

DCC Extra

Bit of This & That

Day Care Connection CACFP Check Insert

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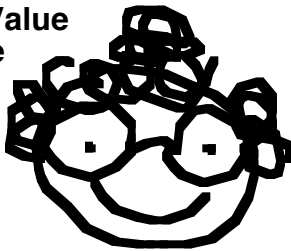


It's hard for DCC staff to believe AUG is here. With the flip of a calendar, looms school & another yr of "joyful" commitments. Our calendars are no different.

We're enclosing our VERY IMPORTANT & UPDATED:
 • DCC's 2016 Survey of Family Day Care Rates (for you & parents... hot off the presses)

Such a little "gift" comes your way just because of 1 phrase found in most DCC literature:

If We Value Children... We Must Value the People Who Care for Them!



DCC office hrs

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

DCC  video trngs

AUG
 2 "A Positive Approach to Discipline"
SEP
 6 "Beyond Grilled Cheese"

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

FYI- Don't forget your annual CACFP-required 2 hours nutrition trng should be done by now. If yours isn't, call Kay @529-1200, immediately to see what to do!

on bended knee

We beg you on bended knee, PLEASE, check your e-mail regularly & READ our messages!



It's the ONLY way we have of communicating with you on timely & important issues!

changes = more \$ if you claim your own



USDA has changed a rule effecting those who qualify in order to claim their own kids. Effective with Aug menus, you may now claim your own kids up to their 13th birthday, just like day care kids! DCC smiles at a little more jingle in your pocket as a result.

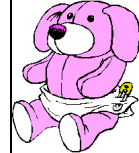
"CPR/1ST AID"
 • SAT, AUG 20th,
 8:30AM, @DCC
 (RSVP by 8/10.) OR



• SAT, SEP 24th,
 8:30AM, @DCC (RSVP by 9/14.)
 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.

tips & tidbits

• Dust-Free Stuffed Animals



If you're worried about dust & allergens on your kids' stuffed animals (or your own) --& who isn't?--just vacuum that special fella, put him in plastic bag & then in freezer for about 24 hrs. It really works!

• You & Your Bunch Got the Summer Doldrums?

Try a tropical beach theme! Make a B-I-G sun & decorate room with cardboard palm tree & other tropical plants. Have kids bring swim-suits & beach towels. Get Hawaiian library books & tropical fish, along with Hawaiian music or ocean sounds. Serve tall fun drinks (juices + food coloring + umbrella decorations) & read stories of the tropics. Remember the importance of creative play!



• Juice Recommendation

USDA encourages serving only 1 glass of juice per day/per child on menus. If kids are thirsty, give them water. Juice available all day really a good habit to have in your family day care home business.



calendar reminders



We don't "babysit"!

- 8/2 Resource Cntr/Video Trng
- 8/3 MENUS DUE!
- 8/20 CPR/1st Aid
- 9/5 Labor Day -DCC closed-
- 9/6 MENUS DUE!
Resource Cntr/Video Trng

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

visitors' views

Many of you often ask Kelly, Nancy & Kathy how to get pd at higher CACFP reimbursement rates. The answer is clear. Higher reimbursements come from parents or providers whose incomes qualify. **These income levels for everyone (parents & providers alike) have just significantly gone up!**

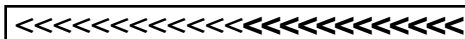
An e-mail was sent on 7/6, to all caregivers listing new qualifying figures. Be sure to check these new figures for your own household & pass out DCC's Parent Envelope to all your parents. You never know. They could qualify. And, either of these 2 possibilities may get you bigger DCC monthly checks! DCC has new income forms available for anyone calling to request (529-1200).

Hmmm...

something to think about



DCC is unveiling new trngs for our dear caregivers... giving you the scoop on upcoming beneficial food program changes! Watch your mail mid-Aug to see what we're doing, just for YOU!



• 7 day menus use

Please **ONLY** use this menu format if you do care for week-ends or BT Snacks. DCC staff has found several caregivers who use these & end up leaving off days by mistake. (If you're using them to save paper, please don't in this instance.)

• Attendance Roster

Please remember to list ALL kids in care alphabetically by 1st name + list your own kids on Daily Attendance Roster. (Your own **ONLY** need to be listed if under 13 yrs old now.)

• Enrollment Form

It's **VERY** important any facts parents write on Enrollment Form matches whatever you end up recording on your menus... at all times! This means, if you think you may possibly ever have a child for meals or days other than normal schedule, have parents circle them. You'll then be covered if an odd situation occurs & you want reimbursement!!

• holidays reminder

Meals served on a holiday can **ONLY** be paid if you note it on your CACFP Cover Sheet, stating care was actually done.



health dept q/a

Q- What are Annual Professional Development trng requirements?

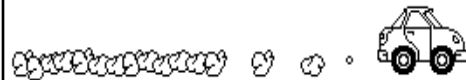
A- In each licensure yr (1 prior to expiration date on license), primary care provider is required to meet 1 of following:

- Complete 5 clock-hrs of KDHE-apprv'd Professional Development trng.
- Maintain current accreditation by National Assn for Family Child Care.
- Hold current Child Development Associate Credential.

Remember, trng hrs can't be carried over from 1 licensure yr to the next.



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portant to get 'w others in mutual support.

• WELCOME!

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

Savannah Cleary-	Heritage
Jamie Hackler-	Nike
Cartella Locke-	N Prentis
Michelle Rhoades-	Moonlight

• DID YOU KNOW?

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

referrals & you



• Did you carefully read & analyze DCC's new annual August Survey of Family Day Care Rates enclosed? If not, you should!

There are changes from last yr. Check to see if you're in line with others in your school attendance area. Is it time to give yourself a raise? Most increases happen at beginning of school yr or calendar yr & average \$ 5-10/wk.

• It's hard to believe it's back-to-school time. Won't you please consider caring for schoolagers as many elementary areas are under served. Call 529-1200, or e-mail marcie@daycareconnection.org if you can possibly add this age group to your family day care home. We thank you.

Infant Meal Offer Forms



Did you know if you mistakenly leave any blanks on any line, DCC has to ask you to do another? Please double check it's completely filled out before returning! We thank you.