

Maryland State Family Childcare Association (MSFCCA)

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Mission of MSFCCA

- To support the local associations and associates which make up the membership of the MSFCCA.
- To represent family child care providers by educating and advertising legislators, regulators, and the general public on child care issues.
- To encourage all providers to be knowledgeable of and comply with the laws governing child care in Maryland.
- To promote quality training to enhance the professional skills of providers.
- To collaborate with the organizations to advocate for the benefit of child care a providers and children. And a wonderful way to network with experienced providers.



Support Network

In addition to moral support for work that sometimes can be isolating, frustrating, and overwhelming, local associations are a major source of information and education for providers. MSFCCA and local associations often help providers with communication with the office of childcare (MSDE), with professional training, and the purchase of discount supplies. Many associations offer seminars that are designed to help you

maintain, improve or expand your business or early childhood knowledge. Topics of these workshops may include tax preparation, legal issues, first aid, CPR, Curriculum Development, and marketing your business.



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What does it mean to go Green?

What does it mean to Be Green? How do we reduce AND offset the pollution we create? We begin with green activities...plant trees, convert to energy-saving appliances, walk more and use products that have no adverse effect on our environment. Shaklee, the first climate neutral company in the world; climate neutral because the company offsets EVERY molecule of CO₂ produced by the development, manufacture, packaging and shipping of EVERY product that you and I purchase and use.

The packages are made from 100% recycled material and the packages are 100% recyclable too! Americans are currently using 4 million plastic bottles EVERY HOUR. Compare that to the statistic that EVERY day 60 million plastic water bottles end up in the landfill! Think what a difference we could make by carrying our drinking water in a reusable container. That would mean 60 million bottles less in the landfill EVERY day! One great advantage of switching to Shaklee

Get Clean™ Products is the concentration. Because of the concentration, we not only save money but every family that switches to Get Clean™ keeps 108 pounds of waste out of the landfills. If just 1% of the families in the US changed brands to Shaklee Get Clean™ it would keep 54 million TONS of waste out the landfills annually! And those families would save an astounding 340 BILLION dollars!!! Now that's a lot of Green!

Fundraiser

For providers in Maryland we are having a Fundraiser to help Support the Maryland State Family Childcare Association www.Shaklee.net/MSFCCA and raise awareness of Shaklee's Basic-G™ instead of using Bleach! Many children and providers have trouble with the smell, ruined clothes, and allergic reactions and more...Shaklee's Basic-G™ is ½ teaspoon in 16oz. of water. A one quart bottle makes 64 gallons of disinfectant. Everywhere you use Bleach you would use Basic-G™. What providers do not know is that you have to change your Bleach solution everyday and dump it out and start fresh. Not with Shaklee's Basic-G™, it has a three year shelf life.

Once Bleach is opened it loses its strength. Have you ever looked up Bleach on the internet? It's dangerous and a carcinogen (cancer causing). If Bleach is swallowed or comes in direct skin contact the child or provider will have to go to the hospital for burns. I challenge everyone to help make a difference in a provider or child's life and switch to Basic G™. We need to help educate the parents of children and keep them well and not expose them to more chemicals. What a wonderful gift to give back to our children in care. Shaklee also has a line of Products called "Get clean Kits" for providers to change over

their environment to a healthier one. One bottle of Shaklee's Basic-H™ replaces all the other products you use to clean your home or childcare. So you would have a total of 4 cleaning bottles of products, that's it! The bottom line is that the most important decision a person could make to go green would be to switch entirely to Shaklee products in Shaklee bottles, resulting in the biggest impact. Plus, as a bonus, one doesn't have to compromise quality or value to make that switch. Try it, won't you? 100% money back guarantee on all of their products. Always Green, Always Safe, Always Works!

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Find It Fast

*Links to Support Your
Career and Professional
Development*

Maryland Child Care Credential: increase your earnings - get paid for doing what you love and expanding your knowledge – \$200 - \$1500 achievement bonus.

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/NR/rdonlyres/D68F205B-0C8C-40BB-90F0-AC91486BC2B9/21588/CredBookOct09.pdf>

Maryland Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund: for those participating in the Maryland Credential, funding is available to pursue a college degree in early childhood education, education for children, child development, family studies, or a related discipline. Click on Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund.

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/credentials/mdcred.htm

Tiered Reimbursement for Subsidy Payment – if your program accepts children using child care subsidy vouchers (formerly Purchase of Care) and meets the requirements of the Tiered Reimbursement Program, additional payments for subsidy children may be received.

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/credentials/tiered.htm

Training Vouchers and Reimbursement: up to \$400 annually is available to credentialed providers for a course, workshop or training session. Click on Program Incentives.

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/credentials/

Child Care Grant Programs. Receive funding for Curriculum supplies, materials, and equipment needed to implement training received through the Credentialing program.

