



Family Child Care, Incorporated

2015 Quarterly Newsletter

~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 12, 2015 6:15-9:30 pm	<p>Topic: Mastering Record Keeping and Taxes Presenter: Tom Copeland</p> <p>This is a three-hour training to help family child care providers keep essential business records, claim proper business deductions and reduce their taxes. Tom will discuss current changes to tax laws for the coming year. Note early start time for this workshop.</p> <p>Core Competency: VII: Program Planning and Evaluation CDA Content Area: Effective Program Operation</p>
February 9, 2015 6:45-9 pm	<p>Topic: Healthy Portions for Healthy Children & Food Program Annual Training Presenter: CCRR Food Program Staff</p> <p>This training is to help accomplish our common goal: To improve the nutrition of the children we care for. We will delve into portion sizes that the USDA mandates in the CACFP meal pattern, and share ideas that will help ensure you are preparing the appropriate amount of foods to comply with CACFP regulations. CACFP Annual Basic training will also be completed for anyone on the USDA food program.</p>
March 9, 2015 6:45-9 pm	<p>Topic: Anger and Aggression in Young Children Presenter: Judy Davis</p> <p>Anger and aggression can cause anxiety for children, caregivers and parents. This class is designed to develop techniques and strategies to help children express themselves in appropriate ways. We will discuss different options in programming as well as different ideas on how to support the parent in parenting their child. <u>This training will meet the Child Growth/Development & Behavior Guidance training requirement.</u></p> <p>Core Competency: IV. Interactions with Children CDA Content Area: Social and Emotional Development</p>

2015 Workshop Calendar

January 12, 2015 6:15-9:30 pm	Taxes and Record Keeping	Tom Copeland www.tomcopeland.com
January 22, 6:30–8:30 pm	BONUS: Sensory Processing Disorder	Aloha Davis
February 9, 6:45-9 pm	Healthy Portions for Healthy Kids, Part 2 & Annual CACFP training	Food Program Staff www.c2r2.org
February 26, 6:30-9 pm	BONUS: Movin' to the Story: Active Adventures in Literacy	Stacy Boysen www.stacyboysen.weebly.com
 March 9, 6:45-9 pm	Anger and Aggression in Young Children	Judy Davis
April 13, 6:45-9 pm	Three to Five Early Intervention ~ Red Flags and Referral	Early Intervention Assessment Team ~ Rochester School District
April 23, 6:30-8:30 pm	BONUS: Bugs, Blossoms, & Butterflies	Lori Hamiester www.littlebitofguidance.com
May 11, 6:00-9pm	Annual Provider Banquet	Jeff Johnson http://www.explorationsearlylearning.com
June 8, 6:45-9 pm	To Be Announced!	TBA
July (date TBA)	Annual FCCI Provider Potluck Picnic	Hosted by the FCCI Board of Directors
August 10, 6:45-9 pm	Licensing Forum	Olmsted County Licensing Staff
 September 14 6:45-9 pm	Active Supervision: Children with Special Needs	Stacy Boysen
October 12 6:45-9 pm	To Be Announced!	TBA
 November 9 6:45-9 pm	SUID/Abusive Head Trauma	Michelle Gillard
December	NO WORKSHOP!	Happy Holidays!



Star symbol indicates trainings that meet specific DHS child care training requirements.

****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: There is a \$5 charge for training certificate replacement. Please keep your training certificates in a secure location for licensing verification.



FCCI 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



***New Baby? In the Hospital?
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 Anna, 289-5468 or fccihospitality@gmail.com, so she can let that person know their friends at FCCI are thinking of them!

Message from FCCI's 2015 President

Happy Holidays!!

I am Kayla Abrahamson and will be serving as your president for 2015. I have been a licensed family child care provider for almost 12 years. I have been a member of FCCI for 11 years. I have served on the board in several positions for the past 9 years. I was 7 months pregnant when I was approached by Kari Fairclough. She had asked me if I would be interested in taking a position on the board. I hesitated with a new baby on the way, but I am so glad I took the opportunity! Being on the board, I have realized the wonderful connections FCCI has with our community, as well as other child care associations. I have enjoyed getting to know other providers and most importantly, the friendships. I am honored and excited to be president of such a strong association!



