



DCC Newsletter

Be thankful— for those you love.

A Personal Message from Valerie:

These words are difficult to write...but I must. My feelings are raw & still so new. My dear husband, Kevin, (DCC's devoted Finance Mgr) died suddenly on Oct 22nd, from a ruptured brain blood vessel. I loved him deeply & we truly had a good marriage of 42 years.

But, I share this news with my provider family, not to induce pity nor sorrow; but rather to urge you all to tell your loved ones right now how very much you **CHERISH** them. I vowed to myself to let others know the importance of this simple act. For life can be short & unexpected events may occur.

And, as for me, I'm putting one foot in front of the other & punching my way through this fog. I so hope you appreciate my wonderfully caring staff here as I do.

And, yes, I shall **CHERISH** each one of them...forever & a day!



• NO ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRAINING IN 2020

This is the one that's always very joyful! It's normally a great time to learn & to ring in the holidays...BUT, Covid decided to intervene! It's just not responsible, with increased cases everywhere, to present this event. Watch your email for an alternative DCC way to catch the spirit of the season!



• DID YOU CALL AFTER WE HAD ALREADY FILLED CLASSES?

New DVD Trainings by: Redleaf's enthusiastic educator, Lisa Murphy were a huge success! So... we added more nights.

2 Tuesdays in December, 6PM @DCC, 2 hrs credit/night

- ~ Temperatures **WILL** be taken at door. ~Masks **MUST** be worn at all times.
- ~ **ONLY 15 participants allowed each night & chairs will be distanced.**

DCC has been blessed with a monetary gift to obtain more training dvd's. While it's **STILL** unsafe to present live presentations; we've come up with a way to learn while still remaining safe. Providers, these educational videos have useful & interesting info just right for family day care businesses.

Dates/Topics:

- 12/1 "Mother Goose Is on the Loose"/"What If Today Was Their Only Day?"
- 12/8 "Creative Art with Young Children"/"The Importance of Early Experiences"

Attendance via RSVP ONLY, by calling, 913-529-1200 today. Plan now to join us with this very manageable way to get your crediting hours!

(If you've been exposed to someone who tested positive with Covid-19 within 14 days prior to class, you won't be able to participate.)

Welcome these Providers to Our DCC "Family"!

Jennifer Warthen- Shawanoe

CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, NOV 14, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 11/4)

SAT, DEC 5, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 11/25)

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 snack)
- non-refundable fee

Calendar Reminders

11/3 VOTE: NO evening hours or video training
 11/4 4:30PM, MENUS DUE
 11/14 8:30AM, CPR/1st Aid
 11/11 DCC closed
 11/26-27 DCC closed

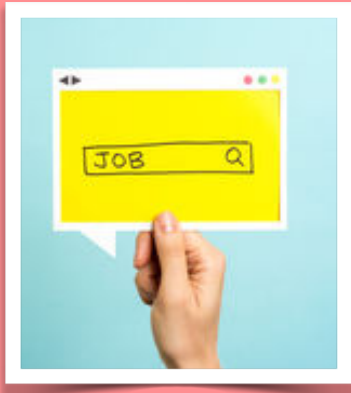
See DVD class schedule in left column or in Oct newsletter, remember to register!



We don't "babysit"!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

A PROVIDER'S VIEWPOINT (WORTH REPEATING): "ANYONE WANT A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SIDE JOB 1X/MONTH DOING OFFICE WORK THAT TAKES ABOUT 4 HOURS & PAYS \$50/HOUR?"



"I have maybe a new way to look at the sometimes hassle of participating in food program?

I think it takes about 2-4 hours/month planning & recordkeeping. Currently I'm at the higher tier. If I wasn't, & my checks were \$200, that's \$50/hour I'm being paid to plan/record menus & count heads. I'm not counting grocery shopping & meal prep/clean up, because that's something we'd have to do anyway even if we weren't in child care. So...whenever my husband grumbles about all the crud the Fed requires of me, I tell him, "Yeah, but I'm getting paid over \$100/hour to do this".

Would I rather be watching Netflix than deal with the paper work? Sure! But why is it that we're willing & HAPPY to watch a 4 year old child for 9 hours a day for \$30 a day (\$3.33/hour) but we moan about 4 hours a month to make \$200?"

-long-time caregiver/CACFP participant, Sonja Mollison

REFERRALS & YOU

As you look ahead to this holiday season, remember it's the slowest time of year for day care referrals. To help promote your business best, make sure you:

1) Update your DCC referral info monthly by putting info on CACFP Cover Sheet, e-mailing to kay@daycareconnection.org or calling 913-529-1200. 2) Broadcast your openings to all, especially current parents. 3) Sound professional over your phone. 4) Have rates competitive to others in your area.

For best results, look at what you're offering & take these tips into consideration.



B-I-G opportunity for DCC at the holidays & beyond

When you shop using Amazon, please help our agency by going to: smile.amazon.com . After signing in, enter "Select a Charitable Organization to Start Shopping" link. Next, select your organization.

Simply type: "Day Care Connection". You'll be prompted to select our agency in Lenexa, KS.

Automatically, you're then taken to a regular shopping screen. DCC receives .05% of certain items spent by using this link. It's Amazon's way of donating to charities. You get to shop with convenience, while knowing you've helped us, too! We humbly thank you.



#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

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-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.-