

DCC Extra

Bit of This & That

Day Care Connection CACFP Check Insert

5/16



DCC staff wants to take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate ALL your communications. Every time we read a short menu note or get a quick call with your questions, suggestions or hoho's; it helps us keep in touch with each of you in your individual homes. When you have difficulties, we feel them. When you're frustrated, we seek to ease your concerns. When you have a special joy to share, it lifts our days. Realize the Family Day Care profession is 1 where nobody could survive without the support we generate from 1 another. **If we don't say it enough, thanks for letting us be a part of your important work.**



*To a child,
love is spelled:
T--I--M--E.*

DCC office hrs

Office Hrs: M-F, 8:30-4:30
Make/Take Supplies, Resource Cntr: 1st Tues, monthly- 8PM,
Video Trngs: 1st Tues, monthly

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video trngs

- **MAY**
 - 3 "Tips from Tina"
 - **JUN**
 - 7 "Bugs & Buds"
- (All begin @ 6:30PM. These group video trainings **DO** count as health dept credits.)

"SPECIAL NEEDS SATURDAY"



**SAT, APR 30th,
9AM - 2:30PM**

@ OP CHURCH OF CHRIST
(119/Pflumm, 13400 W 119th, 66213)

Your personal invitation will be arriving soon for our annual spring, 5-hr trng! 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:

Special Needs Care-Provider Observations & Parent Interactions

Amy Wilcox, M.S., ECSE, BCBA
Infant-Toddler Services of JoCo

Feeding Children with Special Needs

Megan Wilkins, OTR
Infant Toddler Services of JoCo

Blending Special Needs into Your Group

Cheryl Wilmington,
former child care provider

All this, plus, sharing & support from your fellow providers! Speakers bring warmth, understanding of your profession, as well as extensive education & experience. Enjoy fun & terrific taco bar lunch. Come & catch the spirit! Space IS limited.
(5 hrs licensing/2 hrs required-CACFP credits)



- **Fire Extinguisher Checks:**
8:15-9:30AM
-same day, same place

"CPR/1ST AID"

• **SAT, MAY 21st,
8:30AM @DCC**

(RSVP by 5/11) OR

• **SAT, JUN 18th,**

8:30AM @DCC (RSVP by 6/8.)



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", 8855 Long, Lenexa, 66215. Write preferred date on "memo" line.

variety... spice of life

Please remember CACFP encourages a variety of foods as good nutrition includes different textures, colors & choices. Yes, food prices have risen, but CACFP is founded on kids getting the best nutrition possible. And, the bottom line is, little ones generally receive their best meals at YOUR home so make it count!

calendar reminders



We don't "babysit"!

- 4/30 "**SPECIAL NEEDS SATURDAY**" 5 hr trng!!
(Fire Extinguisher Cks, too!)
- 5/3 Resource Cntr/Video Trng
- 5/4 MENUS DUE
- 5/8 Mum's Day!!
- 5/21 CPR/1st Aid
- 5/30 Memorial Day - DCC Closed
- 6/3 MENUS DUE
- 6/7 Resource Cntr/Video Trng
(Call DCC @529-1200, for info or to RSVP.)



visitors'
views

Kelly, Nancy & Kathy extend yet, another, reason to be thankful for all of you.

We exist because of each & every 1 of you. The majority of our funding comes from sponsoring CACFP. Every menu we process every month brings us the support to provide all the caregiver services we do.

So, we're very grateful for all the potential providers you steer our way. Whether it's a neighbor, a friend at church, a relative or a complete stranger; the overwhelming calls we get from someone interested in starting family day care comes to us because of YOU!

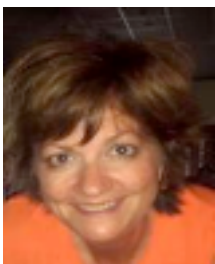
We humbly thank you.

Hmmm...
something to
think about

caregiver kudos

Longtime DCC caregiver, Anita McCoy, won a check for the Unleash Your Creativity Contest by Child Care Aware. Many of you saw her wonderful ideas at our last Chat & Chew trng. While DCC staff has always known she's a creative soul, we were thrilled to hear she won!

She submitted her book:
MANITA'S FUN FOODS: HELPFUL IDEAS FOR THAT PICKY EATER
(found on bookeman.com).



Congrats
to
Anita!!

May all of us keep our
creative juices flowing.

just for today--

Just for this morning,
I'm going to step over laundry,
pick you up

& take you to the park to play.

Just for this morning,
I'll leave dishes in the sink
& let you teach me how to put
that puzzle of yours together.

Just for this afternoon,
I'll unplug the telephone,
keep the computer off, sit with you
in the backyard & blow bubbles.

Just for this afternoon,
I won't worry about what you're
going to be when you grow up, or
2nd guess every decision I've
made where you're concerned.

Just for this afternoon,
I'll let you help me bake cookies
& I won't stand over you
trying to fix them.

Just for this evening,
I'll hold you in my arms, tell you a
story about how you were born
& how much I love you.

Just for this evening,
I'll let you splash in the tub
& not get angry.

Just for this evening,
I'll let you stay up late while we sit
on the porch & count all the stars.

Just for this evening,
I'll snuggle beside you for hrs,
& miss my favorite TV shows.

Just for this evening,
When I run my finger through your
hair as you pray, I'll simply be
grateful I've been given
the greatest gift ever.

**And when I kiss you
good night,**

I'll hold you a little tighter,
a little longer.

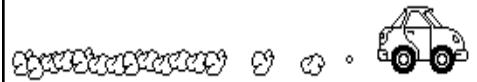
It's then,

I'll thank God for you
& ask for nothing,
except 1 more day.....

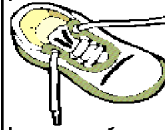
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important to get
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mutual support.

• WELCOME!

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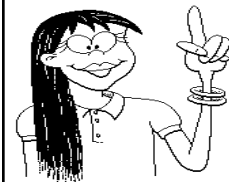
Jennifer Diaz- Arbor Creek
Alexandria Nichols- Trailwood

• 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.

Mother's Day- what really matters

With your little ones, try discussing things they could give as Mother's Day gifts. Suggest giving a big hug & kiss, making an original card or doing a special chore. Teach them gifts don't have to cost \$ to be from the heart. Tell them Momma likes simple things best.



referrals & you

If you'll be having any summer or fall openings, please let us know ASAP! Providers, please be sure we have these vacancies either day or night: @529-1200 or marcie@daycareconnection.org. Remember, your name doesn't go out if your last computerized update is more than 30 days old. Help us continue to be the most accurate referral agency in KC. We THANK you!



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