Here is a little about me...I moved to Rochester in 2000 from a small town in western MN. I have been married to my high school sweet heart for 12 years and we have two amazing children. I enjoy riding motorcycle with my husband and our friends. I also enjoy spending time with my family while snowmobiling, riding ATVs, camping, or just about anything outdoors!

Thank you to Tracie Reider and Amy Kanz for serving on the FCCI board in 2014. We appreciate your time, talents, and hard work!

I would like to welcome Jessica Tukua to the board as Communications Coordinator. She has been married for almost 5 years. She has a 2 year old daughter and hoping to add to the family soon. She became a provider a little over a year ago and loves being able to stay home with her daughter. She has 2 dogs and a blue fish, which was named Marvin by the kids in her care. She enjoys painting, playing guitar, dancing and coaching others about fitness and nutrition.

I would also like to welcome Ginger Fitzpatrick as the Treasurer. She is married and has two boys, 21 and 18, and two step children, ages 18 and 16. She is a new provider and excited to spend her day with little ones. She enjoys camping fishing, four wheeling, motorcycle riding, scrapbooking, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

With the increase of required training hours, FCCI will be offering bonus trainings, in addition to our regular workshops, to help meet these requirements. Further information will be available in newsletters and in Enews. The National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) conference will be held right here in Minnesota!! It will be held this year in Bloomington, July 15th-18th

There are several ways to keep updated with what is happening at FCCI. You can find us on Facebook, sign up for the Enews, and the quarterly newsletters. Please feel free to contact me at fccimn.com with any questions, comments or concerns.

Happy New Year!

Kayla Abrahamson
2015 FCCI Board 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**

2015 FCCI Board of Directors Calendar

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

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

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

2014 ANNUAL REPORT- FAMILY CHILD CARE INC.

The Board of Directors of Family Child Care Inc. respectfully reports to our membership the accomplishments and activities of 2014.

2014 FCCI BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: Shan Stewart
Secretary: Stephanie Reuss
Treasure: Tracie Reider
Assistant Treasure: Becky Mulholland
Membership: Lee Vang
Training Coordinator: Jackie Seifert
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Community Outreach: Jackie Harrington
Newsletter Editor: Stacy Boysen
Hospitality Coordinator: Julie Lewison
Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Parish
Member-at-large: Anna Telecky
Member-at-large: Kayla Abrahamson
Workshop Coordinator: Amy Kanz –through September

Board met each month (except June), including a July potluck picnic (everyone welcome) and a December holiday/year- end celebration. Board met in October for annual retreat to establish future goals. Board guests this past year included Pat Gannon, Rich Hacker, Kari Fairclough, Keith Lewis, Ginger Fitzpatrick, Cheri Hoeft, and Jessica Tukua.

Workshops and Bonus trainings

- January 13th: Taxes and record keeping, presenter Tom Copeland
- February 10th: Annual CACFP Basic Training, presenters Gail Jensen, Marlene Jenke, Shelby Ellis, Chris Bowen
- February 22nd: Sensational Saturday, presenters Karen Bradley, Raelene Ostberg, Lori Hameister
- February 24th: Ready 4 licensing Renewal & Rule 2 review, presenters Olmsted Licensing Staff
- March 10th: Noteworthy Circle Time, presenter Bobbi Jean Tweed
- March 25th: Stepping Stones Contracts & Policies, presenter Lori Hameister
- April 14th: When Life Gives You Lemons Make Lemonade, presenter Melissa Fredin
- April 28th: Stepping Stones Marketing your Business/Interviewing Techniques, presenter Lori Hameister
- May 12th: Annual Provider banquet, Overcoming Adultitis, presenter Jason Kotecki
- May 29th: Stepping Stones Professional Development Legal/Liability/Insurance Issues, presenter Lori Hameister
- June 9th: Asking Effective Questions- How to promote mathematical thinking with Preschool Children, presenter, Ruth Lee
- June 25th: Stepping Stones Planning with Purpose, Designing Lesson Plans for Multi-Age Groups, presenter Stacy Boysen
- July : no workshop
- August 11th: Q and A, presenters Olmsted County Licensors and staff
- August 25th: Stepping Stones Prevention: It's all about Environment, presenter Bev Herr
- September 8th: Active Supervision: A Developmental Perspective, presenter Stacy Boysen
- October 13th: 365 Preschool Activities, presenter Lori Hameister
- November 10th: SUIDS/AHT, presenter Michelle Gillard
- November 15th: Defending Play Boot Camp, presenter Denita Dinger
- December : no workshop

Membership

- 272 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, 2014. A gift card and two calendar keepers awarded at November 10th workshop for members whom purchased their 2015 membership.
- FCCI membership cards and newsletters were printed on green paper.
- 100 -2014 memberships purchased on-line through Pay Pal.

