



DCC Newsletter

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

FROM PACIFIERS TO PULL-UPS

Special 6 hour training:

SAT, MAY 4th, 9-2:30PM @OP Church of Christ

- 6 hours licensing/2 hrs CACFP credits • prizes • fire extinguisher checks • giggles galore!
- 119/Pflumm, 13400 W 119th, 66213

Your personal invitation will be arriving soon for DCC's NEW spring, 6-hour training! Folks, this fun learning event is full of what you need... useful & interesting info just right for family day care home businesses.

Important topics include:

"AGES/STAGES/GAGES...OH MY!"

Jordyn Phipps, educator/past provider
~walking you through early childhood development~

"TERRIFIC TYKES AT YOUR TABLE"

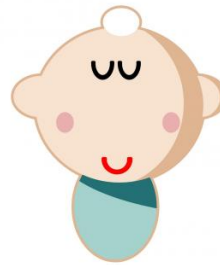
Kelly Cahill/Kathy Poulter, DCC Home Visitors
~making the most of mealtimes for your littlest~

"NEW PARENTS: TEACHING 'EM THROUGH THE BACK DOOR"

Valerie Cable, DCC Exec. Director
~learning how to gently train them~

All this, plus, sharing & support from your fellow providers! Speakers bring warmth, understanding of your profession, as well as extensive education & experience. Enjoy a lovely ladies' box lunch. Space IS limited. Your special invitation & return RSVP form will be mailed around APR 1st. Do return quickly. Plan now to join DCC's provider community with this very enjoyable way to complete your crediting hours!

- fire extinguisher checks also available, 8-9AM



CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, APR 27, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 4/17)

SAT, MAY 11, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 5/1)

SAT, JUN 29, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 6/19)

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 to use credit card, 529-1200.



- 6 hrs licensing (please bring lunch) • non-refundable fee

Calendar Reminders

- 4/2 open-8PM, video 6:30PM "Games to Make at Home"
- 4/3 4:30PM, MENUS DUE
- 4/27 8:30AM, CPR/1st Aid
- 5/4 "FROM PACIFIERS TO PULL-UPS" 6-Hr trng
- 5/7 open-8PM, video 6:30PM "Penny Pinchin' Mom"



We don't "babysit"!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider

-DCC is committed to making workshop activities available to all. Locations are handicap-accessible. Please contact us 2 weeks before events for any special assistance.-

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YOUR CURRENT LICENSE

- every year you get your new license & every year, we need a copy in order to keep your file here up-to-date... sure saves our Kay lots of calls & emails

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LABELS FOR LOOT CLARIFICATION

- when collecting your labels, be sure to include 2 important things in provided bag: product name & ingredient list

(This is what your DCC Home Visitor needs to peek at when she pops by to say "howdy".)

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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 one 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 BEFORE days you'll be closed, 2) turning in new Enrollment Forms the 1st day a child starts, 3) putting names (by alpha-order) & putting ages 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 terrifically smooth 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@daycareconnection.org or calling 529-1200. Remember, your name doesn't go out if your computerized update is more than 30 days old. Also, do let us know if you're taking the summer off. Help us continue to be the most accurate KC referral agency for parents seeking care. We sure do appreciate it.

