



DCC Newsletter

is a time of new growth & JOY for all

• NOT JUST BREAD &, A BURP!!

available **APR 1st,**
view Zoom digital recording
(Email with link info will be sent to all.)
• 2 hours licensing/food program



Still having trouble trying to figure out basic infant meal patterns vs. parents' wishes? Do you fully understand the changes USDA made for serving infants, particularly at breakfast?

Still frustrated with just which Whole Grain rich labels count? Guidance sometimes does change. You'll learn tips to easily figure out if a food item can be counted as Whole Grain rich or not.

We invite you to watch this updated refresher workshop which breaks it all down & makes **SIMPLE** work of it all. Come & see your dear Home Visitors in action.

Plan TODAY to come & soak up this valuable info from our very own Home Visitor Educators. The possibility of what you'll grasp with this training will make your CACFP duties far less complicated. We promise!

NO RSVP needed. DCC will be able to see if you watch the recording.
AttendanceCertificates will be sent after viewing.

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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 staffer, Kay, lots of calls & emails

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LABELS 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 calls or pops by to say "howdy".)

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THAT TIME OF YEAR- DCC'S ANNUAL AUDIT

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

Welcome these Providers to Our DCC "Family"!

Samantha Cook- Burlington

CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, APR 17, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 4/7)

SAT, MAY 15, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 5/5)

SAT, JUN 19, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 6/9)

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 credit
- non-refundable fee

Calendar Reminders

4/1 NOT JUST BREAD &, A BURP!! Zoom digital recorded link available for viewing. (Email with info will be sent to all.)

4/2 DCC closed-Good Fri

4/5 4:30PM, MENUS DUE

4/6 No evening hours

4/17 8:30AM, CPR/1st Aid



We don't "babysit"!

USDA/DCC is an equal opportunity provider.

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.

VISITORS' VIEWS

DCC Home Visitors encourage each of you to view the Zoom digital recorded training: **NOT JUST BREAD & A BURP!!** (Zoom link will be sent by email to all April 1.)

Your Home Visitors realized the majority of providers in our DCC family were STILL having trouble with infant meal rules & detecting whole grains! So, they worked long & hard to pull the facts together in a way that is most easily understandable. Since, we're now required to deduct if mistakes are found regarding these subjects, we sure wanted you to be more knowledgeable!

Look at it this way; it's 2 hours licensing/food program credits to make sure you're doing it all correctly, with no money is deducted from your check...a win-win!

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-area referral agency for parents seeking care. We sure do appreciate it.

