



DCC Newsletter

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

HERE'S THE SCOOP!

UPCOMING FOOD PROGRAM CHANGES...

BETTER FOR YOU...



BETTER FOR THEM!

- 2 hrs licensing/CACFP credits
- FREE
- Door Prizes!

SEE FLIER ENCLOSED. Plan now to come to 1 of these ALL-IMPORTANT training evenings. Simply pick your night:

TUES, APR 25TH, 7PM @Lenexa United Methodist Church or

WED, APR 26TH, 7PM @White Church Christian Church or

THUR, APR 27TH, 7PM @OP Church of Christ

This is IMPORTANT to attend. Learn how easy & healthy the future will be with our special beach-themed evening. Come & see all DCC's new, fun materials designed just for our busy DCC population!

- RSVP: marcie@daycareconnection.org or 529-1200

Welcome these Providers to Our DCC "Family"!

- Ashlee Bouknight - Sunflower(G)
- Samantha Brant - Sunflower (G)
- Amanda Fuston - Briarwood(O)
- Hannah Lawrence - Sunflower(G)
- Jessie Schultheiss - SF Trail

CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, APR 22, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 4/12)

SAT, JUN 3, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 5/24)

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

- 4/4 open- 8PM, 6:30PM tape: "Adults & Children Against Violence"
- 4/5 4:30PM, MENUS DUE
- 4/14 DCC closed
- 4/22 8:30AM, CPR/1st Aid
- 4/25-26-27 7PM, **HERE'S THE SCOOP workshops!**
- 5/2 open- 8PM, 6:30PM tape: "Beyond Grilled Cheese"



We don't "babysit"!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

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DCC PROUD TO ANNOUNCE \$100 GARDEN GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Emily Barnes, Kim Bailey, Anita Bandy, Susan Beers, Stephanie Cain, Bonita Colvin, Karen Combs, Jennifer Coughlin, Leah Hernandez, Kellista Keaton, Diane Knisley, Shila Lee-O'Brien, Kristin Malara, Stacey McVey, Bonnie Mitchell, Sonja Mollison, Natalie Nitz, Rebecca Van Rooyen, Jennifer Young,

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GARDENING: FUN EXERCISE RESULTING IN BEAUTIFUL BOUNTY

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

(All this + fresh air = positive)

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DCC PROUD TO ANNOUNCE \$50 PRESCHOOL GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Susan Beers, Stephanie Cain, Sandra Furman, Leah Hernandez, Stacey Kochis, Sonja Mollison, Diana Riahi, Richelle Riahi, Erin Stephenson, Krystal Wells

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 have been giving lots of input to our Director, who's revising many forms & materials in order to follow new forthcoming USDA meal pattern changes. Their primary goal is to simplify & bring everything up-to-date for all of you. If there's 1 thing this agency's staff understands; it's how your lives are already busy & complicated! We continually strive to make participating in food program 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 marcie@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.

