



Family Child Care, Incorporated

2016 Quarterly Newsletter

~January, February, March~

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 \$20 training fee.

January 11, 2016 6:15-9 pm	<p>Topic: Managing Taxes and Record Keeping 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.</p> <p>Core Competency: VII: Program Planning and Evaluation CDA Content Area: Effective Program Operation Parent Aware Category: General Course</p>
BONUS: January 28 6:30-8:30pm	<p>Topic: What Parents Want Providers to Know, What Providers Want Parents to Know Presenter: Aloha Davis</p> <p>Is licensing approved, but not MNCPD/grant approved. This training WILL count towards 2 hours of general professional development training.</p> <p>Core Competency: N/A CDA Content Area: N/A Parent Aware Category: N/A</p>
February 8 6:45-9pm	<p>Topic: Food for Thought Presenter: PCI Food Program</p> <p>Good nutrition is one of the best ways to support healthy brain development for the children in your care. Through this workshop, you will learn the importance of dietary fat in brain development, how good nutrition can maximize brain function and how foods high in fat and sugar can influence the brain's reward center. Techniques and strategies to encourage positive eating habits that promote brain development and overall healthy nutrition will also be discussed. Food program participants will meet CACFP annual training requirements by attending this session and will receive a certificate for 2 hours of training.</p>
BONUS: February 25 6:30-8:30 pm	<p>Topic: Decrease Stress/Increase Success Presenter: Raelene Ostberg</p> <p>Learn how to train your brain to stress less and enjoy more! Identify how stress impacts our brain, thinking, and responses to stressful situations. Discover practical methods to reduce stress, improve relationships, foster joy, and increase success both personally and professionally.</p> <p>Core Competency: VIII. Professional Development and Leadership CDA Content Area: Maintaining Professionalism Parent Aware Category: General Course/Business</p>
March 14, 2016 6:45-9 pm	<p>Topic: Why Do Children Act the Way They Do? Understanding How A Child is "Wired" Presenter: Bev Herr</p> <p>This workshop will examine how children are genetically "wired" with temperament traits that make each child's reactions to the world unique and how these reactions impact their emotional development. Participants will also discuss their own temperaments and examine strategies for applying a "goodness of fit" model that fosters positive mental health for all children.</p> <p>Core Competency: IV. Interactions with Children CDA Content Area: Social and Emotional Development Parent Aware Category: Child Development</p>

**Arrivals after 7:05 pm will not receive a training certificate.

2016 Workshop Calendar

*****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.

FCCI's 2016 Training Calendar

January 11, 2016 6:15-9:30 pm	Managing Taxes and Record Keeping	Tom Copeland www.tomcopeland.net
January 28, 6:30–8:30 pm	BONUS: What Providers Want Parents to Know, What Parents Want Providers to Know	Aloha Davis
February 8, 6:45-9 pm	Food for Thought/CACFP Nutrition training	PCI Food Program Staff
February 25, 6:30-8:30 pm	BONUS: Decrease Stress/Increase Success	Raelene Ostberg
 March 14, 6:45-9 pm	Why do Children Act the Way They Do? <i>(Meets the Child Growth & Development/Behavior Guidance annual requirement)</i>	Bev Herr
March 31, 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Bonus: Bugs, Blossoms, and Butterflies	Lori Hameister
April 11, 6:45-9 pm	They Stick to Me Like Band-Aids	Judy Davis
April 28, 6:30-8:30 pm	BONUS: Mess Management	Kimberly Giles
May 9, 5:45-9pm	Annual Provider Banquet	Katy Smith
 June 13, 6:45-9 pm	Magical Moments: Finding Teachable Moments <i>(Meets the Child Growth & Development/Behavior Guidance annual requirement)</i>	Carrie Speikers
July (date TBA)	Annual FCCI Provider Potluck Picnic	Hosted by the FCCI Board of Directors
August 8, 6:45-9 pm	What's it About: Early Childhood Screening	Jackie Harrington
 September 12 6:45-9 pm	Active Supervision: Emergency Situations <i>(Meets the supervision for safety annual requirement)</i>	Pat Gentz
October 10 6:45-9 pm	Leaping into Literacy & Kid-Friendly Math Centers	Julie Torkelson
 November 14 6:45-9 pm	SUID/Abusive Head Trauma <i>(Meets the SUID/AHT annual requirement)</i>	Michelle Gillard
December	NO WORKSHOP!	Happy Holidays!

