



Family Child Care, Incorporated Quarterly Newsletter

2012~April, May, June~

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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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Upcoming Workshops

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

April 9, 2012 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	<h3>Developmental Differences Between Boys & Girls</h3> <p>Presenters: Kathy Salem & Janie Atwell</p> <p>We look at the newest brain development research and how boys and girls brains differ in development and function, which affects how children learn and behave. Practical ideas will be given to better understand young children and provide the best learning environment for them.</p>
May 14, 2012 6:00 pm-9:00 pm	<h3>Annual Provider Banquet</h3> <p>6:00 pm Social time 6:30 pm Dinner and Program <small>Registration required</small> 7:30 pm Linda Hutchinson ~ Laugh Yourself Happy!</p> <p><i>(Providers may attend keynote at 7:30 and receive a 1.5 hour training certificate. No registration needed.)</i></p> <p>Linda is a national keynote speaker, adult educator, consultant and author with over 30 years of professional experience designing and delivering educational programs for large and small corporations, non-profit organizations, and professional associations. This practical, pithy, playful workshop will explore the benefits, barriers, and best ideas for using humor at work and at home.</p>
June 11, 2012 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	<h3>Ways to Connect: Handling Those Important Everyday Conversations</h3> <p>Presenter: Mary Behrens</p> <p>Connecting with the children in our care, as well as their parents, is critical for maintaining positive relationships. This interactive workshop, based on the participant's everyday experiences, will explore every day conversations of caregivers and teachers with parents and children. Communication methods will be demonstrated and practiced with a goal of improving and expanding communication. Finally, the workshop will address methods used to handle some of the difficult situations that need to be addressed with parents in respectful ways. These improved communication methods will empower parents and caregivers to work together for the growth of the child.</p>

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.

2012 Workshop Calendar

April 9, 7pm-9pm	Developmental Differences between Boys & Girls	Kathy Salem & Janice Atwell
May 14, 6pm-9pm	Annual Provider Banquet~ Laugh Yourself Happy Social 6:pm Dinner and Program 6:30pm Training 7:30	Linda Hutchinson
June 11, 7pm-9pm	Ways to Connect & Handle Everyday Conversations w/ Child Care Parents & Children	Mary Behrens
July 17, location & time TBA	Summer Potluck Picnic – Everyone Welcome!	
August 13, 7pm-9pm	Simple Ways to Add Spanish to Your Day	Kate Seifert
September 10, 7pm-9pm	Kitchen Scientist	Bev Herr
October 8, 7pm-9pm	Crabby Masters	Becky Undlin
November 12, 7pm-9pm	Question and Answers with Olmsted County Licensing	Olmsted County licensing
December	Happy Holidays! No Workshop	

Sales and Purchasing items are available from 6:30pm-7pm. Die cut pre-orders are available on-line at www.fccimn.com Sales Table closes at 7pm

Workshop Sale Items

Seasonal and themed die cut packages, felt board activity kits, teaching tools, and literacy combinations are available for purchase before every workshop, except January and May.

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

***New Baby? In the Hospital?
Getting Married? Special Celebration?
Death in the Family?***

Our members are important to us!

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

Provider Marketplace

Sales table are available to providers with a second business at the monthly workshop. So, whether it's cosmetics, jewelry, children's toys, scrapbooking, etc. We invite you to share your second business. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator to register for a free table. A door prize donation is requested.

**Keep informed locally:
Sign up for FCCI's monthly
E-news; send your request to
fccimn@gmail.com
And with your state association
Minnesota Licensed Family
Child Care (MLFCCA.org)**

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

2012 FCCI Board of Directors Calendar

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

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

Message from 2012 President

Hello Spring!

I hope you all had a good winter! Here are some upcoming dates to remember: Family Fun night is April 24, 2012, the Focus on the Children conference will be held April 13 & 14, 2012 at RCTC, and the FCCI Annual Family Child Care Banquet is set for Monday, May 14, 2012.



I would like to welcome Tracie Rieder to the FCCI Board of Directors. The following is a little bit about Tracie: Hello! My name is Tracie Rieder. My husband, Jeff, and I have 2 daughters (age 10 and 13) and a son (age 5). I love camping & biking with my family, boating, reading, gardening, and going for long walks. I have been a Family Child Care Provider for 12 years. Eleven of those years I had a multi-age group, and employed a full-time helper for several years as well. This year I switched gears, and decided to specialize in infant/toddler care. It's been quite a change, but I love it! I enjoyed being part of the FCCI board in the past, and am looking forward to it again this year as a member-at-large.

