



Dakota County Family Child Care Association

Our Future is in Our Hands



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The Caring Connection

September/October 2020

A Note from the President . . .

Amy Baldwin
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Fall 2020 has so many unknowns. As summer comes to an end and the new school year begins, many unexpected changes and routines will come. As child care providers, we can only hope, sooner rather than later, our days become more of a norm. I can assure you the Executive Board members have been working hard in order to continue with trainings for you, our members. As you may already know, we are offering online trainings until we once again have the opportunity to use the schools for our training locations. Beth, our Training Coordinator, has been searching tirelessly for online training. We encourage you to let us know of any training topics that interest you.

Please read your emails, check the website often, as well as our Facebook page for training opportunities, timelines and updates. We continue to look for opportunities for providers to connect via zoom/facebook messenger to discuss COVID-19 and all that goes hand-in-hand with the subject.

If you need more information, please reach out to any Executive Board member listed on page 11 of this newsletter or use the Contact Us page on our website.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer! Remember - stay strong! We are a very committed team, all giving effort to attain the goals and benefits of the association. We are here to support all our members.

~ **Amy Baldwin, President**

Due to the current pandemic social distancing guidelines, we have been holding board meetings using Zoom. If you would like to be included, please contact Amy at president@dcfcca.org. Meetings start at 6:30pm and are usually held on the second Monday of the month.



TOYS!

**You are invited to join the Toy Co-op!
All members are welcome!**

Borrow a variety of toys owned by the Association. Exchange dates are on the third Monday of every month.

A separate \$25 membership fee is used to maintain a variety of toys. For the Eagan location information, contact Kris at 612-202-2083.



From the comfort of your home, get your snacks and beverage, and join us online for free training included in your membership!



Due to schools closing and the social distancing requirements, we are not able to offer in-person training.

DCFCCA is offering **FREE** online training for our members. If you are new to using Zoom, please view this video to guide you. **[Click HERE](#)**

New 2020-2021 Training Registration Policies

- All virtual training registrations will be accepted on-line through our website. Providers will need to use an electronic device that includes a camera and sound to fully participate and receive credit for attendance. No exceptions.
- Registrations will be accepted until 72 hours prior to training date. We reserve the right to limit maximum number of attendees based on trainer's request. **Providers must be signed onto virtual classroom before the starting time of the training.**
- If hand-outs are provided by the trainer, it will be the provider's responsibility to print them prior to the training.
- If you need to cancel your registration, please use the **Cancel My Registration Form** on our website.
- If you do not have on-line access for registration, you may leave a message on our voicemail at **952-985-3495**. Please spell your name, classes you want to register for and leave a phone number.

September Ongoing Self-Paced Training

Building Foundations: Positive Communication with Children Presented by Stacy Boysen

Discover positive communication practices that result in healthier relationships between adults and children. Explore how positive and negative communication patterns children's self-awareness and ability to communicate with others, implement strategies that will assist children in building pro-social skills that will last a lifetime.

Self reflection must be received by Stacy no later than September 30th.

If you do not provide a Develop ID number, a training certificate will be emailed within 7 days of completing the training. **KCF II.C 2 Hours**

Limit 40 participants

Tuesday, September 1st

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Cultivating Knowledge through Open Ended Discussions

Presented by Kim Woehl

Explore this web-based course and identify what children know about the world around them. Encourage children's critical thinking by learning how to ask intentional questions that spark discussions. Recognize how to guide early learning in your child care setting.

Please Note: A video camera on your device is required for proof of attendance. Instructions for attending this webinar will be emailed to you 48 hours prior to the event. If you do not provide a Develop ID number, a training certificate will be emailed to you within 7 days of attending the Webinar. **KCF II.B 2 Hours Limit 30 participants**

Monday, September 21

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Literacy: The Power of Picture Books with Infant and Toddlers

Presented by Kristen Wheeler Highland

Before we can read, we read pictures. Reading aloud every day with infant and toddlers is an important way that we support the development of academics and literacy. Additionally, reading with them stimulates optimal patterns of brain development and strengthens caregiver-child (parent-child) relationships and "builds language, literacy and social-emotional skills that last a lifetime" (per Gurdon, American Academy of Pediatrics) Let's talk about some great books and how to use them to support our infants and toddlers.

