

DCC Extra



Bit of This & That

Day Care Connection CACFP Check Insert

11/16



Thanks-giving is a time



when we pause to give thanks for all the good things present in our lives. Far too often, the trials & tribulations of harried days seem to overshadow the sweeter moments. DCC staff wants you to know how grateful we are to be able to serve you. You care for our most precious commodity, innocent children. You work hard, often unnoticed. Your efforts help toward the healthy development of these little ones. You struggle to get it all done, to be a good caregiver, not just a "babysitter".



For this & so much more, we thank you!

new meal pattern

This was released & will go into effect 10/1/17. DCC has 1 yr to understand & implement it. See snapshot of the changes:

www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/meals-and-snacks. We continue to receive guidance from USDA/KSDE, & will share those CACFP changes in our upcoming April trainings. Plan now to attend!

DCC office hrs

Office Hrs: M-F, 8:30 - 4:30
Office Open/Video Trngs: 1st Tues, monthly till 8PM

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video trngs

NOV

1 "Tips from Tina"

DEC

6 "ADA & Child Care"

(All begin @ 6:30PM. These group video trainings **DO** count as health dept credits.)

share the  in joy

You're warmly invited to DCC's:
"WHOLESOME HOLIDAY HELPINGS"/PARTY

**THURS, DEC 1st, 7PM,
@OP Church of Christ**

(119/Pflumm, 13400 W 119th, 66213)

Enjoy great recipes, survival tips, gifts for all & MUCH holiday mirth. Please bring exchange gift (no more than \$5), potluck to share & canned food donation for local women's shelter. Join fellow caregivers & DCC staff as we traditionally ring in this joyous time together. RSVP to 529-1200 or marcie@daycareconnection.org



& catch the spirit with fellow caregivers! (2 hrs licensing/CACFP Nutrition trng)

CPR/1ST AID

SAT, DEC 3rd,

8:30AM, @DCC RSVP by 11/23

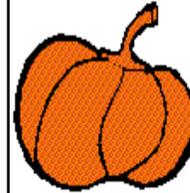
Tiffany Saturday, EMT, is excellent in understanding just what providers have to be responsible for these days! CPR/ Pediatric 1st Aid (6 hr) combined class is \$70. (Fee is non-refundable as materials/teacher must be planned.) Please bring lunch. Send ck to: "DCC", 8853 Long, Lenexa, 66215. Write date on "memo" line.



ANNUAL DCC AUDIT

It's almost time for our annual independent audit of our agency. You may get a letter to confirm payment amounts. Thanks in advance for your help participating. Day Care Connection believes in food program & your integrity.

pumpkin plans



Here are 10 ways to help you & your kids celebrate pumpkins this autumn.

FYI- After Halloween,

they're usually reduced or even free.

- 1) pumpkin pie- from scratch
- 2) pumpkin seed pictures/ designs with glue & seeds
- 3) pumpkin pudding- from canned pumpkin/instant vanilla pudding
- 4) pumpkin baked- by sections with cinnamon & brown sugar
- 5) pumpkin printing- by cutting shell into shapes with cookie cutters & printing with paint
- 6) pumpkin head game- from Mr Pumpkin instead of Mr Potato
- 7) pumpkin puzzle- by cutting clean pumpkin into different pieces & putting back together
- 8) Pumpkin, Pumpkin, Who's Got the Pumpkin- with pumpkin
- 9) pumpkin play dough- with cooked play dough recipe & cooked pumpkin
- 10) pumpkin bowling- with small, hard pumpkins

calendar reminders



We don't "babysit"!

- 11/1 Office Open/Video Trng
- 11/3 MENUS DUE
- 11/11 Veteran's Day -DCC closed-
- 11/24-25 Turkey Days -DCC closed-
- 12/1 **"PROVIDER**

HOLIDAY PARTY"

(Call DCC @529-1200, for info or to RSVP.)

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visitors' views



Kelly, Nancy & Kathy ask all their dear caregiver friends to phone DCC (529-1200) with ANY schedule changes since

school has started, IE: transporting or meal times. Not only is this a permanent USDA requirement that DCC keep such info in our files but, it sure helps these gals plan daily visits. Please help make visits smoother for all by updating this important info whenever changes occur. Thanks!

Hmmm... something to think about

HERE WE GO--

Every year at this time, DCC suggests our caregivers think about the oncoming holiday season a bit differently.



As women, wives, mothers & professional business owners, we now begin a season when our lists are long & we grow weary. Every year, we hear the need to pace ourselves & choose only important things in our lives.

Is this a gift you can truly give yourself, & in so doing, create more happiness for others?!

DCC'S Annual KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY



**FRI, DEC 16th, 10-11AM
@OP Lutheran Church**

(79/Lowell, 7810 W 79th, 66204)

We'll have activities & crafts for all ages, treats & Santa Claus is sure to make an appearance! Plan now to join in this holiday fun for your tykes: 529-1200 or marcie@daycareconnection.org.

B-I-G opportunity for DCC at the holidays & beyond!

When you shop using Amazon, please help our agency by going to: smile.amazon.com.

After signing in, enter "Select a Charitable Organization to Start Shopping" link on the screen. Next, select your organization.

Please type: "Day Care Connection". You'll be prompted to select our agency in Lenexa, KS. Automatically, you're then taken to regular shopping screen. DCC receives .05% of certain items spent by using this link.

It's Amazon's way of donating to charities. You get to shop with convenience, while knowing you've helped us, too! We humbly thank you.

social media CAN hurt



It's come to our attention that many of you (perhaps innocently) communicate at various sites providers frequent. We ask you, carefully & thoughtfully, to think before referring to others in the profession. Catty words can be rec'd as hurtful by other caregivers. And, we are all stronger together... NOT as a fractured group.

helps a coming



PROVIDER SHARING CORNER



It's important to get to know others in your area for mutual support.

• WELCOME!

The following providers recently joined our DCC family from these schools.

Heather McVay- TA Edison
Deidra Thompson-Byrd- Hazel Grove

• DID YOU KNOW?

You can request your own school's provider list. Call us @529-1200, & we'll gladly mail. Just remember; it's supplied for your personal networking use ONLY, & legally shouldn't be used for referrals.



referrals & you

As you look ahead to the holiday season, remember it's the slowest time of year for day care referrals. To help promote your business best, make sure you:

- 1) update your DCC referral info monthly by calling 529-1200, putting info on CACFP Cover Sheet or e-mailing: marcie@daycareconnection.org.
- 2) broadcast to all, your openings, especially current parents.
- 3) sound professional on your phone.
- 4) have rates competitive to others in your area. So, go ahead. Look at what you're offering & take these things into consideration!

please remember...



Let us know of your vacation BEFORE it happens. Please don't call the actual day or write it on your Cover Sheet after it's happened.



On new Enrollment Forms, if child is under 12 mos, be sure parent completes infant box, (even if older version already submitted). NOTE: If infant is breastfed, over 8 mos & parents mark they provide food; DCC isn't allowed to pay for meals.