



North King County Family Child Care Association Newsletter



January 2012

President's Message



Greetings providers!

As your president, I am constantly reviewing the Washington Administrative Codes (WACs) Title 170 which govern the Department of Early Learning. You may find these Codes on the internet by going to: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=170>

Our Family Child Care businesses, which we carry on in our homes, are governed by the Department of Early Learning which enforces the Washington Administrative Codes which apply to our businesses. These Administrative Codes have undergone massive changes and these changes will affect us to a large degree. We have read the changes in the code which affect training organizations such as NKCFCCA and we have contacted the Department of Early Learning (DEL) to find out how these changes will affect our organization.

Our most immediate concern is how these recent changes will affect our planned "Tour of Homes". When we get more definitive information, we will contact you by email and let you know what the situation is.

We have undergone a transition of our board and now we are faced with a transition in the WACs. When I became president August 20, 2011, I explained that we would be involved in "Project POINTER", "Providers Offering Input: Nurturing Testing Evaluating and Reviewing". In order to plan for the future, we must Review the past, Evaluate what has happened before and what will be happening in the future and then Test different "improvements" to see what will accomplish our goals most effectively and efficiently. To this end, we will be reviewing all of the records of NKCFCCA, especially membership records. Using Project POINTER, we will determine how our Association can best serve you, our members, and your clients. In everything we do, please let me know how you feel about how we are doing.

I feel that 2012 will be a great year for NKCFCCA. I'm looking forward to it!

Thanks for your membership!
Phil Ross
President, NKCFCCA



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Check out
page 8 for
Membership
Application. Only
\$60.00 per year!!!

D.E.L. NEWS

NEW REGULATIONS ARE HERE!!!

Our new WACS go into effect March 31, 2012, go to the DEL website to download all 92 pages. They are clear and concise and easier to read than the last ones we have been working with. Here are some of the highlights.

1. Hurray, we have had the infant age lowered to 18 months.
2. You must do an annual license declaration each year to maintain your on expiring license.
3. Carbon Monoxide detectors are now required along with your smoke detectors.
4. Hurray, we do not need to use bleach on everything any longer but make sure you do have an appropriate disinfectant as per the wac.
5. We need to have a door chime or bell or some noise maker when the door opens to alarm us of someone entering the child care.
6. There is a hand washing addition procedure to use a paper towel to turn off the water.
7. Providers are required to have 3 handbooks, parent, staff and facility. More clarification will be coming and probably forms will appear of the del website to help with this process.
8. If you have swings check the new regulations on this one and ground cover is another issue many of us will have to look into fixing.
9. We now have to log more than just the fire drill, we have earthquake and disaster drills to log.
10. There are new licensing options if you just want to do infants, toddlers or school age.

Please look over your new regulations carefully and be prepared to make the changes necessary to be in compliance to your individual child care. There are many more that are not listed here.

NEW WAC Food Handlers Card

RCW says we don't need it!!!!

RCW super-cedes WAC

One of the new regulations requires us to get a food handlers permit and our primary staff must also get a card. According to RCW we are not required by law to do this.

When you look into getting a permit there is a sections called "FOOD OPERATIONS THAT DO NOT NEED PERMITS". Providers are listed here. "Some types of food service operations that are regulated by other agencies or that present minimal risk to causing food borne illness do not need to obtain a permit. Even so, it is still important to follow safe food handling practices like washing your hands and storing the food in a safe place. "A kitchen in a private home operated as a family day care as defined in RCW 75.15.020(1)(f)"

DEL Director Bette Hyde and legislators are being made aware of this discrepancy and we should be hearing back regarding whether this will stand or not.



SHATTER PROOF LIGHT BULB WAC

You do not have to have shatterproof light bulbs or worry about the covers in any areas that are not in child play areas, was that way in the old WACs and the new ones. WAC is the WAC, Licensors were not supposed to be requiring in bathrooms ... but they did. Would lose in a Hearing Room with an ALJ. New WAC is posted below.

WAC 170-296A-4375 Lighting safety. (1) When ceiling-mounted light fixtures **are in the play space**, the licensee must provide one or more of the following:

- (a) Shatter-resistant covers;
- (b) Shatter-resistant light bulbs; or
- (c) Otherwise make the light fixtures safe.

(2) The licensee must not:

- (a) **Allow bare light bulbs in any play space;** or
- (b) Use lights or light fixtures indoors that are intended or recommended for outdoor use; or
- (c) Use halogen lamps in any area accessible to children during operating hours.

