



# DCC Newsletter

**A NEW YEAR. A FRESH START. A BETTER YOU.**

## RECORDKEEPING FOR TAXES

**THUR, JAN 23rd, 7PM @DCC**

• 2 hrs licensing • \$5 at the door

Tax time will be here all too soon. Join DCC Finance Director, Kevin Cable, for this popular provider seminar. He'll give the basics + any NEW info applicable to caregivers. Plan now to come whether it's your 1st time filing family day care taxes or just for a refresher.

In order to come, please contact DCC 1st: [valerie@daycareconnection.org](mailto:valerie@daycareconnection.org) or 913-529-1200.

• That same night: Fire Extinguisher Checks 6-7PM



## Our Gratitude

We are so very grateful to provider, Melissa Jackson & her helper, Debbie Cain, & the following businesses who gave gifts for our annual provider celebration. Do patronize them & offer your own "thanks" in return.

Costco (Lenexa), Fritz's Railroad Restaurant, Don Wormsley (Santa Claus), KC Zoo, Paradise Park, Pizza Hut, Price Chopper (87th/Antioch), Salty Iguana, Silver Dollar City

### Welcome these Providers to Our DCC "Family"!

Suzette Gregory- Overland Pk  
Carrie Johnsson- Starside

### CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, JAN 11, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 1/1)

SAT, FEB 1, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 1/22)

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

12/23-1/1 **DCC closed**  
1/6 4:30PM, MENUS DUE  
1/7 open-8PM, video\_6PM: "Organizing Your Family Day Care"  
1/11 8:30AM, CPR/1stAid  
1/20 **DCC closed**  
1/23 **RECORDKEEPING FOR TAXES, 6-7PM fire extinguisher checks**  
2/4 open-8PM, 6:30PM video: "Giving When There's Nothing Left to Give"



**We don't "babysit"!**  
USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

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### MONTHLY MENU FORMS ORDER

• Help DCC staff by sending menus in this order:

- 1) Cover Sheet
  - 2) Attendance Roster
  - 3) Menus, 1st day to last
- Enrollments shouldn't be stapled to menus.

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### GROUP LICENSE AGE LISTINGS

• If you have a Group License:

list ages of kids up to 3 years old, in months, on Attendance Form. Staff can then glance to see you're not over-enrolled.

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### COVER SHEET NOTES

• Whatever parents request for their infants to eat or drink:

must be documented on EVERY monthly Cover Sheet. This helps Menu Processors ensure infant regulations are followed.

## VISITORS' VIEWS



We're reminding all of our caregiver friends about the current food program milk policy.

Reminder:

~ Infants Under 1 Year-require breast milk or iron-fortified formula

~ Older Infants 1 - 2 Years-whole milk, unflavored

~ Kids 2 Years & Over-skim milk or 1/2% or 1% (NO 2%), unflavored

As a Result:

DCC Home Visitors are required to actually see your milk. They must make note & deduct if you're serving the wrong kind.

This all follows the updated Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

## REFERRALS & YOU

Looking ahead, January is truly our 2nd busiest time of the year, after summer. If you plan on having openings, please list those with us NOW.

Update by telling DCC the youngest age you'd take to the oldest age you'd consider. Additionally, let us know if you prefer full-time &/or part-time &/or drop-in child care. Email [kay@daycareconnection.org](mailto:kay@daycareconnection.org) or call 913-529-1200.



## Wonderful Words to Start the New Year-The Power of Positive Thinking

*(reprinted/adapted, Child Care Exchange article by: Corinne Carr)*

"As early childhood professionals, we're the foundation for powerful positive ways in interacting & communicating with our children & families. We live in a very scary society these days. Senseless acts of violence all over the world, some as close as our own backyard. We can be very influential to families who walk through our door daily & entrust their children in our care. The power of positive thinking is essential in our business!

Let's Be Realistic. We're expected to have a smile on our face greeting children, parents every morning, no matter what's going on in our personal or professional life. Our profession can often times leave us feeling isolated. The expectations of running our business, creating an enriched learning & loving environment while addressing the emotional needs of not only the children in our care, but also the parents isn't always easy.

So, what's happening negative in your LIFE or business? Will it mean anything to you 5 years from now? Some negatives can be trivial & avoided by open lines of communication. Consider having a positive perspective & be a good role model. If you listen to 9 complainers, are you going to be the 10th to fuss?

I happen to hear many negative comments or misguided conversations & believe we can impact change through the power of positivity—in our homes, in our programs, with our families & in the world."

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A PLEA: **If using DCC's Menu Dropboxes**, please put menus only in "DCC" marked boxes (not US Mail) & do so before 4:30PM on menu due date. Thank you.

*-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 needed.-*