Trainings are subject to change/cancelation due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of FCCI. Notification of changes will be made at www.fccimn.com.

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

MNCPD requires the full 2 hours of training to receive a certificate.

Anyone joining a training at 7:05 or later will NOT receive a certificate.

The church doors will automatically lock at 7:05pm.

**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!



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

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!



2016 Calendar Keepers

NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT FCCI WORKSHOPS!

\$17.95 + tax

Supplies are limited!

The Calendar Keeper, written by Tom Copeland, is the leading business tool for family child care professionals. It includes monthly expense charts, attendance and payment logs, mileage records, food program tallies, and detailed income tax worksheets—all making tax preparation easier and helping to reduce taxes. Also included are monthly nutritious recipes, activities, and helpful tips. With this calendar, all of the family child care professional's business-related records are organized in one convenient place.

Support FCCI

by using Amazon Smile at <http://smile.amazon.com/>

and claim Family Child Care Inc. as your charity of choice. Amazon smile works the same way Amazon.com does and you can order all your childcare and personal items there. FCCI will receive a portion of the proceeds.



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 507-218-6742 or email fccimembership@gmail.com to get your membership started!

Sara Syhakhoun Stewartville
Nicole Osterman Rochester
Jessica Struckmann Rochester
Kayla Helgerson Rochester
Ibaado Saleeban Rochester
Amina Hassan Rochester
Trisha King Eyota
Gina Shaw Eyota



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!

Keep in touch between newsletters by signing up for FCCI ENEWS

Send requests to fccimn@gmail.com

We have a number of email "mailer delivery subsystem" notifications for undeliverable email. Please keep us informed if your email address changes.

Over 1/2 of Olmsted County Providers are members of FCCI! Join us today!

Message from FCCI's 2015 President

Happy Holidays to all!

I am Anna Telecky and will be serving as your president for 2016. I have been a licensed family child care provider for 10 years. I have been a member of FCCI for four years and this will be my third year serving on the board. I joined the board because I had a desire to become more involved in this profession and to have a sense of unity with other providers.



When I first started daycare I felt alone and wasn't sure where to reach out for support and guidance. After a few years I ran into Shan Stewart at a training and she invited to a meeting. I felt so empowered being around so many strong women that I knew I wanted to be more of a part of it. Now I can't believe I get to be president of this strong organization. I am truly honored!

A little bit about me, I am from the small town of Wanamingo living in Rochester now for about 18 years. My husband and I just celebrated 14 years together and we have two daughters. I enjoy camping with my family, riding bike, playing piano, and my favorite hobby is running. I am also very active in my local church.

Thank you to Stacy Boysen for all her service on the FCCI board since 2006! We appreciate all your time and hard work.

I would like to welcome Sadi Barton to the board as assistant treasurer. Sadi has been a licensed provider for three years. After having children of her own she knew daycare would give her the opportunity to make being their mommy a top priority. Plus, she loves children and has since she was young. Sadi has lived in Rochester for 29 years and has been happily married for 9 years. Her and her husband have two children. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, all things crafty, and of course, watching the MN Vikings. She looks forward to crossing paths with you all at our trainings and other volunteer opportunities.

I would also like to welcome Jenni Clemens to the board as hospitality assistant. Jenni has been a licensed daycare provider for four years and has wanted to do daycare since she was in kindergarten. Her and her husband have been married for four years and have two active children. They also have a black lab. She is very excited to get to be a part of FCCI.

With all the changes that have been happening FCCI will remain constant in offering trainings that meet requirements and will keep you updated on other important information. There are several ways to get this information. You can find us on Facebook, sign up for Enews, and the quarterly newsletters. Please feel free to contact me at fccimn.com with any questions, comments or concerns.

