

Presidents Corner

January 23, 2010

I would like to start by thanking The Professional Providers of the Lower Shore for hosting our meeting today and providing Breakfast and Lunch and also let you know that Cecil County has agreed to host our July Annual and Quarterly meeting. I hope all of you are enjoying our meetings being hosted by our member associations as much as I have. I think it is very fair that we take turns traveling to different areas of our State and take the opportunity to meet other members of their association and give their members an opportunity to see what we do as a state association. I have had nothing but good feedback from guests at our meetings. I hope we can continue to have our meetings this way and get to know more of our members, on that note we still need someone to host our April meeting.

Since the last meeting, we (Arlene Ennis and I) have made plans for our Annual Board Development, which will be held March 6, 2010 at the Hyatt in Cambridge, MD on the Choptank River. It is the same location we had last year... We are opening this to two board members or tentative board members of each association. We were not able to get the gentleman that Cassie Anderson recommended, but he recommended a lady named Michelle who will be doing our team building training.

I have been to any local association meetings for a while, but I would like to attend those associations I have not been to yet, so please let me know when would be a good time for me to attend your meeting if I have not been there yet.

I am still hoping we can get it together to do the PR campaign for choosing quality regulated child care. I would like to have a volunteer to head a committee.

Janice Gray
President

Training Near and Far

Upcoming training/schedule for (PCCA WC)
Professional Child Care Association of
Washington County)

Jan-Literacy Bags with Apples

Feb- Literacy Bags with Apples

March- 2nd part of getting ready for school
training

April- Literacy Bags with Apples

May- Literacy Bags with Apples

Please note that yes there is 4 months of Literacy training. Each month will cover a different topic. Then Apples will keep the bags to put in their library. We will be actually creating the bags, not just learning about them. There will also be optional homework with each class to earn hours in other COK areas.

Thanks

Kathy Embly

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Please Remember: If you have a change in your address, e-mail or phone number, send your changes to Linda Church at lindaschildcare@yahoo.com so she can update our rosters.

Information Regarding the Medication Administration Class -

The requirement to take the class has not been introduced yet - it is anticipated to be a requirement by July 2011.

A Delegating Nurse is not required for family child care - with the exception of small centers (if over 50% of children are on long-term medications, a delegating nurse is required). Here's a link to the COMAR sections about delegation:

<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/SubtitleSearch.aspx?search=10.27.11>.

Anyone giving medication must have the class - including subs and assistants - if they will be administering medications.

This is a 6 hour class - it can be broken up into 3 hour sessions at the trainers discretion.

There was an area in the class that discussed procedures considered "high medical risk". These can be clarified by MSDE - Cheryl Hall - if you are unsure about whether a procedure you are being asked to perform is "high medical risk".

There were two tests given - a pre-test that included math questions that was not collected - and a post test (T/F) that was collected after we went over it in class.

Questions you have after taking this class can be directed to Cheryl Hall at MSDE.
This info provided by Donna Fowler and Debbie Moore - Thanks!

Submitted by Cathy Ross and Donna Fowler

Here are some regulation reminders and updates:

1. Providers are required to have ***Emergency Preparedness*** by July 1, 2010.
2. For ***current*** 4-infant homes, the Provider has until 12/31/10 to complete the 45 hour class on Infants and Toddlers if they have not already taken it. Effective July 1, 2010, Providers who want 4-infant homes must have taken the 45 hour Infant and Toddler Class.

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Family Child Care in the News

Press Release

Local Provider Receives National Accreditation

National Association of Family Child Care Awards Accreditation To Frances McBride

(Salt Lake City, UT) – Frances McBride, owner of McBride’s Family Child Care in Salisbury, Maryland, has recently been awarded a National Accreditation from the National Association of Family Child Care. Frances was excited about the challenge of meeting the qualifications for an accreditation saying she was encouraged by Paul Mysac, who helped her through the process. Frances said “I have connected with other providers to share and receive information and experiences. It has boost my energy as a teacher and provider – and not as a babysitter. I love children.”

Frances has been providing care in her home for 28 years. Frances serves children ages infant through 12 years old, 6 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday with some evening care. Her program is individualized to be age-appropriate and enhanced through fieldtrips, a reading program and parent participation. She also participates in the state food program.

The National Association of Family Child Care offers accreditation to providers across the country, aiding them in raising their standards of quality care and gaining the recognition they deserve for their commitment to quality and children. The accreditation will earn raise Frances’ rating in the state’s Family Environmental Rating Scale.