May 6–12, 2012 is the Week of the Family Child Care Provider. During this week, we celebrate all of the wonderful things you do to care for children and support families in your role as a family child care provider. I am thankful for the children that I visit every week; their smile, laughter, and stories are the highlights of my week. They always have lots of stories to tell me! Please join us in this celebration at the May 14th FCCI Provider Banquet and enjoy this evening honoring you, along with your family childcare friends!

FCCI operates solely on volunteers. It is vital to FCCI's success that we have volunteers available to help at workshops, donate door prizes and help prepare die cuts. Volunteering is fun and easy and can be as simple as staying a few minutes late to pass out certificates at the end of a workshop. We have many volunteer opportunities available, even for those who don't have a lot of time to give. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with other child care providers. All active volunteers receive a complimentary meal and recognition at our banquet in May. If you're not already signed up to volunteer, please email us and let us know how you're available to help at fccivolunteer@gmail.com or fill out the lower half of your workshop evaluation.

Congratulations to these new providers for taking Family Child Care in a Business. FCCI co-sponsored the class with CCRR and the participants received a complimentary FCCI membership. Congratulations again to Donna Fitzgerald, Terri Zemke, Jackie Seifert, Jen Groethum, Pam Speer, Charissa Stumpf, Jane Koperski-Briggs, Crystal Sauer, Elizabeth Manaka, Jackie Seifert, and Heather Brown.

Proposed legislation to increase the cap on the child care license fee was heard in the Senate in March. (SF 2120) During committee, the bill authors amended the bill removing the cap, asking that counties could "recover the actual cost" of the service. Testimony from Anoka County licensing indicated that their cost per license was \$1300! Fortunately, many providers sent in written testimony opposing the original bill and a child care provider and MLFCCA were present to testify against it. The bill was tabled and will not proceed this session. Thank you to all of you for keeping in touch on the FCCI Advocacy page, and sending in your testimony!

Thank you,

Nita Higgins

2012 FCCI President



FCCI ANNUAL CHILD CARE PROVIDER BANQUET

Monday, May 14, 2012
at Redeemer Lutheran Church

“Pasta Italiano!”

Dinner Catered by Canadian Honker
featuring:

Penne Pasta w/ Chicken
*your choice of marinara
or alfredo sauce
Side Vegetable
Garden Salad w/ranch dressing
or raspberry vinaigrette
Garlic Toast

Agenda

6:00 pm: Social hour begins
6:30 pm: Dinner served
7:00 pm: Business meeting
7:30 pm: Training begins



Speaker: Linda Hutchinson
Workshop title: Laugh Yourself Happy!



Deadline to register: May 10th

Send completed registration form with payment to:

Stacy Boysen
11799 105th Street NW
Pine Island, MN 55963

Name: _____

___\$15.00 member ___\$18 non-member



TODAY

Today, like millions of other Americans, I went to work.
I didn't design a beautiful skyscraper,
I didn't write a proposal to save an endangered species,
and I didn't drive a bus or fly a plane,
or write a crucial bill that would someday become a law.

However, I did spend time with some very important people...

I read a story to an attorney,
I sang the alphabet song with a Supreme Court Justice.
I ate Lunch with a pastor,
and patted the back of an engineer until he fell asleep.
Taught a policeman how to tie his shoes,
and introduced an astronaut to the color red.