Hope you had a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Anna Telecky
2016 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*



2015 FCCI Board of Directors Calendar

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

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

2015 ANNUAL REPORT- FAMILY CHIL CARE INC.

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

2015 FCCI BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: Kayla Abrahamson
Secretary: Stephanie Reuss
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Membership: Lee Vang
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Sales and Purchasing: Nita Higgins

Community Outreach: Jackie Harrington
Newsletter Editor: Jessica Tukua
Hospitality Coordinator: Anna Telecky
Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Parish
Member-at-large: Julie Lewison
Member-at-large: Becky Mulholland
Workshop Coordinator: Nita Higgins

Board met each month, 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, Barb Miller, Marlene Jehnke, Rich Hacker, Kari Fairclough, Stacey York,

Workshops and Bonus trainings

- January 12th: Taxes and record keeping, presenter Tom Copeland
- January 22nd Bonus- Sensory Processing Disorder, presenter Aloha Davis
- February 9th: Annual CACFP Basic Training, presenters Gail Jensen, Marlene Jenke, Shelby Ellis, Chris Bowen
- February 26th: Bonus-Movin to the Story: Active Adventures in Literacy, presenter Stacy Boysen
- March 9th Anger and Aggression in Young Children presenter Judy Davis
- March 26th: Tools for the Toolbox: Strategies to Meet Challenging Behavior, presenter Melissa Fredin
- April 13th: Three to Five Early Intervention-Red Flags and Referrals, presenter Early Intervention Assesment Team-Rochester School District
- April 23rd: Authentic Observation, presenter Jackie Harrington
- May 11th: Annual Provider banquet, Play Counts! Jeff Johnson
- June 8th: Love and Logic Teaching Kids to Listen the First Time, presenter Andrew Jonhsrud
- July 20th: no workshop, Annual Provider Picnic
- August 10th: Licensing Forum, presenters Olmsted County Licensors and staff
- September 14th: Active Supervision: Children With Special Needs, presenter Stacy Boysen
- October 12th: Infectious Diseases in Childcare Settings, presenter Olmsted County Public Health
- November 9th: SUIDS/AHT, presenter Michelle Gillard
- December: no workshop

Membership

- 261 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, 2015. A gift card and two calendar keepers awarded at November 9th workshop for members whom purchased their 2016 membership.
- FCCI membership cards and newsletters were printed on yellow (canary) paper.
- 71 -2015 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 September workshops
- Sponsorship of MLFCCA 2015 Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference and Banquet
- Olmsted County Licensing staff attended a board meeting 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

- Attended DHS stakeholder meetings, May 2015.
- Host County Licensing staff for a forum and legislative highlight report August 2015 and at FCCI board meetings.
- 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.
- Continue conversation, education, and relationship with area legislators keeping them informed of issues important in family child care and pending legislation.
- Submitted testimony to legislative committee hearings opposing Universal Pre-K.

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: \$815
- The website www.fccimn.com receives 17,000+ unique visitors and 73,000 page views annually from providers and parents as an up-to-date resource
- Clean Sweep of non-member classifieds, directory listings, and reconciliation with DHS listings in January 2015
- Monthly E-News sent to providers, using 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.
- The format for the classified ads on the website was changed October 1st 2015.

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 an updated presentation. Attendees received a copy of the newsletter and a complimentary training coupon.
- FCCI July board meeting open to all members for a summer potluck, the board and nine additional members attended.
- Attended farewell reception for Families First Food Program Staff; organize staff gift.
- Attended retirement reception for Families First Executive Director.; organize retirement gift.
- Maintained a craigslist ad directing parents looking for child care to www.fccimn.com

Provider of the Year

- 5 providers were nominated, however two were ineligible. Three nominees were announced. Lee Vang and Julie Lewison were awarded the Olmsted County 2015 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 2016 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.
- 26 participating and active volunteers in 2015 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 books were given to first time attendees at workshop.

Financial

- Developed and followed a yearly budget.
- Finance committee met quarterly to review budget income and expenses.
- Increased our bond insurance to meet additional savings we have.
- Maintain a safety deposit box for our long term documents.
- Treasurer filed State and Federal income taxes.
- Certificate of Deposit was purchased in October 2015 for \$15,000.
- Continue to offer on-line payments through PayPal.
- Continue to offer debit card payments at workshops.
- Offered free bonus trainings to members from January through April.

Banquet and Week of the Provider

- Hosted the "Week of the Family Child Care Provider" banquet at Redeemer Lutheran Church.
- The keynote speaker, Jeff Johnson Play Counts. Mayor Ardel Brede presented the Proclamation from the City of Rochester declaring it the "Week of the Family Child Care Provider".