Fundraisers

- Calendar Keepers
- Staples recycling programs
- Die cuts/teaching tools (available online and workshop)
- Amazon smile
- 50/50 raffle
- T-shirts/ Sweatshirts
- Karing 4 Kids 5k at TerraLoco
- Assured Child Care Community Partnership. (partner number 9004)

Partnership

- Mississippi Welders provided extinguisher service at the April and August workshops
- Sponsorship of MLFCCA 2014 Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference and Banquet
- Vendor at the MLFCCA Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference, selling T-shirts, teacher resources, construction paper and die cuts
- Board members attended a PAIIR provider session to evaluate if a connection could be made to benefit our members.
- Use of the die cuts at Rochester Community College child development department.
- Olmsted County Licensing staff attended two board meetings to continue ongoing communication.

- Child Care Resource and Referral/Child Care Aware staff attended several workshops as volunteers or presenters. Pat Gannon attended a board meeting to continue ongoing communication and partnership.
- FCCI partners with Olmsted County licensing & CCRR to obtain monthly report of new and closed providers to increase accuracy in our provider database.

Advocacy

- Jackie Harrington represented FCCI as Olmsted County's representative and Jennifer Parrish as alternative representative with MLFCCA at board meetings. Both were elected to MLFCCA Executive Committee positions in the Spring of 2014.
- Attended DHS stakeholder meetings, May 2014
- Hosts County Licensing staff for a Q and A and legislative highlight report August 2014 and at FCCI board meetings, quarterly.
- FCCI sponsored a legislative bill authored by Senator Carla Nelson and Representative Kim Norton and endorsed by multiple local associations and MLFCCA. FCCI testified at the legislature, working closely with DHS to shepherd bill through to enactment. FCCI's bill made possible a single, transferable background study for independent contractors within a county (music teacher, zumba instructor, substitute care provider) in family child care programs; Clarifies safe sleep practices so a correction order cannot be issued under 245A.1435 unless there is evidence that a violation occurred when an infant was present in care; and SUIDS/Abusive Head Trauma annual training requirement will be streamlined into a single course on a 2 year cycle: the first year the SUIDS/AHT training would be completed either in person or on-line and the second year through a video. January 2014- May 2014
- 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

Communications (Newsletter, Website, E-News, Facebook)

- Published quarterly newsletters: mailed to all FCCI members, all Olmsted County licensed providers and community partners
- Newsletter advertising space revenue: \$1025
- The website www.fccimn.com receives 54,750+ visits from providers and parents as an up-to-date resource. Approximately 150 visits per day.
- Clean Sweep of non-member classifieds, directory listings, and reconciliation with DHS listings in January 2014
- Monthly E-News sent to providers, with special voting reminder E-news in November. Converted to Mail Chimp software program.
- Facebook page *Family Child Care Incorporated* provided information on FCCI trainings, regulation changes, child care related articles, recall information, voting information and pertinent childcare information.

Community Outreach

- Week long classified ad ran each month in the Rochester Post Bulletin to promote FCCI and direct parents to child care providers ads and directory via www.fccimn.com
- A board member attended the monthly Olmsted County Licensing New Provider Orientation to introduce FCCI through a presentation. Attendees received a copy of the newsletter and a complimentary training coupon.
- Shaken Baby Video shown before workshops prior to the DHS change requesting that video no longer be viewed.
- FCCI July board meeting open to all members for a summer potluck, the board and two additional members attended.

Provider of the Year

- Six providers were nominated, however two were ineligible. One provider declined the nomination and three nominees were announced. Kayla Abrahamson and Mary Rownd were awarded the Olmsted County 2014 Provider of the Year.
- The winners were honored at the FCCI May annual provider banquet and recognized in the Rochester Post Bulletin.
- FCCI sponsored the winners at the MLFCCA Family Child Care Provider Recognition banquet in Bloomington where all winners from around the state are honored.
- Nominations continue being accepted for 2015 POY award.

