



DCC Newsletter

April is a time of new growth & JOY for all ages!

YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM COWS, CHICKENS & PIGS!

SAT, MAY 5th, 9-2:30PM @OP Church of Christ

• 5 hrs licensing/2 hrs CACFP credits • prizes • giggles galore! • 119/Pflumm, 13400 W 119th, 66213



Your personal invitation will be arriving soon for DCC's wonderful repeated, 5 hr training! This fun learning event is full of what you need... useful & interesting info right for family day care home businesses. Important topics include:

VEGETARIAN DIETS Cindy Johnson, KSDE
~NOT what you think~

FROM 1 CHICKADEE TO ANOTHER
Provider Peer Panel

~powerful AND positive pack of pointers~

IT'S A BIRD...IT'S A PLANE...IT'S SUPERHERO PLAY

Beth Reeder, Motivational Speaker ~you LOVE her, we got her back All this, plus, sharing & support from your fellow providers! Speakers bring warmth, understanding of your profession, as well as extensive education & experience. Enjoy a scrumptious potato bar. Space IS limited. Watch for your special invite & return RSVP form along with registration fee quickly.

Plan now to join DCC'S "funny farm" with this very enjoyable way to complete your crediting hours!

• fire extinguisher checks also available, 8-9AM



Welcome these Providers to Our DCC "Family"!

Sarah Shatzer- Rising Star

CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, APR 7, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 4/3)

SAT, MAY 12, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 5/2)

SAT, JUN 9, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 5/30)



Course is excellently given by Tiffany Saturday, EMT. Send \$70 check to DCC, 8853 Long, Lenexa, KS 66215, with preferred date on memo line OR call & use credit card, 529-1200. • 6 hrs licensing (please bring lunch) • non-refundable fee

Calendar Reminders

4/3 open- 8PM, 6:30PM tape: "Musical Games"
4/4 4:30PM, MENUS DUE
4/7 8:30AM, CPR/1st Aid
5/1 open- 8PM, 6:30PM tape: "Kindergarten Readiness"
5/5 "YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM..."



We don't "babysit"!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

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DCC PROUD TO ANNOUNCE \$100 GARDEN GRANT RECIPIENTS

• Sarah Armstrong, Emily Barnes, Anita Bandy, Stephanie Cain, Jennifer Coughlin, Maria Holiday, Diane Knisley, Bonnie Mitchell, Erin Stephenson

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GARDENING: FUN EXERCISE RESULTING IN BEAUTIFUL BOUNTY

• a great way for kids to get physical activity by weeding, digging, planting, raking & harvesting + learning how food grows... an all-over positive benefit

(All this + fresh air = positive health benefits!)

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THAT TIME OF YEAR- DCC'S ANNUAL AUDIT

• all parents will receive 1 so do encourage them to return... the more quality responses... the better CACFP looks to funders... these dollars are so very important to day care homes across the USA

Exploring the Season of Spring

Spring is finally here! After many months of cold, snow, rain & wind, the season of spring brings a literal breath of fresh air to the world. It's a wonderful time to explore with small ones! Exploring opens the door for you to address so many developmental areas in a fun, hands-on way.



- A Spring Walk & Book - Go for a walk around your outdoor play space. Look for signs of new plants pushing up, buds on trees, birds returning from winter homes, etc. Take along a camera or smartphone to take photos of the signs kids find. Then, print out, tape to sheets of paper & have them dictate a sentence, to describe each photo. Put into a book for parents.
- What are buds? - Take unbreakable magnifiers outdoors & invite kids to look for buds on trees. Can they find some? What do they think is inside? Encourage them to share & then open 1 to find out.

• The Colors of Spring - See if they can find all the rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) while seeking out signs of spring either in your outdoor play space, at a local park or even in your neighborhood. This activity also opens the door for children to learn the difference between living & nonliving things.

• What will Bloom First? - If you have flowers in your yard, have kids predict which ones they believe will bloom first. Write down their predictions & then, as the flowers bloom, have them compare their predictions to actual results.

• A Free Garden - Have kids use fruit/veggie scraps to grow their own food. For avocados, cultivate a pit with water & sunlight. Allow sprouts to grow for several weeks before planting in soil. To enjoy more pineapple, remove leafy top & allow to harden before planting in mixture of soil and compost. Not only will you be eliminating waste, but they'll also enjoy fresh, free produce for months to come.

Most importantly, while spring can be chilly, wet & muddy, it's a wonderful season of change for all to explore. Get out there & keep your eyes, ears & even nose open for the signs of spring in your area!



VISITORS' VIEWS

DCC Home Visitors THANK YOU for: 1) calling/emailing when you'll be closed, 2) turning in new Enrollment Forms the 1st day child starts, 3) putting names in alpha-order on Daily Attendance Roster, 4) getting menus to DCC by 3rd new day of every month & 5) giving us a copy of your new license. These are food program rules. By following them, all are helped. Together, we can make CACFP participation a terrific experience for you & the children you serve daily.

REFERRALS & YOU

Moms & dads are already calling DCC's Referral Dept for summer openings. Providers, please be sure we have your personal preferences for summer vacancies by either e-mailing kay@daycareconnecton.org or calling 529-1200. Remember, your name doesn't go out if your computerized update is more than 30 days old. Help us continue to be the most accurate KC referral agency for parents seeking care. We sure do appreciate it.