Tomorrow, who knows whom I'll meet,
but one thing is for sure.....
They will be very IMPORTANT
For they are our precious children,
and the hope of our very future.

~~~Author Unknown~~~



*With appreciation for the love, laughter and learning you  
bring to the children and families in your care,  
The FCCI Board of Directors wishes you a wonderful  
Week of the Provider, May 6-12, 2012*



## *Show Your Creativity In the FCCI Banquet Pasta Art Contest!*

Share your creative side by designing an original work of art using dried pasta!

Award for the most creative design!

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

## *Save the Date!*

Join us for the FCCI annual family child care provider potluck picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup>! (Location TBD)

# CCR&R Outreach Notes

Hi Fellow Providers~

CCRR outreach staff has been working hard on behalf of you providers, the families you serve and the kids!

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Reg. 10 outreach staff from CCRR will be attending Voices for Children day at the capital. We attend this event to help advocate for SE MN and our dedication to children. Last year we attended this event and many of you completed shamrocks with your children for us to bring up to the capital to help us represent SE MN. This year we are completing the following activity. We will be bringing up the completed pledges you see below and dropping them off with our local representation at the capital. Please take a minute to complete the pledge and either email or mail it back to either myself or Taran. Our contact information is Holly: [hollyj@c2r2.org](mailto:hollyj@c2r2.org), Taran: [tarans@c2r2.org](mailto:tarans@c2r2.org), or 126 Woodlake Dr. SE Rochester, MN 55904.

Parent Aware is coming to Olmsted County! There will be an information session on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm at the 2117 County building. Watch your email for the formal invite and for more information call feel free to give me a call at 507-424-1556.

Back by popular demand....Fun in the park! Watch the CCRR newsletter that will be coming out the beginning of April and June for dates and locations! We are looking forward to seeing you all and of course having a BLAST with the kids!

Have a great day and take time to enjoy the kids and families you serve!

Holly A. Jantzen  
Outreach Coordinator



## Check out Minnesota Voices for Children Day Contest!

There is going to be a contest for providers that submit documentation of their children "moving & grooving" (pictures, videos, write-ups, etc.). The selected winner will get a full "I am Moving, I am Learning" kit from Lakeshore learning. This is a valuable resource for providers!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Minnesota-Voices-for-Children-Advocacy-Day/220619401357410>

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I am dedicated to children because...



And, I promise to...

Name-

City/County-

# Olmsted County Licensing Notes

Welcome to spring! Or should we say summer...right??? We certainly hope that you have enjoyed this winter and have had many opportunities to enjoy time outside with your families and your day care kids.

## **Weather**

As the weather begins to change, or possibly stays the same (warm and sunny), please remember to play it safe with children and skin care. Even though this is spring, the weather has been pretty warm and skin can burn. Please make sure you check all of your Permission to Administer forms to be sure you are allowed to put on sunscreen. Then, make sure you are following the manufacturer's instructions for application.

## **New Licensor**

Thankfully, the Olmsted County Board has approved for the licensing division to add a new member to the team. We would like to introduce Dawn Schenk to licensing. Dawn comes to us with 24 years of county experience, most recently in the baby steps program. So, she has a great deal of experience working with children and families.

## **Licensor changes**

With the addition of our new licensor will come another change in provider/licensor assignment. We will need to integrate Dawn into our caseload rotation and that process will take place in April. For those of you who will be assigned to Dawn, you will receive a letter sometime in April with her contact information and a little information about her. Dawn is a great social worker and will take care of you and your business.

Once again, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 328-6400 or call your licensor directly.

Have a wonderful spring and continue to enjoy this beautiful weather!

Keith, Victoria, Dawn, and Tammy

## Register Soon!!!

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Focus on the Children Conference is now accepting registrations! This year's conference asks the question, "What is School Readiness?" We all have a role to play in getting our youngest learners ready for kindergarten. What is your role?



Please visit: <http://www.rctc.edu/community/youth/conference.html> for more information and to register. Please contact Jennifer Nisbit at [jennifer.nisbit@roch.edu](mailto:jennifer.nisbit@roch.edu) for more information.

## Rochester Jaycee's Annual Sandbox Fill!!!

- **10.00 per wheel barrel load** (approx. 225 lbs. of sand)
- **We deliver the sand directly to your sandbox in the Rochester area only**
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- **Deliveries will be made on Saturday, May 5th throughout the day**

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(Pay Pal is available on the Rochester Jaycees website or you can leave a check taped to the front door).

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
5:00 PM, April 20, 2012**

**Order Now!**

**[www.rochesterjaycees.com](http://www.rochesterjaycees.com)**

## Celebrate the Young Child!



## Child Care Resource and Referral's Family Fun Night

Tuesday, April 24, 2012  
5-8 p.m.  
Graham Arena  
Olmsted County Fairgrounds  
3rd Ave & 16th St SE



### Family Fun for everyone!

Enjoy great games, crafts, activities and fun exhibits, all especially for kids (activities recommended for children age two through grade three). Food will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$5 per family at the door.

Additional donations accepted.

Printing donated by Paper and Graphics.

Proceeds benefit Child Care Resource and Referral programs  
to ensure positive beginnings for all young children and their families.