The city of Salisbury benefits from accreditation as it is an indicator that quality care is available for parents in this community. Children benefit from accreditation as it indicates they will be cared for in a safe, nurturing environment and that their educational needs will be met. Frances said “The most beneficial part of the process was the assistance given to me to reach my goals and the observations made that let me know I was in compliance with the system.”

In addition to NAFCC, Frances is a member of Head Start Inc., the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Maryland Committee for Children, the Maryland Food Bank, the Westside Revitalization Partnership Committee, Wicomico Partnership, and the Salvation Army Youth Club.

Frances plans to continue her journey of professionalism and provide support and information to parents to help them as well as continue to work towards her Early Childhood Associates Degree.

For more information about NAFCC, receiving an accreditation or finding an accredited provider, visit www.nafcc.org.

SWAP & SHOP

I have a water table and 2 booster car seats and one infant car seat they were bought in 2012 I would like to sell. I don't have a van anymore nothing from with seats... Also would be interested in swapping (adult) mystery books with someone. I live in Annapolis by the ACC. Also have teaching books. Contact Tammy Philbrick @ 410-279-1857 or email @ tammysdaycare02@yahoo.com

I have a toy storage/organizer (with 9 bins) I would like to swap for a small bookcase. It is in excellent condition. If I have a van I would like to sell it for \$25. I also have a few changing tables paid for in deling for \$60 and a new Potty. Pocket 2 booster full size (bright colors) and a baby gate, stroller series and toddler bed rail. I can't get the latch to work on the gate but maybe someone can fix it. The diaper genie is a great one for \$100.00. Will swap for a good one but has some stain on the chair. Contact Maureen @ maureen@conditionawillseil.com located in Columbia and can be reached at 443-838-2115.

I have an outdoor play school holding board set with lock for \$350.00. Very good condition.

I have an octopus merry go round that I will sell for \$22.00.
6 stackable cots with 12 sheets -excellent to good condition purchased for approximately \$235.00 best offer. Located in Myramont, MD. Contact Karen Speck 301-447-9824 cell - call or text) karenaspeck@msn.com www.karskids.com
I live in Baltimore county Randallstown area *****

I have 8 sleeping cots, two cubbies and a sign in book case that is available for sale. Please call for prices. Contact: Sequia 301 645-7337. Located in White Plains, MD

Fisher Price Rainforest Healthy Care Booster Seat with Activity Attachment \$15
Toys to Grow Bag of Colorful Wooden Blocks \$14 *****
Multi Theme Discovery Mobile (1st Years) \$8
1, 2, 3 brand sewing Center (Electron Board Story Stages & Appl) \$15
Billy Goat Gruff, Mother Goose and the Singing Boy, Pre-cut. Reinforce listening, comprehension, and storytelling skills with these Riddle Assist \$10.00 each or \$45.00 for set of 5. Kim Summers 410-677-0662 Parsonsburg, MD
Located in Anne Arundel County contact Pam at panjank@comcast.net *****

I have a "dress up wardrobe" that I bought from IKEA. It is in brand new condition. It has a hang up area, storage shelf underneath, and pockets on the outside for hats, shoes, gloves, accessories, etc. Wood and white fabric. Paid \$45. 2 piece cubbie set. Very large set you will need quite a bit of room in your daycare for them. Good condition. Located in Laurel Contact Josie Lohman at 301-776-8309 or jjal01@verizon.net

I want to sell my hot tub. Best offer seats six people its royal blue has a hard black cover and a new pump. Also have youth motor cross (FOX) boots sixe 4 asking 45.00. Contact Debi Mathews 410-379-6993 or e-mail debimathews@comcast.net. Located in Hanover.

Oak Loft Bed (Desk at one end w/ pull out for keyboard, 4 Drawer Dresser and Bookshelf at other end.) Very good condition. \$300.00 OBO located in Laurel. Contact Teresa Goodwin 301-490-3708

WHY IS LEAD PAINT DANGEROUS?

By now, most parents are fully aware of the recalls involving toys contaminated with lead-based paint. While few parents are likely to take such recalls lightly, some might not be aware of the specific dangers lead-based paints present, whether it's on a child's toy or on the walls of a home.

While everyone would like to think their homes do not contain any lead-based paint, older homes very well might, making it all the more important that all people understand just what hazards this substance presents.

What Are the Dangers?

The dangers associated with lead-based paints are many, and none should be taken lightly. Because lead paint can harm both the brain and the central nervous system, the negative consequences of exposure can be very damaging. Among those consequences are:

- * decreased intelligence scores
- * learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder (ADD), hyperactivity, problems with memory
- * impaired hearing
- * decreased growth, poor coordination, muscle and joint pain

Who Is In the Most Danger?