THE STORY ABOUT S.T.A.R.S./MERIT

FREE ON LINE STARS

Providers can go to this website and get FREE on line STARS
depts.washington.edu/tvhealth/media_aware_childcare.htm.

This was easy and fun to do. Once you register with them you will get updates on other STARS subjects.

CLARIFICATION ON MERIT TRAINERS

by MERIT Support Services Department of Early Learning

The Conference/Special Event application is intended for individuals who do not provide professional development in Washington State on an on-going basis, but are brought in by a professional development organization for a one-time event. This event may be a keynote address, a workshop at a conference, or a professional development institute that may last over several days.

The professional development organization that is sponsoring the professional development event must apply for approval at least 3 weeks prior to the event. DEL will review the goals and purpose of the event, a description of the workshop content and information on the background of instructors.

Upon approval, Del will issue an event - specific professional development trainer approval. Sponsoring organizations are responsible for completing training rosters in MERIT to ensure that STARS credit appears on each participant's training history. Once you submit the application in MERIT, you will receive instruction for providing supporting documents. The application is quite simple and quick and will guide you through the required steps.

From January 1 - August 31, 2012 there is a transition period where the organization can choose to create trainings through their account or submit the conference /special event application. After August 31, 2012 the conference/special event application will be the sole option for providing this type of training without the association of a state-approved trainer.

MERIT Support Services
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WASHINGTON WINS EARLY LEARNING FUNDING

Our state was one out of 9 states that won a share of \$500 million in Federal dollars for early learning initiatives. This was a competition that 39 states participated in for much needed funding with the difficult economic times for everyone. This means that our state got \$60 million. The early learning leaders in this state were very worried that the budget cuts would leave Washington's children without many services if we did not win this funding. We all recognize as providers that the most important years of a child's life are birth to 5 and this is the age group that will benefit from this Federal grant. One of the areas where providers will benefit is for scholarships to go to college. Some of the money will be used for kindergarten readiness, and a quality rating system to improve preschool. The Governor has her plan in place for how to use these funds and it will unfold in the coming years

PROVIDERS BEWARE – CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

Here are a few bills to be aware of that will significantly effect our businesses.

SB5715- Gives DEL authority to dictate educational level of childcare and preschool workers in private businesses. This will require everyone to receive more training and DEL will be able to decide who is qualified to operate and work in the industry and who is not.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5715-S.pdf>

HB1849- Combines DEL, OSPI, and all other educational agencies under one

Department of Education. Get ready to produce your teaching degrees and wait for orders from this centralized Super Power that will dictate all policies for education Birth thru College. This has passed in the house- Contact your Senators

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1849.pdf>

Another bill is in the works that will give DEL control over all childcare and preschools. DEL will dictate curriculum, schedules, and will require workers to have 4yr Early Learning degrees. This Washington Preschool Program will expand and replace ECEAP and working connections. DEL will be able to decide who will stay in business and who will not. When this gets a bill number I will send this on to everyone.

WORKING FOR POSITIVE CHANGE BY BECOMING INCLUSIVE TO ALL ASSOCIATIONS!

by Linda Brehmer

The new WSFCCA board is committed to changing the way things have been done in the past. Why? Because membership has dropped dramatically. Providers do not see any benefit in rejoining. Chapters have left the WSFCCA and become independent because their needs have not been met.

This is a huge challenge for the new board and they deserve some respect for taking on this challenge as volunteers working in their spare time. One thing the WSFCCA has going for itself is the fact that this is the oldest organization that DEL is mandated to work with. The WSFCCA does represent providers; we have a public policy person on committees speaking for us at important events.

The new board accepts that there have been reasons providers do not rejoin, reasons chapters have closed their doors and reasons that associations have become independent.

So where do we go from here? How can we rebuild and regroup? What can the WSFCCA offer to heal old wounds and re-inspire providers to take a new look at what is on offer for membership?

One way the new board is creating change is to offer an affordable and fun filled annual one day conference instead of an expensive 3 day conference. Another idea is to reach out to independent associations and offer them affiliate benefits to work together again.

It's a courageous board who acknowledges that the WSFCCA has been an exclusive organization with issues and now wants to become an inclusive organization and work for the benefit of all providers and associations.

It takes a courageous board to let go of the past mistakes and welcome new ideas for change and be open to hearing what other associations have to say.

Proposals have been made regarding what an affiliate idea will look like; we are talking and putting forward invitations to independent associations to meet with the WSFCCA in the future. The next quarterly meeting will gather more input from chapters on their thoughts about an affiliation proposal.

The work has begun and it is hoped that in 2012 more ideas will manifest as to what an affiliation will become. This is a huge step in the right direction. Thinking in a positive, creative, inclusive way will benefit all providers and that is what this new board is all about.

