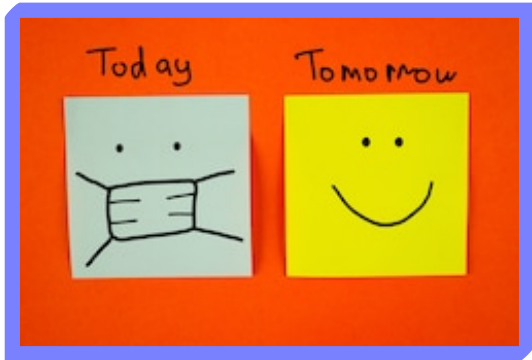


DCC Newsletter



Finally, with Vaccinations... Hope for a Brighter Tomorrow



Our Plans

ENDURING THIS PANDEMIC:

As I create this newsletter, I truly feel the 1st ray of hope for all our caregiver community. Day Care Connection is very eager to gather us all together again & do fun, relevant, live training

for your businesses. But, we simply can't plan or any normal training events until ALL potential harm is lifted for your & your children! Please do watch for DCC emails & see our great upcoming events as they unfold.

-your, Valerie

•LET'S CONTINUE TO PUNCH COVID IN THE FACE!

DCC has MORE DVD Trainings applicable to licensing AND those all-so important CACFP Hours.

1st Tuesday in May, June, & Jul , 6PM @DCC

•Temperatures WILL be taken at door. •Masks MUST be worn at all times. • ONLY 15 participants allowed each night



DCC has been able to obtain more training dvd's. While it's STILL unsafe to present live presentations; we'll continue this learning style while still remaining safe. Providers, these educational videos have useful & interesting info just right for family day care businesses. Classes fill up fast but WILL be repeated in future.

DATES/TOPICS FROM "DAILY PLANET NUTRITION SERIES":

- 5/4 "THE HUMAN BODY: Our Reaction/Our Make-Up"
- 6/1 "THE HUMAN BODY: Our Memory/The Art of the Human Body"
- 7/6 "THE HUMAN BODY: Produced Food/Processed Food"

Attendance (1-2 hour class per person) **RSVP ONLY**, by calling, **913-529-1200.**

(If you've been exposed to someone who tested Covid-19 positive within 14 days prior to class, we ask you don't participate.)

Welcome these Providers to Our Ever-Expanding DCC "Family"!

Barbara Baugher-	Ft Scott
Lana Beerbower-	Ft Scott
Susie Castleberry-	Ft Scott
Jamie Clark-	Carbondale
Amy Drake-	Ft Scott
Sue Dykes-	Paola
Bonnie Evans-	Ft Scott
Delisa Fryar-	Pittsburgh
Kelly Hall-	Ft Scott
Lori Hixon-	Ft Scott
Tiffany Holloway-	Frontenac
Krystine Hunsperger-	Osawatomie
Kimberly Kutzke-	Topeka
Amy Lang-	Overbrook
Tammy Matkin-	Ft Scott
Leah Myers-	Ft Scott
Nichole Myers-	Burlington
Brenda Reed-	Ozawkie
Morgan Stephenson-	Osawatomie
Holly Tompkins-	Burlington
DeeAnn Webb-	Meridan
Jennifer Wilson-	Osawkie

CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, MAY 15, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 5/5)

SAT, JUN 19, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 6/9)

Course is excellently given by Tiffany Saturday, EMT.

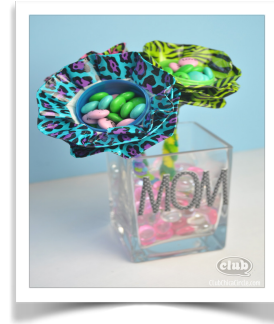


Send \$70 check to DCC, 8853 Long, Lenexa, KS 66215, with preferred date on memo line OR call & use credit card, 529-1200.

- 6 hrs licensing
- non-refundable fee

Gifts don't have to cost money to be from the heart... especially for Mother's Day.

With your little ones gathered, try talking about ideas they could give as Mother's Day gifts which don't come from a store. Suggest giving simple things; a big hug & kiss, making an original card or doing a special chore. Teach them gifts don't have to cost to be from the heart. Tell them Momma truly likes these things best.



Cereal Rainbow Craft with Color Matching



Rainbows are a fun way for kids to practice their colors. Use whatever colored cereal you have to make this colorful rainbow! Draw a rainbow with markers, matching colors of your cereal. You can use a plate to start it, then space other lines to fit approximate size of a Cheerio piece. Have kids match up colors of the Cheerios to rainbow outline. They can put glue on rainbow little by little.