Perhaps the scariest part about lead-paint exposure is those who are most at risk to its negative consequences: children 6 years of age and younger, including the unborn. This is because a child's brain and nervous system are undergoing more rapid changes than those of an adult, and as a result their systems absorb more lead than an adult's.

Adding to the risk factors for children is the typical lifestyle of a child, one that involves playing on the ground or floor. Younger children, especially, frequently put things (such as toys) in their mouths. This makes them more likely to inhale or ingest lead dust. Unborn children are at risk because mothers with elevated levels of lead in their blood can very well pass that lead on to their unborn child. If this occurs, low birth weight, premature births and even miscarriages could result.

How Can Kids Be Protected?

Most homes built before 1978 will have lead-based paint, and nearly all built before 1960 will. However, the presence of lead-based paint alone is not necessarily hazardous. If the paint is intact, meaning it hasn't deteriorated or cracked, then it's likely harmless. People living in older homes should make it a priority to not allow their paint to deteriorate. Chipped paint and any areas, such as windows and doors, where painted surfaces rub together are high-concern areas.

To protect children, first and foremost have them tested. For infants, have them tested before their first birthday and then once more a year later. If you're still concerned, have children under the age of 6 tested annually.

Another way to keep kids safe is to keep them out of work areas around the home. Ward off rooms that are under construction, and keep furniture in such rooms covered in plastic to avoid lead dust. Spray all surfaces with water once the room is ready for use again.

While getting kids to wash their hands can sometimes be a chore, this is also an effective way to protect them from exposure. Lead gets into the body through ingestion or respiration, so kids should wash their hands before eating and going to bed.

A healthy diet can also protect kids from possible exposure to lead. Children who get sufficient calcium, vitamin C and iron in their daily diet will absorb less lead. Consult a physician to put together a diet for a child that will provide healthy levels of all three.

http://fwnextweb1.fortwayne.com/adv/special/health_mind2009/_article0006.html

Websites that have toy recalls

www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/category/toy.Html

www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html

www.recalls.gov/

www.FamilyEducation.com

Most Recent Recalls

<http://life.familyeducation.com/recalls/>

Little Tikes Recalls Clubhouse Swing Sets Due to Fall Hazard; New Assembly Directions to Be Provided

The recalled swing sets did not come with assembly directions for the swing seat harness. The swing seat harness assembly needs to be completed by the consumer. The swing seats can detach if the harness is not assembled properly, which could result in fall and injury during use.

Boy's Hooded Sweatshirts with Drawstrings and Warm up Sets Recalled by Burlington Coat Factory Due to Strangulation Hazard

The sweatshirts and jackets to the warm up sets have drawstrings through the hoods, posing a strangulation hazard to children.

Baby Swede LLC Recalls Bouncer Chairs Due to Laceration Hazard

Small, sharp metal objects found in the padded area of the bouncer chair can protrude, posing a laceration hazard to children.

Leap Frog Recalls Electronic Plush Toys Due to Choking Hazard

The decals on the paws of the plush toy can be removed and ingested by a child, posing a choking hazard.

LEGO Systems Announces Recall of Remote Controls Due to Burn Hazard

The batteries in the remote controls can overheat, posing a burn hazard to consumers.

OR

Lead paint Recalls- toys

Toy Recalls <http://www.toptentoys.com/recalls>

Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund

Submitted by Susan Lawson and Rebecca K. Hancock

After working in the child care field for one year, you may apply for a grant to pay for your college courses to complete an Early Childhood Education degree. The grant covers tuition and books for approved coursework. You must commit to completing the full college course of study toward a degree. You must continue in the child care field for a period of time after completing courses/degree. If you are already a student enrolled in college you may still qualify. Qualifying, attaining and maintaining a minimum of a level two Maryland Credential is another requirement. If you don't have a Maryland Credential now, you may send in that application along with your application for the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund. See the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website for further information. MSDE's website is www.marylandpublicschools.org. Click on "divisions" then "early childhood education" then "credentialing". Scroll down to "Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund" at the bottom of the page to read all about the requirements. Each college that is participating has a coordinator and MSDE asks that you contact the College Coordinator before submitting your application. They'll help you in many ways. They will let you know if your course of study is covered by the grant and help you develop a plan. They can give you assistance with all of the paperwork when applying for the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund including your application/renewal for Credentialing. Please contact the representative in your area.

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