Volunteer

- Volunteer Recognition at Annual Provider Banquet: 26 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.
- 26 participating and active volunteers in 2014 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.
- Free die cut coupons were given to first time attendees at workshop.
- Free book by Jason Kotecki was given out to new attendees at the November annual membership drive.

Financial

- Developed and followed a yearly budget.
- Finance committee met quarterly to review budget income and expenses.
- Treasurer filed State and Federal income taxes.
- Certificate of Deposit was purchased in November 2013 and matures in May 2015.
- Added the capability to accept debit card purchases at the workshops for memberships and sales items.
- Offered the Stepping Stones series of five free bonus trainings to members.

Banquet and Week of the Provider

- Hosted the "Week of the Family Child Care Provider" banquet at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

- The keynote speaker, Jason Kotecki presented Overcoming Adultitis. Mayor Ardele Brede presented the Proclamation from the City of Rochester declaring it the "Week of the Family Child Care Provider". All attendees received a book from Mr. Kotecki. Community partners from CCRR were in attendance.

Sales and purchasing

- Calendar Keepers
- Assorted teacher resource/teaching tool items.
- Die cuts with or without books.
- T-shirts/sweatshirts
- Construction paper

Organization

- Annual renewal of 501 C Nonprofit Corporation with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. License number 777405400029.
- FCCI 7th Annual Board Retreat was held in October 29th, 2014 for future planning and goal setting. Two potential new board members were present.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shan Stewart, 2014 FCCI President
and the 2014 FCCI Board of Directors*

Become an FCCI Member Today!

Would you like to have access to 20 hours of training for only \$50? 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 \$50. If you'd like to use a credit/debit card, please go to www.fccimn.com to pay with PayPal.

See you soon!

Over 1/3 of Olmsted County Providers are members of FCCI! Join us today!

2015 Online Clean Sweep!

Beginning January 13, 2015 the online directory and classified ads will be updated. Any non-member directory listing or online advertisement will be deleted. Purchase your 2015 FCCI membership now to keep from losing your listing or advertisement on the FCCI website.



2015 FCCI memberships are available at each workshop, by mailing in membership form at the back of your newsletter, or you may purchase your membership online using PayPal at www.fccimn.com on the provider page.



BONUS TRAINING SERIES!

FCCI's *Bonus Training Series* returns with new lineup of engaging workshops to both inspire and support child care providers in their quest for quality training!

Featured Topics Coming Soon:

Sensory Processing Disorder

Presenter: Aloha Davis

January 22, 2015 6:30-8:30pm

This workshop describes the characteristics of Sensory Processing Disorder and how it may impact young children in child care programs. Each participant will have the opportunity to examine their own sensory preferences and apply that knowledge to the sensory needs of children. Strategies for inclusion will be presented as well as local resources.

Core Competency: I. Child Growth & Development

CDA: Principles of Child Growth & Development

Movin' to the Story:

Active Adventures in Literacy

Presenter: Stacy Boysen

February 26, 2015 6:30-8:30 pm

Enhance children's literacy and socio-emotional development and encourage active, healthy habits through the use of engaging stories and learning experiences! Books come alive through music, movement, and games! Learn how to connect movement and literacy through book ideas, lesson plans, activities, and play.

Core Competency: IIc. Promoting Language Development & Literacy

CDA: Physical & Intellectual Development

Trainings will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church. These are BONUS workshops for current 2015 FCCI members. Non-members will pay a \$20 training fee.

Family Child Care, Inc. would like to welcome the following recently licensed providers to the child care profession in Olmsted County. We hope to see you soon at an FCCI workshop! Please call Lee at 507-218-5742 or email fccimembership@gmail.com to get your membership started!

Jessica Grimm, Rochester
Mia Vang, Rochester
Jennifer Mueller, Rochester
Terry Smoots, Rochester
Ashlee Otterness, Rochester
Amy Smith, Rochester
Brandi Diderrich, Byron
Megan Rask, Rochester
Jennifer Ly, Rochester
Alicia Cremer, Rochester
Rachel See, Rochester
Asim & Nusreta Mustrafrovic
Carrie Casey, Stewartville
Sara Walston, Rochester



As child care providers, we all have an important 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. We also provide a place where providers can meet and get to know one another to share about our experiences and make new friendships! Come and be a part of this great group of providers!

Ice Gems

A beautiful and inexpensive project to do with children during the cold, long winter.

