child care business? These new workshops are for you!

FCCI and Little Bit of Guidance Training and Mentoring

are co-sponsoring a new training series for providers who want to learn the basics of building a successful family child care business. These trainings are for everyone! We welcome both newly licensed and seasoned providers to come and learn with us!

Stepping Stones to Success



Featuring:

Contracts & Policies
Marketing & Interviewing Techniques
Curriculum Design
Environment
And more!

Contracts & Policies

Presenter: Lori Hameister

March 25, 2014 7-9 pm

Contracts and Policies for Family Child Care includes modules on the importance of establishing a business relationship with parents, the four basic elements and recommended rules for writing a contract, tips for creating and enforcing policies that communicate your rules and much more!

Family Child Care Business

Curriculum: Marketing

Presenter: Lori Hameister

April 28, 2014 7-9 pm

This training provides family-based child care providers with information to promote, advertise and market their business services to ensure sustainability and business growth. Interviewing techniques will also be discussed.

Trainings will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church. These are BONUS workshops for current 2014 FCCI members. Non-members will pay a \$20 training fee.

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 Olmsted County Licensing. Watch the video on line, and then notify your licensor.

***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!

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 Jackie at 282-1799 or email Fccicommunityoutreach@gmail.com to get your membership started!

Dawn Rasmussen
Ibrahim Mohamud
Sadi Barton
Brandi McCutchen
Sara Chaco
Kari Fields



As child care providers, we 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. Come join us!

Warm up with Soup!



January is National Soup Month!

January is the perfect month to warm up with a cup of soup. It's also a great opportunity to teach children about good nutrition and sharing, using the fable of "Stone Soup." Here are a few ideas for your Stone Soup themed learning experience:

- Read the story of Stone Soup by Marcia Brown to the children (variations can also be found online).
- Designate a "Stone Soup" day and have each child bring their favorite veggie to add to a vegetable soup you make together.
- Do a taste testing of a variety of healthy veggies.
- Talk about healthy and unhealthy food choices.
- Act out a play of the story with the children.

Find more ideas at <http://www.preschoolexpress.com/theme-station12/stone-soup-october.shtml>

Become an FCCI Member Today!

Would you like to have access to 25+ hours of training for only \$40? Would you like your licensed family child care business listed in our online directory? Do you have current openings you'd like to advertise? Would you like to get out of the house and meet providers just like you?

As a current member of FCCI, you will have many hours of MNCPD, Licensing Approved training to not only support your DHS requirements, but also inspire and support you in your child care business! You may list your licensed family child care business in the FCCI Online Directory for parents searching for child care in your area of the county. You may also submit classified ads of your openings for parents who are searching for child care.

At workshops, you'll meet many other child care providers just like you, where you'll share ideas, get valuable advice from others in the biz, and make great friendships!

To become an FCCI member and take advantage of these great resources, please fill out the membership form in this newsletter and mail it in or bring it to any workshop along with your cash or check for \$40. If you'd like to use a credit/debit card, please go to www.fccimn.com to pay with PayPal.

See you soon!

Child Care Resource & Referral Notes

C2R2 will be starting the New Year with some changes in places and faces

- Marlene Jehnke has recently been appointed Services Director at Child Care Resource and Referral, Inc. Marlene most recently served at the Director of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Marlene's new responsibilities include oversight of the daily operations of CACFP, Child Care Assistance, Child Care Aware (formerly Resource and Referral), Crisis Nursery, and Administrative Services.
- Sue Nagel has joined the agency as Parent Aware Quality Coach/Supervisor. Sue's professional background includes preschool teaching and administration, public schools consultant, and wellness coaching at the Mayo Clinic.

Please remember ~

- If you have not already done so, please complete the Online Provider Business Update. You can find and complete the web based Business Update at www.childcareawaremn.org. Thanks so much!
- For more information concerning the MN Child Care Credential or continuing your education, please contact Barb Wilson, Professional Development Coordinator at: barbw@c2r2.org.
- Grants Reminder: Please remember to be proactive with your training this winter and mindful of grant deadlines. Please contact Dawn Eckhoff, Southern District Grants Coordinator, at dawne@c2r2.org with any questions.

Have a wonderful New Year!

Thank you for all you do for children and their families!

~CCR&R Staff



Product Recalls and Safety News:

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

LOOKING FOR CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES?

Child Care Aware sponsored classes:
507-287-2020
www.mnstreams.org

American Red Cross: 507-287-2200
www.redcross.org

First link CPR & First Aid, LLC:
507-250-5725

Save the Date
Friday April 11th, 2014

Celebrate the Past, Embrace the Present, Envision the Future!

Schedule: Friday, April 11th, 2014

1:00-1:15 p.m. Registration Check-in

1:15-3:15 p.m. Session 1

3:30-5:30 p.m. Session 2

5:30-6:30 p.m. Registration Check-in, Social Hour, Networking, Tour of "The Place"

6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Awards

7:30-8:30 p.m. Evening Program

Cost:

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Please make checks payable to: FCCI

FCCI memberships are January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

- ☐ I am a licensed provider and new FCCI member
☐ I am a licensed provider and a renewing FCCI member
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How will you volunteer with FCCI in 2014?

- ____ 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:

**Lee Vang
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Family Child Care, Inc. 2014 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: _____

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How do you want to be contacted?

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Is this an update to your current 2014 provider directory information?

____ Yes ____ No



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*****Important reminder:**

The content found on the Olmsted County Licensors' Page is your official communication and notification of licensing updates. As licensed child care providers, it is our responsibility to read and make the appropriate changes within our programs! Please be sure to thoroughly read the information provided by Olmsted County licensing in the FCCI newsletter.