Try not to let them eat any of their artwork. You'd be surprised how this spring activity can keep toddlers/preschoolers engrossed for quite some time!

Painted Rocks

Help your kiddos find & paint smooth rocks to decorate their gardens. If using water-soluble paint, seal finished products with varnish or shellac.

(NOTE: Don't varnish/shellac indoors or with kids present due to strong odor & safety concerns.)



Flower Forks & Fingers

Use finger paints, plastic forks & fingers to create a spring garden. Use forks to stamp/print flower buds, then have kids add stems & leaves with their fingers. So colorful & cute!

REFERRALS & YOU

There are 2 things which would REALLY help our Referral Dept do an even better job for parents seeking care & for providers to get what they TRULY want!

Please: 1) Be sure to fill in the referral section of your CACFP Cover Sheet EVERY month, regardless of whether you're full or don't want any changes. We make it a rule to update every caregiver monthly & without this, you'll be lost in past data. 2) If you want to be considered for part-time care, please list specifics (days of week, hours of day, etc). Thanks!



GRATEFUL-

DCC Home Visitors extend yet, another wonderful reason to humbly be thankful for all of you. We exist because of each & every one of you. The majority of our funding comes from sponsoring CACFP. Every menu we process monthly brings us the support to provide all our caregiver services. Needless to say, your entire DCC staff is very grateful for all the potential providers you steer our way. Whether it's a neighbor, a church friend, a relative or a complete stranger; the overwhelming calls we get from someone interested in starting family day care comes to us because of YOU!

Calendar Reminders

- 5/4 open-8PM, video 6PM: "DAILY PLANET NUTRITION SERIES: THE HUMAN BODY: Our Reaction/Our Make-Up" (RSVP only)
- 5/5 4:30PM, MENUS DUE
- 5/15 8:30AM, CPR/1st Aid
- 5/31 Memorial Day-DCC closed
- 6/1 open-8PM, video 6PM: "DAILY PLANET NUTRITION SERIES: THE HUMAN BODY: Our Memory/The Art of the Human Body" (RSVP only)
- 6/2 DCC's 37th Bday-opened our doors in 1982! (The Director was a mere 12 years old!)
- 6/3 4:30PM, MENUS DUE (This IS our tight turn-around month with the state so PLEASE have in by deadline!)
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Still Needing Credit Hours??

Well, this DCC Zoom training IS different!



NOT JUST BREAD &, A BURP!!

We invite you to watch this updated refresher which **easily breaks down Infant & Whole Grain rich rules**. Our enthusiastic Home Visitors make SIMPLE work of it all! The possibility of what you'll grasp will make your CACFP duties far less complicated. **We promise!**

•2 hours licensing/food program

HERE ARE THE RULES:

- 1) This isn't interactive but recorded. You may watch it at any time!
- 2) Be patient...takes a min to upload. Remember to hit play arrow button.
- 3) Have your DCC ORIENTATION NOTEBOOK handy. You'll need it.
- 4) Staff can see when you log on for all of viewing. This will be monitored weekly & Attendance Certificates will then be sent to your email.
- 5) Let [Valerie](#) know if you don't get one.
- 6) We may do a 30 min Q/A live follow up Zoom training in the future. Watch your email for this.
- 7) Don't procrastinate Get 'er done!

Enjoy the ease of this type of learning! Please refer to DCC's 4/1 e-mail for Training Link & Access Passcode. **Remember, you may watch this at ANY time!**

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A Fatter Wallet for YOU

With social media these days, actual facts can be hard to find. DCC has been getting questions via texts & calls. USDA, directed by the Biden Administration, has made the following temporary changes to help caregivers combat low enrollment during Covid-19 struggles.

1. **All caregivers who participate in CACFP, regardless of current tier determination, WILL BE PAID AT HIGHER TIER 1 RATE, BEGINNING WITH JULY 2021 MENUS (payment in August) for 1 year, through June 2022 menus.**
2. **All caregivers who currently participate in CACFP will be analyzed, to POSSIBLY RECEIVE AN EXTRA CHECK (after calculations occur) in comparing a few months in 2019 to 2020. DCC does yet NOT know the formulas to be used.**

Rest assured, we'll ALWAYS pass on important facts as they're given to us. HOORAY to all our hard-working providers who hung in there!