Sales and purchasing

- Calendar Keepers
- Tshirts/sweatshirts
- Assorted teacher resource/teaching tool items. Die cuts with or without books. Construction paper where reduced in price. We no longer sold these items after April 2015

Organization

- Annual renewal of 501 C Nonprofit Corporation with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. License number 777405400029.
- FCCI 8th Annual Board Retreat was held in October 29th, 2015 for future planning and goal setting. One potential new board member was present.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kayla Abrahamson, 2015 FCCI President
and the 2015 FCCI Board of Directors*

Olmsted County Licensing News

Rich Hacker, Community Services Supervisor
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Hello Olmsted County Family Child Care Providers,

The following is information regarding a few items that we have been receiving questions about:

Annual, Unannounced Licensing Inspections

The Federal Child Care Development Block Grant Reauthorization includes several new federal requirements for family child care. The Minnesota Department of Human Services is in the early stages of planning for the changes. One of the new requirements is annual licensing inspections for child care centers and family care. Currently inspections are required every two years. These inspections are to be completed as unannounced visits. It is expected that this requirement will be effective November 19, 2016.

As you are aware, Olmsted County already completes annual inspections. These inspections are unannounced and occur during the month prior to the license expiring or on the off-year. Due to this practice, Olmsted County family child care providers will experience little, if any, effect from this new federal requirement.

**** Please note that not all counties in Minnesota currently complete annual inspections and/or unannounced visits.*

Monitors Placed in Infant Sleep Space (Example: Owlet Baby Monitor)

MS 245A.1435 Reduction of Risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in Licensed Programs.

(b) "....The license holder must not place anything in the crib with the infant except the infant's pacifier".

The Owlet Baby Monitor in the sock goes beyond clothing and would be considered as placing something other than the infant's pacifier in the crib.

DHS reported that the MN SIDS Center and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations clearly state that monitors should not be used as a strategy to prevent deaths. There is no evidence that monitors are effective. Following safe sleep practices has been proven successful.

Storage of "Ice Melt" and Other Toxic Substances

Rule 9502.0435 Sanitation and Health. Subp. 4. Toxic Substances. All medicines, chemicals, detergents, poisonous plants, alcoholic beverages, and other toxic substances must be inaccessible to children.

Ice melt products are considered to be toxic substances as they can be harmful to children and pets. The license holder must store these products in an area that is inaccessible to children or have them in a container on which the lid is not able to be removed or opened by a child.

Emergency Substitutes

Rule 9502.0435 Sanitation and Health. Subp. 8D. Prior arrangements must be made for a substitute to provide care during emergencies.

All providers are required to have an emergency substitute. Your identified emergency substitute must have a current cleared FCC licensing background check and have the required training for a substitute.

A correction order may be issued at visits completed after August 1, 2016 if no emergency substitute has been identified and/or the substitute does not have the required background check or training.

Olmsted County Family Child Care Licensing Team

Rich Hacker, Community Services Supervisor, 328-6418

Rebecca Sprenger, Social Worker- Licensor, 328-6421

Dawn Schenk, Senior Social Worker- Licensor, 328-6882

Kari Justin, Social Worker- Licensor, 328-6423

Upcoming Events & Professional Development Ops



Families First of MN – Crisis Nursery

Crisis Nursery is always in need of licensed child care providers.

By becoming a Crisis Nursery provider, you may be called to take children into your care for a short period of time, usually no more than 10 days, sometimes only for a few hours.

You are paid the maximum allowed rates established for the Child Care Assistance Program.

This is a great opportunity for a provider who is not at their licensed capacity to provide quality care for a family in a time of need.

For more information, call Allison at 287.2020.

Are you interested in joining a group of women for monthly kid-free sessions?

To meet and build a network of other childcare providers?

FCCI has the following positions available:

- Training Coordinator Assistant
- Communications Coordinator Assistant

Contact Anna at fccimn@gmail.com. We would love you have you join us!

Save the Date!
MLFCCA Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference
and Recognition Banquet



The Magic of Laughter!
April 29th and 30th, 2016
Crowne Plaza West Hotel
Plymouth, MN

March BONUS Training

March 31, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Topic: Bugs, Blossoms, and Butterflies
Presenter: Lori Hameister



Time to get down and dirty!!! Explore the benefits of gardening with children of all ages. We will learn ways to incorporate gardening activities into all areas of your curriculum as well as some fun and interesting learning experiences about the little creatures that live into the garden. Let your children's minds sprout with the seeds they plant. Science can be your friend.

