



DCC Newsletter

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

• RECORDKEEPING FOR TAXES (by Zoom) TUES, FEB 1st, 7PM

• 2 hrs licensing • Zoom call addy forthcoming

Tax time will be here all too soon. Join Janice Klimek, CPA, (college accounting professor, tax business owner) for our annual provider seminar. She got rave reviews last year. She'll give the basics + any NEW info applicable to caregivers, including any provider grant updates. Plan now to attend this ON-LINE training whether it's your 1st time filing family day care taxes or just for a refresher.

To RSVP, please contact DCC 1st: kay@daycareconnection.org or 913-529-1200. Then, just before the workshop, look for a notice which will list the exact Zoom addy.



CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, JAN 22, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 1/12)

SAT, FEB 19, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 2/9)

SAT, MAR 26, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 3/16)

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 credit • non-refundable fee • wear masks



Our Gratitude

We're so very grateful to DCC provider (our "Santa Claus"),

Debbie Bryant, "elves" Marie Monks & Christina Walters & the following businesses who gave gifts for the annual provider holiday training. Do patronize them & offer your own "thanks" in return:

7-11, Corner Cafe, Coterie Theatre, Cracker Barrel, Hen House, KC Zoo, Le Peep, Kohl's, Pegah's, Price Chopper, Russell Stover's, Steve's Villa Capri, Silver Dollar City, Target, Unicorn Theatre, Walmart

Calendar Reminders

12/23-12/31 DCC closed

1/4 open-8PM, video_6PM:

"JUST THE FACTS: Food Safety, Muffins, Yeast Breads, Microwaves, Knives"

1/5 4:30PM, MENUS DUE

1/17 DCC closed

1/22 8:30AM, CPR/1stAid

2/1 RECORDKEEPING FOR TAXES (Zoom)

2/4 open-8PM, video 6PM:

"Beyond Grilled Cheese"

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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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PLEASE!

PAY ATTENTION

Do read lime green sheet enclosed in your monthly payment info envelope!

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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.



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

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 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."

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.