For more information, call 507-287-2020 or visit [www.c2r2.org](http://www.c2r2.org)

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## **Minnesota is Racing to the Top for Early Learning Success!**

On Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 an announcement was made that *Minnesota is one of nine states to win a \$45 million dollar federal Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant!* The other winners are California, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Washington. Thirty-five states along with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico applied for the early-childhood awards.

Our state saw tremendous collaboration among the Office of Early Learning, Department of Education, Human Services, Health, and state-wide Early Childhood Stakeholders to write this amazing 698 page grant in about six weeks. Minnesota's federal funding will arrive next month and go through 2015. With 50% of Minnesota's children not ready for Kindergarten, this funding is critical! And, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, the public gets about \$16 in return for every \$1 invested in high-quality early learning.

Local child care and preschool programs will play a key role in Minnesota racing to the top for early learning. Because of this funding, Child Care Resource & Referral will be able to bring programs like Building Quality and Parent Aware to all 87 counties in MN. Research shows that child care programs that have had quality training, resources, grants, and coaching can provide the learning experiences that our children need to achieve success in school and life. This grant is a tremendous opportunity for Minnesota's child care providers and the very youngest children to get the support that they need. By having these supports in place, early childhood programs will begin to work on closing the achievement gap.

**Child Care Resource and Referral will be holding informational sessions regarding the Parent Aware program for Region 10 providers. These will be held:**

### **Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30pm**

Family Child Care Info Session

Location: Rochester - Olmsted County Human

Service Campus Bldg

2117 Campus Dr SE Room 161

RSVP to Katie Wachter (507) 424-1529

### **Monday, June 4, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30pm**

Family Child Care Info Session

Location: Rochester – Child Care Resource &

Referral, O'Konski Room

126 Woodlake Dr SE

RSVP to Katie Wachter (507) 424-1529

Minnesota having received the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant signifies the tremendous importance of early learning and we are certainly thrilled to begin the work.

Taran Schneider, Quality Coach 2

Holly Jantzen, Quality Coach 1

Katie Wachter, Quality Coach 1

Sara Stensrud, Quality Coach 2

Dawn Eckhoff, Grants Coordinator

Barb Wilson, Professional Development

Coordinator

**About Child Care Resource and Referral:** Across the United States, Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies help families find, select, and pay for child care, provide quality training and support to child care providers and help communities and states meet their child care and parenting needs. Your local Child Care Resource & Referral has offices in Rochester and Mankato.

To learn more about Child Care Resource and Referral please visit [www.c2r2.org](http://www.c2r2.org) or [www.mnchildcare.org](http://www.mnchildcare.org)

**About Parent Aware:** Parent Aware's star ratings help parents find the high-quality child care/early education programs that will nurture their babies, toddlers and preschoolers and prepare them for school and life. The voluntary ratings help child care providers/early educators grow and demonstrate proudly that they are delivering the best in early education. *The Parent Aware Rating Tool, launched in the summer of 2007 on a pilot basis in specific communities, will be expanded statewide through Race to the Top grant funding.* To learn more about Parent Aware please visit [www.parentawareratings.org](http://www.parentawareratings.org).

**Check out what is happening in child care across the state...**

MLFCCA's quarterly newsletter is linked on the FCCI website Provider Page or <http://mlfccca.org/associations/11524/files/2012%20Winter%20Megapone%20Web.pdf>

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## Family Child Care, Inc 2012 Membership Registration

Annual Individual Membership Fee - \$40.00

Please make checks payable to: FCCI

**FCCI memberships are January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012**

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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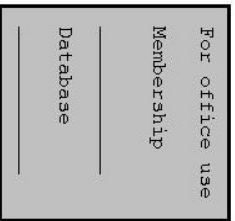
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Yes, add my email to FCCI's monthly E-news

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

**How will you volunteer with FCCI in 2012?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 year's on-line directory listing is removed during the annual clean sweep in January.

**Mail Membership and Directory forms to:**

Kayla Abrahamson  
1231 Harbor Drive SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

## Family Child Care, Inc. 2012 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](http://www.fccimn.com). *If you do not have a computer, simply call the Membership Coordinator listed in your newsletter.*

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(As it is to appear on the Internet)

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

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ages of care:** (check all that apply)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Infant/toddler only  
\_\_\_\_\_ Preschool only  
\_\_\_\_\_ Infant-preschool only  
\_\_\_\_\_ School age only  
\_\_\_\_\_ All ages

**Elementary School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you want to be contacted?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone only  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email only  
\_\_\_\_\_ Both

**Is this an update to your current 2012 provider directory information?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No



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*ANNUAL FCCI  
PROVIDER BANQUET!*

Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Registration Form Inside!!**

May 6 -12, is the 2012 Week of the Family Child Care Provider  
National Provider Appreciation Day is Friday, May 11, 2012