Core Competency: 11a. Creating the Learning Environment
CDA Content Area: Physical and Intellectual Development
Parent Aware Category: Curriculum Implementation

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, April 11th - 2 hours of training credit – **at no cost**

"Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma"

This training will explore the effects of trauma on young children, their parents and the relationship between them, as well as strategies for promoting resilience in families affected by trauma.

Sponsored by Families First of MN – Crisis Nursery Program and the Child Care Aware Professional Development Department
Details to come at a later date.

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's Quality Child Care Program

A 2008 report showed that only about 50 percent of Minnesota's children were ready for kindergarten. Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation recognizes the long-term cost of not having all our children receive a strong academic start. To help our region's child care providers better prepare our next generation of leaders, SMIF has partnered with First Children's Finance and Families First of MN/Child Care Aware to develop the Quality Child Care Program (QCCP). QCCP is a holistic training program that focuses on professional growth, mentoring, improving business practice, implementing curriculum and assessment tools, and putting providers on track to become Parent Aware rated at a pace that is right for them.

Good news! QCCP is coming to Rochester! We will meet on the evening of February 23rd, from 6:15-9:00pm (exact location TBD). During this time we will enjoy a catered dinner while learning more about First Children's Finance's business tools and Parent Aware. This is a free event. If any child care providers who are not currently participating in Parent Aware would like to attend the Quality Child Care Program in Rochester or have questions, please contact Amber Sawyer at (507) 287-2020 ext. 1404 or ambers@familiesfirstMN.org.

Important Changes Coming Soon!
Take Action Now!

If you take trainings through Child Care Aware and regularly use mnstreams.org for registration, please know that **on June 30, 2016, Mnstreams will be going away and training info, registration, training certificates and more will all be on Develop (formerly known as The Registry/MNCPD).**



Before this change occurs, you will need to register for a Develop account and ID number! To do this, all you need to do is visit www.developtoolmn.org/ and click the pencil/register link in the far right upper corner of the home page.

If you have a Develop account and ID number before June 30, 2016, your information will be likely be transferred from Mnstreams to Develop. Just in case it doesn't transfer seamlessly, please save or print your training record and any grant documentation that you have on your mnstreams.org profile.

Join Develop today! To register with Develop (formerly known as the Registry/MNCPD) visit www.developtoolmn.org/

develop

The Minnesota Quality Improvement & Registry Tool

Confused about all this Develop stuff? Stephanie from Families First can help you register! Call her at 287-2020 or email stephanied@familiesfirstmn.org. Get ahead in the game! Register for a Develop account and receive your number today! It only takes a few minutes!

Family Child Care Resources

SUID Training Videos:

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

To view the videos for licensing requirements, visit www.fccimn.com. Find the links under the "Licensing/Community Connections" menu.

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

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.1plus1plusequals1.net
www.playdoughtogo.com

...and of course, PINTEREST!



Child Care Aware training catalog, class registration, and grant information can all be found at MNStreams!

www.Mnstreams.org



Product Recalls and Safety News:

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

Do you use Assure Child Care as an Insurance carrier?

Name FCCI in Assure Child Care's Community Partnership Program in your renewal!

FCCI's number is **9004**.



Will Your Child Be Ready?

School readiness is not just ABC's. There are four critical developmental areas: Language, Social and Emotional, Cognitive, and Motor Development.

Start the Quiz at <http://parentaware.org/quiz/>

Advocacy News!

Learn more about the 2016-18 Child Care and Development Fund Plan public review and input period

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is the lead agency administering our state's CCDF Plan. Please note, that many of these changes will require approval by the Minnesota Legislature prior to implementation.

Official Comment Period

We encourage all interested parties to review and provide input on our proposed 2016-18 CCDF Plan and attachments during the official comment period.

Official comments may be submitted by January 11, 2016 using our CCDF Plan comment form, or by mail to Child Development Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64962, St. Paul, MN 55164-0962. The official comment period is part of a process to finalize our 2016-18 CCDF Plan.

The final CCDF Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in March 2016. Public Hearing

- A public hearing was held on Fri., Dec. 11, 2015 and a video recording of the hearing is available: <http://tinyurl.com/CCDF-Plan-Recorded>
- More information including the powerpoint and 158 page document found here: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_000151

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Family Child Care, Inc. 2016 On-line Provider Directory Form

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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.