Ingredients:

Regular balloon
Food coloring
Water



Add three drops of food coloring to the balloon. Slowly, fill the water balloon with water from your faucet, not too full, or it will spray all over! Carefully, pinch the end and tie the balloon, quickly! Place gently onto a baking sheet and put the balloons outside. They should freeze overnight, depending on the temperature. It's best to make them on those below zero days for faster results! When the balloons are frozen, carefully use a scissors to clip and peel off the balloon to reveal your creation! Decorate your yard with your creations!

"Frozen" Play Dough

The play dough isn't actually frozen. I'm actually talking about the movie... (I know, I know, I'm sorry!) This play dough is not sticky and is very pretty!

Ingredients:

2 cups of flour
1 cup of salt
4 tbs of cream of tartar
1-2 tbs of oil
Food coloring (6 drops of blue, 2 drops of green)
2 cups of water
White or silver glitter

Put water and food coloring into a medium sauce pan to desired color. Add the rest of the ingredients and cook on medium heat, stirring constantly, until a ball of dough forms, (about 6-10 minutes). Place onto wax paper and allow to cool. When cooled, knead a small tube of glitter into the dough and play!

Olmsted County Licensing News

Rich Hacker, Child Care Licensing Supervisor, phone number 507-328-6418

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

2014 is already over! Hard to believe that another year has flown by. We hope each and every one of you and your families had a joyous holiday season and have many things to look forward to in the coming year.

Licensing would like to thank all of you for your attention to providing safe and high quality family child care. Thankfully we experienced fewer changes in the past year. Statewide there continues to be an emphasis on safe infant sleep, which has been paying off. Statewide the number of infant mortalities is down dramatically, and here, we have noticed a significant decline in the number of safe infant sleep violations.

As a licensed family child care provider you are:

- a *professional* in the field of family child care;
- a Minnesota-based *small business owner*;
- *Responsible* for knowing and applying our state's rules and regulations that pertain to the child care profession in Minnesota.

As with most businesses, there are rules that must be followed. For licensed family child care, these rules are spelled out in various Minnesota statutes and chapters. Olmsted County Child Care Licensing and the MN DHS work to keep you up to date on changes to these laws and to help you understand them. However, *knowing* and *applying* these laws is a responsibility that rests squarely on your shoulders.

With that being said, do you know where to put your hands on these laws? Do you know how to access the rules and regulations that you're ultimately responsible for knowing and applying? If you're stumped, we're here to help. We want to make sure you're aware of how to access the laws and statutes that you're expected to know/required to follow. Most are available on either the County website and FCCI website.

1) "Rule 2" (chapter 9502) at: www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=9502

This has been the long-standing rule for licensed family child care (typically referred to as "The Rule" or "Rule 2"). The Rule sets licensing standards for family child care and group family child care homes to provide for the protection, proper care, health, safety and development of children enrolled in care.

2) MN Statutes, Chapter 245A of the Human Services Licensing Act (HSLA) at:

www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=245A. Most of the ongoing changes affecting child care are made here. It defines the application process, sanctions, due process, training requirements and much more.

3) MN Statutes, Chapter 245C or the Human Services Background Studies Act at:

www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=245C. This contains all of the laws that pertain to background studies and disqualifications for applicants, license holders and subjects affiliated with the child care program.

Thank you for the care you provide to our community's children!

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

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

Upcoming Events & Professional Development Ops

Parent Aware Info Session Coming Soon!

Thursday, January 8th
6:30-7:30 pm
CCR&R
126 Woodlake Drive SE,
Rochester, MN 55904



Parent Aware is about providing parents and communities throughout Minnesota with the educational tools and information they need to make informed choices about quality child care and early education programs for their children. Parent Aware Star Ratings help parents easily identify programs that are going beyond State health and safety requirements to prepare children for school and life.

Some of the many benefits Parent Aware has to offer include:

- Peace of mind knowing that you are using the practices that best prepare children for kindergarten
- Increased Child Care Assistance rates
- Increased access to Early Learning Scholarships for your families to use in covering the cost of child care
- Quality Coaching
- Quality Improvement Support dollars
- Marketing support

Spots are filling quickly so please **RSVP to ambers@c2r2.org or (507) 287-2020 x1404** ASAP if you haven't already. Parent Aware is a GREAT opportunity for you and your child care program, as well as the families you serve. Join us to learn more about how Parent Aware can benefit you! If you are unable to make it to this info session, and would still like more information about Parent Aware, please let me know by emailing ambers@c2r2.org or calling (507) 287-2020 ext. 1404 and I will be happy to assist you!