QRIS IS EXPANDING!

(Article received from Deborah Thurber Eastern Wa. Family Child Care Association)

High-quality child care helps children get ready for success in kindergarten and beyond. Yet child care quality varies considerably around Washington. The Washington Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) is the state's voluntary program for helping licensed child care providers offer high-quality care. For two years, child care providers in five communities around the state participated in the development of Washington's QRIS. An evaluation of the model showed promising results with one-on-one coaching and funding support, the quality of care increases quickly.

With Washington State receiving the Race to the Top Grant, QRIS will be expanding statewide. All licensed child care providers will soon be automatically enrolled in the QRIS system and assigned a level one rating. Programs will then voluntarily decide whether they want to participate further and attain higher ratings. To learn more about QRIS, visit the DEL website at : www.del.wa.gov/care/qris

WE GIVE BOOKS.ORG

This is a wonderful web site where children can go and read books for free on line. It is very kid friendly site to manage. What is great about this is children who do not have access to books can use this internet tool to read to their hearts content. Providers could read stories to the children from their laptop as well. These books are award winning books as well. They have 591,636 books to date and growing. There are lots of picture books, and some early readers. For every book that is read a book is donated to a charity that you select from the site's list of partners. Check it out and pass this info onto your families. When you can't get to the library, here is one way to bring it into your home.

WHY YOU SHOULD COME TO THE NEXT WSFCCA CONFERENCE!

by Linda Brehmer

For years I have been thinking that all Family Child Care Conferences are the same old, same old boring conferences, whether they are put on by Child Care Resources, WSFCCA or any other organization.

Over the last 10 years the membership attendance at the WSFCCA conferences has dropped and dropped. I have been a volunteer on a number of the committees to help create these conferences and have been frustrated by the lack of interest and attendance. I wondered why and what it was that was missing for me?

I began to think about what would inspire me at these conferences. After working long hours, dealing the clients, difficult children, and worrying about being compliant with all the regulations going to a conference was the last thing on my mind.

I wanted to de-stress, be entertained, have fun and laugh. For me, having to get ongoing education is a challenge because I am over qualified with 32 years of taking classes. I have taken so many trainings I wonder just how much one can learn about educating, nurturing, and the behavior management of 5 and under.

So I thought how could I contribute to help create a conference that I was excited about? I wanted to work on being a part of creating a conference that would bring in inspiring speakers, who would educate me and entertain me. I also needed to laugh and enjoy myself at the same time. We providers live daily with drama, stresses and challenges that we rise to every working day.

A new board has been formed in the WSFCCA that is open to change. They are interested in looking at a new way WSFCCA conferences are held. They want to build up the membership, and fix why providers are not rejoining and attending conferences. I wanted to work on giving my input to help towards these goals.

When was the last time you went to a one day conference where you sat in a beautiful theater, and were thoroughly entertained and inspired by a speaker who made you laugh and educated you at the same time?

The WSFCCA is going to create an annual one day conference that will be an enjoyable day out for providers. Our balloon raffle and spectacular silent auction will become an annual event you won't want to miss. Imagine loads of balloons with ticket numbers attached, buy one and go see what great prize you won! Vendors galore!

Lisa Murphy, "The Ooey Gooley Lady" is our inspirational speaker. She is really fun to watch in action and has a great sense of humor. You will come away feeling inspired and entertained. She will be at our May 19, 2012 Conference in Renton at the New Life Church. We are very excited about renting this amazing venue for our conference. It has a gorgeous set up for everything we need to have a great event.

Please join me and register for our conference. www.wsfcca.com Help support our first attempt at creating a new way conferences are help within the WSFCCA. You won't be disappointed!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CREATING A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT?

Learn how a child care can become ECO Friendly certified and create a child care setting that are as environmentally healthy as possible. At this website you can sign up to follow their check list and get on their list of providers that they will endorse for parents to see that you are ECO Friendly! www.cehn.org/ehcc

The program offers providers training and marketing via their website, newsletters etc. The materials can be downloaded for free and the checklist to comply is quite simple. Parents look for this kind of thing these days and adding this to your program is just one more thing that can make you attractive to potential clients and go above and beyond the vac requirements.



**North King County Family Child Care
Association Yearly Trainings Schedule
2011-2012**



All trainings, except for CPR are free to members!

