

“promoting quality care”

From the Assistance Office

Important Notices:

Parents must notify their CCC case manager within 1 business day when changing providers. According to state policy, a “new” provider is not eligible for payment until the date the case manager is notified of the change.

In accordance with state policy, the Best Beginnings scholarship will not cover care for children while a mother is on maternity leave. Medical exceptions will be made when necessary.

Assistance A to Z for Parents

The family services team will be hosting an Assistance A to Z training specifically designed for parents receiving the Best Beginnings scholarship. This class will provide an overview of the program and will be held March 24th from 6-7pm at CCC and is a free training.

From the Safety Office



Preschool Fire Safety Contest

Sponsored by the United States Fire Administration

What: Safe Kids USA is holding a fire safety contest for preschool teachers and will be awarding prizes to winning entrants. Preschool teachers and child care providers who include an educational component in their programs are eligible to enter the contest.

Why: Children under the age of 6 are at the greatest risk of injury or death in a fire. It's important that children in this age group start learning the steps to quickly escape a fire at home or while in child care.

How: To enter, fulfill the entry requirements found on the website:

<http://www.usa.safekids.org/fire/> (click on [contest web page](#))

- Download and implement lesson plans in the classroom
- Encourage parents to create and practice an escape plan at home
- Complete and return the contest application with a letter of support

When: Entries are due by **February 26, 2010.**

Prizes: 5 \$500 cash prizes for educational resources
15 \$100 cash prizes for educational resources



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Plan Ahead

NAFCC Accreditation Renewals

When renewing your NAFCC accreditation, please keep the timeline provided here in mind to ensure that you start the renewal process early enough. For more details regarding this renewal timeline, please refer to the NAFCC website:

nafcc.org/accreditation/annual_renewals.asp

NAFCC Receives Application by....	NAFCC Processes Application & Verifies Eligibility	NAFCC Assigns Observer by....	Observation Takes Place	NAFCC Makes Accreditation Decision
December 31st	January	March 31st	April or May	Typically within 12 weeks of receiving the observation materials from both the candidate and the observer.
January 31st	February	April 30th	May or June	
February 28th	March	May 31st	June or July	
March 31st	April	June 30th	July or August	
April 30th	May	July 31st	August or September	
May 31st	June	August 31st	September or October	
June 30th	July	September 30th	October or November	
July 31st	August	October 31st	November or December	
August 31st	September	November 30th	December or January	
September 30th	October	December 31st	January or February	
October 31st	November	January 31st	February or March	
November 30th	December	February 28th	March or April	

From Licensing: Common Child Care Licensing Deficiencies

- No master list or list is incomplete
- No first aid policies
- Incomplete first aid kit
- Cleaning materials/toxic materials accessible to the children
- Pediatric Health Statement not on file for each infant
- Individualized feeding schedule not on file for each infant

BEST – Bringing Early Success Training to Providers

BEST is a one-on-one, on-site training available to providers interested in covering the basics of the knowledge bases. The BEST training is intended to support child care providers in their work with children and families in their care. This introductory curriculum is designed to provide training, coaching, and assessment to new family and group home providers in their child care business settings. This curriculum provides on-site support and individualized training in what home-based providers need to know, understand and be able to do in their first year of business. If you are interested, call Nannette DuCuennois at Child Care Connections, 587-7786.

Upcoming Trainings

1/26/10	Tax Time for Childcare Providers	Child Care Connections	6:30-8:30pm	\$10
1/30/10	Super Saturday, Performance Kids	Child Care Connections	9:00 am-1:00pm	\$20
2/09/10	Yoga for Provider and Child	Child Care Connections	6:30-8:30pm	\$10
2/20/10	Love and Logic, Early Childhood	Child Care Connections	9:00 am-4:00pm	\$85
2/25/10	Rethink & Restructure Screen Time	Child Care Connections	6:30-8:30pm	\$10

PLEASE NOTE! CLOSING CLASSES: Due to high attendance we will continue closing classes to accommodate trainers' needs. To avoid confusion and take the classes you prefer, send your registration in early!



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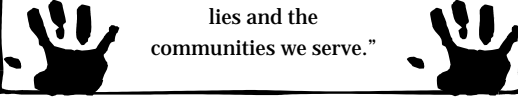
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Child Care Connections Mission

Statement

"Promoting quality child care by supporting early care educators, families and the communities we serve."



Referral Service

Referrals for licensed child care are provided to parents by trained staff at no cost.

Lending Library

We have resources and materials available for you to check out at no cost.

Please visit the Early Childhood Project website at
<http://www.mtecp.org>

Look for the hidden provider number and call CCC to claim your prize!

From the Nutrition Office

Corn and Black Bean Salad

Ingredients:

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| 2 | 15 oz. cans black beans, rinsed and drained | 1/2 | cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped |
| 2 | cups frozen corn kernels | 1/4 | cup fresh lime juice |
| 3/4 | cup red bell pepper, seeded and chopped | 1 | clove garlic, minced |
| 3/4 | cup orange bell pepper, seeded and chopped | 1/2 | teaspoon ground cumin |
| 3/4 | cup white sweet onion, finely chopped | 1/2 | teaspoon ground coriander |
| 1 | large fresh tomato, chopped | 1/2 | teaspoon ground cumin |
| 2 | small jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced | 1/4 | cup olive oil |

Directions:

Place all ingredients in a large bowl. Fold gently to mix well. Chill and serve. The salad can be served as a stand-alone salad, served on lettuce, or used as a dip.

Serves: 8

Excellent source of: Vitamin C, Fiber, and Vitamin A

Credit: <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org>

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