



# DCC Newsletter

We must have HOPE...

## HOPE

a theological definition:

*“... a virtue defined as the desire & search for a future good, difficult but not impossible to attain with God's help.”*

It isn't often I allow myself to call upon my personal religious beliefs to our caregiving community. It's true, things have gotten grave & unsettled & surreal & downright scary. But, we must hold onto HOPE, for in these times of despair, it's part of our fundamental belief system we do rely upon to simply get through.

Day Care Connection will remain open during this difficult time. If day care is considered an essential service, then our office will remain open to serve each of you. I don't live far from the office & will be here, most hours. It may not be instantaneous; BUT phone messages will be returned, emails will be answered & mail will be opened. Business will continue here as normally as possible.

You all realize it's menus which keeps our non-profit agency afloat. Therefore, please turn these in monthly, even if you've trimmed your care to a much smaller enrollment & are serving minimal meals. Please file your menu claim.

My entire staff  
joins all of you  
in **hoping** (& praying)  
this horrid Covid-19  
leaves this world of ours  
soon!

-with hugs & HOPE, Valerie



### CPR/1st AID @DCC

ALL COURSE DATES

HAVE YET TO BE

DETERMINED OVER

THE NEXT FEW

MONTHS.

NONE ARE CURRENTLY

SCHEDULED.

Course is excellently given by Tiffany Saturday, EMT.



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- 6 hrs licensing (please bring lunch)
- non-refundable fee

### **Calendar Reminders**

- 4/3 4:30PM, MENUS DUE
- 4/7 closed in evening, NO Video
- 4/10 DCC closed-Good Fri
- 4/27 "LIFE WITH LITTLE ONE CAN BE A PICNIC" 6-Hr trng **POSTPONED**
- 5/5 4:30PM, MENUS DUE



**We don't "babysit"!**

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## Exploring the Season of Spring-Bring Joy into Their Lives

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.

## REFERRALS & YOU

Just as you are operating your business with a day-to-day evaluation to get through this crisis, so is Day Care Connection. Calls can be minimal 1 day & quite heavy the next. We have no control over the areas seeking care or number of referrals received. So, it's even more important to update your openings with our system to [kay@daycareconnection.org](mailto:kay@daycareconnection.org) or by calling us @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've decided to take a break from your child care business & the tentative timeframe.

It's our sincere HOPE you all remember the children (& their parents) need you... now, AND when this mess is over!