Olympic View Community Church
(Corner of 95th and 5th, just south of Northgate Mall)
425 NE 95th Street, Seattle, Washington 98115



FREE TO MEMBERS&ASSISTANTS

FEBRUARY 2nd BOARD MEETING AT NANCY'S HOUSE, 7PM

MARCH 3rd MERIT/STARS TRAINING CLASS

APRIL 12th BOARD MEETING AT NANCY'S HOUSE, 7PM

MAY 5th MERIT/STARS TRAINING CLASS (Still working on tour of homes possibility)

JULY 12th BOARD MEETING AT NANCY'S HOUSE, 7PM

SEPTEMBER 8th MERIT/STARS TRAINING CLASS

OCTOBER 4th BOARD MEETING AT NANCY'S HOUSE, 7PM

HAPPY FRIENDSHIP DAY

ARTSY IDEAS

GLITTERING SNOWBALLS

What you Need:

Balloon
Yarn
Glue
Glitter

What You Do:

Blow up a small balloon for each child. Have them dip yarn pieces into a mixture of glue and water. Then have them put the yarn over the balloon. Have them do this until the balloon is mostly covered. Finally, pour glitter over the balloon and let dry. When it is dry you can pop the balloon and remove it. These are fabulous snowballs for a winter theme

DISPLAYING CHILDREN'S ART

Here are some suggestions for different ways to display children's art at home or at school. I have always felt it was important to display children's art.

- Display art in old picture frames.
- Screw metal clips on the wall to clip on art.
- Make a large paper tree. Tape art to the tree.
- Make a large paper seasonal shape from colored paper. Tape art to shape.
- Cover a large board with burlap, aluminum foil, wrapping paper. Add art.
- Cover a large cardboard box with colorful paper. Tape on art.
- Place art inside a large cardboard box, let child crawl in to observe.
- Hang art on a clothesline on a sunny day.
- Hang art on a tree branch on a sunny day.
- Hang art on doors.
- Take a photo of large art projects and tape them to refrigerator.
- Use magnet clips on your refrigerator to clip on art.
- Display transparent art on windows.
- Attach cork board strips to a wall and pin on art.
- Make a large burlap banner. Attach art with tape.
- Make an art book.
- Hang art on a fence outside. Have a sidewalk art gallery.
- Hang art on stairwell on down a hall way.
- Lay the art work on a kitchen table and cover the table with a clear plastic table cloth or piece of plastic.
- Cover art work with clear self-adhesive paper and use as placemats.
- Cover a display area with one of the following; disposable paper tablecloth, grass cloth, aluminum foil, nylon netting, bed sheet. Pin on art work.

HAND BUTTERFLIES

- Set out three colors of paint.
- Have your toddler paint one hand in multiple colors and make an impression of his hand on a sheet of white paper(fingers open).
- Have child wash off his hand, then paint the opposite hand with multiple colors and make an impression of his hand on the same or another sheet of white paper.
- When hand impressions are dry, cut them out and glue the two pictures on either side of a large craft stick (or piece of cardboard cut into a large cigar shape) to create a butterfly.



Meeting Place

Olympic View Community
Church
425 NE 95th St
Seattle, 98115

North King County Family Child Care Association has been a non-profit organization since 2002.

We are a professional non-profit organization dedicated to working with family child care providers. We are a multicultural association welcoming all and any ethnic group. Our purpose is to inform, support, mentor and educate our membership. The goal of our association is to help our membership create quality child cares, and to connect providers with the diverse agencies such as: DEL, CCR, STARS, C.A.R.E, Professional Development Consortium, Children's Alliance, and the Collaborative.

BENEFITS:

5 Newsletters per year
STARS Trainings
Bi-Monthly Meetings
Annual Conference
Annual CPR/HIV/First Aid
Annual Tour of Homes
Annual Fire Extinguisher Check
Access to Support and Mentoring by the Board and Committees

Membership Application Renewal

Please print and fill in ALL blanks including capacity & vacancies

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ZIP CODE _____ PHONE # _____

E-MAIL _____

STARS# _____

LICENSED CAPACITY _____ VACANCIES _____

ASSISTANT NAME _____

STARS # _____

ASSISTANT NAME _____

STARS # _____

FULL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 2 ASSISTANTS \$60.00

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NKCFCFA is a non-profit association therefore receives no money for placing these ads.
This is only a courtesy to our membership to share these services recommended by others.

Important Phone Numbers

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Web Resources:

Our website: nkcfcfa.org

Toy Hazard Recalls
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/category/toy.html>
Washington State Family Child Care Association (WSFCCA)
www.wsfcca.com
WAC's
apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=170-296
STARS
fortress.wa.gov/dshs/f2ws03esaapps/stars/
DEL (Department of Early Learning)
www.del.wa.gov
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No smoking signs
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