Sincerely,

Amber Sawyer, Parent Aware Recruiter
Child Care Resource and Referral, Rochester, MN

Save the Date!

This year, FCCI's Provider Banquet will feature **Jeff Johnson!** You won't want to miss this event! Jeff is a former family child care provider and a dynamic, inspirational speaker. Find out more at www.explorationearlylearnings.com

May 11, 2015

Registration info to follow in the April newsletter

The Minnesota Center for Professional Development

- ★ Promoting excellence in child development
- ★ Providing support for Develop Tools
- ★ Celebrating professional growth and achievement

Visit mnpcpd.org to create an account and learn more about professional development.



Practitioners

- * Receive professional recognition with a Career Lattice Certificate
- * Search and participate in approved trainings that promote professional growth

Trainers

- * Become an MNCPD approved trainer
- * Get courses approved and schedule trainings
- * Receive expert support

Resources

- * Explore education and career opportunities with the Virtual Career Guide
- * Find employment opportunities with the MNCPD Job Center

The Minnesota Center for Professional Development
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Area Spring Conferences:

April 17-18, 2015

Focus on the Children Conference
RCTC, Rochester Location

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



May 1-2, 2015

Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference & Banquet
MLFCCA, Twin Cities Location

www.mlfcca.org

Child Care Aware Professional Development News!

*Please join us in welcoming Diane Kohler as our new Educational Resource Specialist in the Professional Development department at CCRR! Diane will be taking over the trainer and training responsibilities (catalog) and teaming with Barb Wilson, PD Advisor. Diane has been the Director at KinderCare Learning Center here in Rochester for the past ten years and is an experienced trainer. Diane joined us in November and can be reached at dianek@c2r2.org or 287-2020, ext. 1585.

*Child Care Providers: In December you received a letter from the Professional Development Department here at CCRR outlining our new training policies. Please be sure to keep it handy and refer to it often as you look for training. These policies can also be found on the CCRR internet site, the catalog, and will be added to all e-mail blasts for classes over the next three months. These changes were made in response to the tremendous increase in training that we have experienced at CCRR over the past year. Thank you for understanding – we look forward to providing you with better service!

~Sue Nagel, Quality Coach/PD Supervisor

If you have any questions regarding any of Child Care Resource & Referral or Child Care Aware, Southern's resources, please contact them at 287-2020 or www.c2r2.org.



Family Child Care Resources

Child Care Links!

Are you looking for quick crafts and ideas for your child care? These websites are provider favorites!

www.amomwithalessonplan.com
www.everythingpreschool.com
www.123child.com
www.teacherspayteachers.com
www.tarheelreader.com
www.teachpreschool.com
www.happyhooligans.ca
www.1plus1plus1equals1.net
www.playdoughtogo.com

...and of course, PINTEREST!

Looking for DHS licensing forms for family child care?

They can all be found on your county and state websites!



Olmsted County Child Care Licensing:

<http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/cs/cfs/childcarelicensing/Pages/default.aspx>

MN Department of Human Services (DHS) Licensing forms:

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_028228

Direct link to 2014 New Family Child Care Training Requirements:

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/agencywide/documents/defaultcolumns/dhs16_181639.pdf

SUID Training Videos:

The Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Videos can be found on FCCI's website for your viewing.

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Find the links under the "Licensing/Community Connections" menu.

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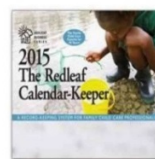
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- ☐ I am a licensed provider and new FCCI member
☐ I am a licensed provider and a renewing FCCI member
☐ I am unlicensed or a community member and am an Advocate Member.

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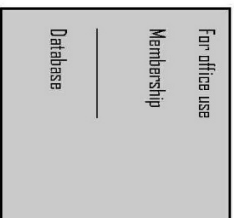
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How will you volunteer with FCCI?

- ____ 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
4408 Manorwoods Pl NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Family Child Care, Inc. 2015 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.fcclmn.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
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Phone #: _____

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- FCCI 2014 Annual Report
- Activity/Craft Ideas and Resources

*****Important reminder*****

The content found on the Olmsted County Licensor's 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.