Please Note: A video camera on your device is required for proof of attendance. If you do not provide a Develop ID number, a training certificate will be emailed to you within 7 days of attending the Webinar. Instructions for attending a Webinar will be emailed to you 48 hours prior to the event. **KCF II.B 2 Hours**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

sneak Peek

Mathematical Play

Wednesday, October 7th

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Trainer: Kimberly Giles

Sniff Sniff: Exploring Aromas and Aromatherapy

Thursday, October 22nd

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Trainer: Kristen Wheeler Highland

Check our website for more trainings as they become available.



New and Renewed Memberships

Laura Ginther, Hastings

Thomas Ginther, Hastings

Sandy Akervik, Lakeville

William Engeldinger, Lakeville

Deb Engeldinger, Lakeville

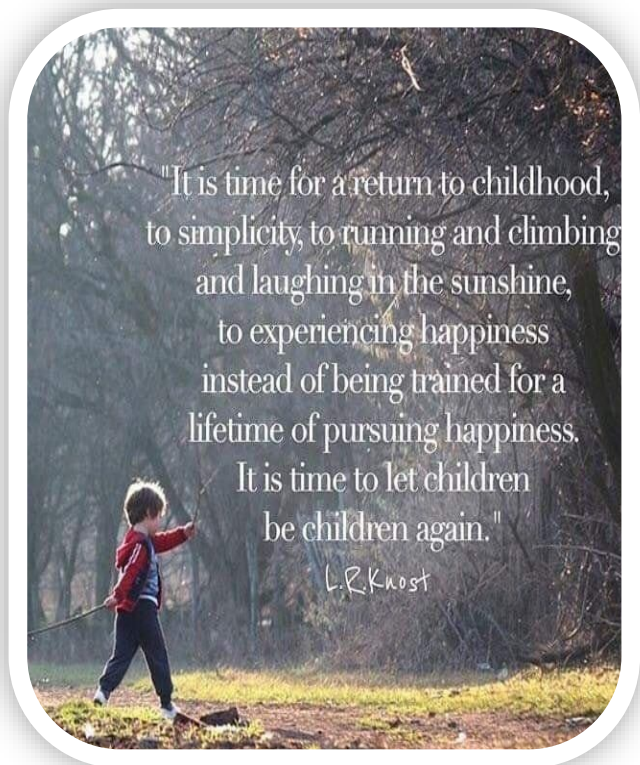
Christina O'Neal, Lakeville

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!



Get the latest information regarding all things DCFCCA! Get up-to-the-minute information about training registration, cancellations and training handouts.

For access to the private DCFCCA Facebook page, please e-mail Amy at president@dcfcca.org.



"Child care settings must also post one or more signs that are visible to all parents and visitors instructing them to wear face coverings when indoors."

Please read the full guidance for more info:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/masks.html>

Schools and Child Care: COVID-19

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/index.html>

Information for Child Care Providers - Responding to COVID19

<https://mn.gov/mmb/childcare/providers/?fbclid=IwAR2LDTmYFWILGQSEK4evOBo7RUDFZX3d27wsvxdF3XvYSVKvS2mD6f>





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Go to www.smile.amazon.com. Sign in using your Amazon ID and password, choose Dakota County Family Child Care Association as your organization (do not use DCFCCA) and start shopping! Amazon takes care of the rest. The next time you log into Amazon, it will automatically ask you if you want to go to AmazonSmile, and we hope you do!

Invite your clients, your neighbors, family and friends to support us too! Any funds received helps us keep our membership fees affordable.



Send a Little Sunshine!

Do you know a fellow provider or group that needs a pat on the back, a thank you, cheering up, words of encouragement or just a note? Celebrations congratulations, weddings, births, adoptions, retirement, birthday, graduation, hospitalization, a job loss, a serious illness or a death — we'd like to know. Complete the online form at www.dcfcca.org.



