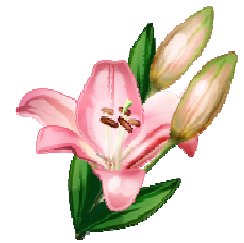




NEWSLETTER



Southern Crescent Association for
Professional Child Care
(SCAPCC)

April 2009

770-210-9119/ 404-388-5796

Editor, Takeisha N. Dixon

Spring into Action!

This is my favorite season it is a time of renewal and awakening. Make sure that you take advantage of all that this time has to offer. Mark your calendars now for **3.0 DECAL Approved Hours**. We will have Maria Abercrombie discuss "Child Sexual Abuse Awareness" on **Saturday, April 25th at 11:00am-2:00pm**. This **FREE training for SCAPCC members** will be held at the Lovejoy Library location **1721 McDonough Road, Hampton Georgia 30228**. We must receive your interest to attend by April 11. Once class is filled no more requests can be honored so contact me as soon as possible only 20 can attend. Below is the listing of providers expected to attend Saturday April enrolled for this training are as follows:

1. Donna Blackmon
2. Bettie Godoy
3. Jennifer Porter
4. Shari Smith
5. Lois Walker
6. Takeisha Dixon
7. Kelleyina Johnson
8. Lakisha Jackson
9. Angela Chisney
10. Cynthia Brazille
11. Jacqueline Barrington
12. Abiola Amokomowo
13. Cassandra Harris
14. Joyce Cunningham

BFTS on the move

Georgia's Bright from the Start (BFTS) is actively trying to change their image in the childcare industry. Our

Governor Sonny Purdue has placed many demands on the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) to mirror our neighboring states childcare regulations, namely Florida and the Carolinas. With that being stated I URGE you all to take advantage of all the scholarship opportunities to further your educations. If you are still planning to be in this field for awhile it would behoove you to complete your requirements Child Development Associates or Bachelors in Early Care and Learning.

New Requirements

It has been stated that these new rules only applies to new child care providers starting July 1st. However, my conversations suggest that we all need to up our game and be prepared that by 2011 it will be mandatory for all licensed child care providers to have formal education and more than 10 hours of specified training for us to be in compliance with the State of Georgia. We all need to get out of just doing the bare minimum. I truly feel that they are trying to "weed-out" those that are only babysitting and not providing exceptional childcare and educational prep for our kids entering pre-kindergarten, which is governed by DECAL. Please note that this statement is my own deduction and will not be confirmed by anyone at BFTS. There are (5) five training categories which we can now start using to be more selective in the courses we attended to get our hours:

1. Early Learning Standards
2. Communications
3. Leadership/Professional Development
4. Business Management
5. Advocacy for Parents & Kids

Also be very careful on taking online training it may not be accepted. All CPR & First Aid must be formal training with trainer and contact info listed for verification.

May Escape

BBQ Informational Meeting at Takeisha Dixon's house on Saturday, May 16th. This will be last meeting before we go on Summer break. Lois and I want to get your impute on Fall calendar and having our own Super Saturday Still a work in progress will confirm info in the May newsletter.

Yoga Training

Recently, I received an interesting communication from Lori Sugarman who is a Georgia Bright from the Start Trainer that has Fun With Yoga which is DECAL approved course. She was also featured in the Atlanta Journal Constitution in the Living Section on Sunday, March 8th. Need to get your feedback if you would like to have this on our calendar. You can get more info on www.infullblume.com

April is Autism Awareness Month



Happy Easter