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/grants/grants

Maryland Model for School Readiness: Enhancing school readiness for all children in Maryland. <http://www.md12.org/instruction/ensure/MMSR/index.html>

MSDE approved training:

http://www.mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/for_providers/trcaldisclaimer.html

Licensing Regulations for Centers and Family Child Care Homes:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/regulat

Licensing Forms for Centers and Family Child Care Homes:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/licensing_branch/forms

State-Recommended Curricula for Infants, Toddlers and Preschool:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/preschool_curriculum/overview

Accreditation and Accreditation Support:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/credentials/

MSDE Accreditation: <http://oars.earlylearningcompass.org/>

Maryland's Quality Rating and Improvement System:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/announce

Accreditation and Accreditation Support:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/credentials/

Get Certified as an Eco-Healthy Childcare Provider

Eco-Healthy Child Care is a National Program created by Oregon Environmental Council in 2005. This nationally recognized effort educates, supports and empowers child care providers who want to make environmentally healthy choices. EHCC helps child care settings be healthy, safe and green by delivering technical assistance and training to providers on reducing exposure to toxins. The program creates healthier environments in and around child care facilities, and in doing so, creates healthier kids.

- Educating child care providers on how to provide environmentally health settings and services.
- Assisting child care providers in the implementation of changes in practices and purchasing.
- Promoting endorsed facilities to parents via the EHCC website and GoEco-Healthy.com



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Did you know?

Fragrances in scented candles and air fresheners release particles that can trigger asthma attacks. In addition, the fragrance used in many scented products may contain potentially harmful chemicals such as formaldehyde, phthalates and benzene. Because fragrances are considered proprietary information, companies are not required to disclose the ingredients. Visit www.cosmeticsdatabase.org for more information on the chemicals in your personal care products and which ones you may want to avoid.

Plastic Products made from PVC or vinyl contain plasticizers called Phthalates, which are added to make the PVC more pliable. Phthalates are a versatile class of about 25 chemicals widely used in consumer products to soften plastics, carry fragrances, and act as solvents and fixatives. PVC, the second most commonly used plastic worldwide, is found in toys, car interiors, medical devices like IV bags and tubing, vinyl flooring, vinyl wallpaper, and vinyl shower curtains. Phthalates are also present in personal care

products. Detergents and soaps, pesticides, and some clear food wrap. In cosmetics and personal care products, phthalates are used to disperse fragrances, stabilize the cosmetic on the skin, and provide flexible hold in nail care products.

Phthalates are widely detected in human blood and urine samples. The latest Study from the CDC indicates that women are slightly more exposed than men, and younger children are more exposed than older children.

Eco-Healthy Certified Providers

Baltimore

CCLC - Metro West
Baltimore, MD 21201

Children's Choice Learning Centers - Baltimore
Baltimore, MD 21235

Beltsville

USDA Small Wonders
Beltsville, MD 20705

Bethesda

Child Care - Dalene Erickson
Bethesda, MD 20814

Columbia

ABCDee's Family Childcare
Columbia, MD 21044

Lesley Wood Family Child Care
Columbia, MD 21044

Pattycake Family Daycare
Columbia, MD 21045

Ellicott City

Joy Family Child Care
Ellicott City, MD21042

Lisa McCourry
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Fort Meade

Children's World Learning Center
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Germantown

[Bright Horizons](#)
Germantown, MD 20874

Granola Kids
Germantown, MD 20874

Hyattsville

[Greenwood School Inc.](#)
Hyattsville, MD 20782

Lanham

[IRS Child Development Center](#)
Lanham, MD 20706

Odenton

Childcare - Rita Roche
Odenton, MD 21113

Poolesville

Sunny Day Child Care
Poolesville, MD 20837

Riverdale

[Sunny Days Early Learning Center](#)
Riverdale, MD 20737

Rockville

[Executive Child Development Center](#)
Rockville, MD 20852

[Georgetown Hill at NRC](#)
Rockville, MD 20852

[Healthy Beginnings](#)
Rockville, MD 20852

Silver Spring

[NOAA Little Explorers](#)
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Suitland

[Suitland Federal CDC](#)
Suitland, MD 20746

Towson

St Joseph CDC
Towson, MD 21204

St. Joseph's Child Development Center
Towson, MD 21204

Waldorf

Mrs Stacey's House
Waldorf, Md.20603

Why is Eco-Healthy so important?

Research increasingly shows that the first years of a child's life are extremely important in shaping their future health and development. Child Care providers can make small changes that make a big impact on the children in their care. By reducing toxins, such as chemicals in certain cleaning products

and weed killers, providers will help prevent illnesses like asthma, certain learning disabilities, and even some forms of cancer. For these reasons, providing environmentally healthy, low-toxic settings is particularly important in the places children spend the majority of their time.



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Quarterly Meeting
Next Meeting
Baltimore, MD.
on January 28, 2012

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.mfcca.org

Mentoring..... Why is Mentoring Important?

- Supports and builds relationships in the early childhood community.
- Recognizes professional expertise.
- Supports newcomers in the profession (as well as those seeking to improve their skills and knowledge).
- Fosters Leadership and collaboration in the early childhood community.
- Reduces turnover by challenging seasoned professionals and increasing the success of new professionals.
- Encourages personal growth.
- Offers a practical, individualized way to learn and grow.

Advertise with us!

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Newsletter Articles Wanted!

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