Leaves are Falling

(tune: Jingle bells)

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my nose!

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my toes!

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my head!

Leaves are falling,
leaves are falling,
Yellow, orange and red!

Childhood is not a race to see
how quickly a child can read,
write, and count. Childhood is a
small window of time to learn
and develop at the pace which is
right for each individual child.



- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 4 Tablespoons cream of tartar
- 4 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 Tablespoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 1/2 cups water
- Food Coloring (optional)

Combine water , oil and food coloring if desired. Set aside. Combine dry ingredients together, then add the liquid while stirring over medium heat until mixture forms a ball. Remove from heat and cool for a few minutes. Knead play dough until desired consistency is reached. Kids really enjoy this kneading part as well.



HAPPY
Halloween!

TELL
Ghost
Stories



HOST A
Halloween
Party



VISIT A
Pumpkin Patch



GO
Costume
Shopping



TRICK
or
Treat



WATCH A
Scary
Movie



COLOR
Halloween
Pictures



GET FAUX
Spider
Webs



DECORATE FOR
Halloween



BAKE A
Pumpkin Pie



EAT
Candy
Corn



ROAST
Pumpkin
Seeds



Halloween

Bucket List

BOO YOUR
Neighbors



EAT
Halloween
Cereal



FIND
Unique
Pumpkins



VISIT A
Haunted
House



CARVE A
Pumpkin

Mentor Program

Starting a family child care business can be exciting but also daunting. Our Mentor Program can help you avoid making rookie mistakes, and find your own path to reach your goals as you build your child care business.

Any newly licensed provider who utilizes our FREE one-year membership will be assigned to a mentor. A mentor can help by offering advice, perhaps a different perspective, offer networking opportunities, as well as offer support and encouragement. For more information, go to our website at www.dcfcca.org/MentorProgram.html or email mentor@dcfcca.org.

Provider Directory on Website

As a member, your business can be listed on the Provider Directory! This includes days and hours you are open, as well as a brief description of your business.

Please keep your information up to date as we are now including the date your information was last updated. Submit an update or add a new listing using this link

[http://www.dcfcca.org/
Provider Directory](http://www.dcfcca.org/ProviderDirectory)

DCFCCA Care Line

DCFCCA Care Line	
Apple Valley	
Joan Finley	952-236-8119
Jean Dommer	952-423-2192
Nicole Goebel	952-953-9313
Burnsville	
Jodi Grimes	952-895-7361
Eagan	
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Inver Grove Heights	
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Rosemount	
Renee' Kulhanek	651-423-5067



2020—2021 Board and Leadership Directory

Board Members

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If you would like to advertise in this newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Coordinator at newsletter@dcfcca.org to receive information about advertising rates and an advertising agreement. All advertisements must be submitted exactly as you would like them to be published, along with payment required for the selected size of advertising space.

Deadlines for articles and advertisements are as follows:

Publication: Nov/Dec 2020 due by October 1, 2020

Publication: Jan/Feb 2021 due by December 1, 2020



Dakota County Family Child Care Association

DCFCCA is a non-profit organization of licensed family child care providers in Dakota County. Major goals of the Association are:

1. To promote quality family child care through education and support groups for providers;
2. To promote the image of quality family child care in the community; and
3. To aid in communication between providers, Dept. of Human Services, parents and community.

All-County trainings are held twice a year. Area trainings are held in various locations around the county. New members are always welcome. Membership fees are non-refundable. Membership fees are reviewed annually and are as follows:

\$40.00 - 1 year \$75.00 - 2 years \$100.00 - 3 years Individual class fee is \$20.00

Make checks payable to DCFCCA and mail to: DCFCCA - Membership, P.O. Box 22065, Eagan, MN 55122. All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 fee. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____
(print clearly)

DCFCCA Membership: New or Renew \$40 - 1 year \$70 - 2 year \$95 - 3 year