



NEWSLETTER



Southern Crescent Association for
Professional Child Care
(SCAPCC)

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Welcome Back---Our Next Informational Meeting

will be on Saturday, August 29 from 12noon to 2pm. Feel free to bring a fellow childcare professional to this. We will have two guest speakers at this event; Theresa Burroughs & Gregory Evans whom will cover different ways to enhance your business for financial success and longevity. This will be held at the Lovejoy Library location **1721 McDonough Road, Hampton Georgia 30228.**

Please RSVP by August 24 to ensure that we have adequate materials and refreshments. See you there. Great information.

Trying Times have no preference to whom it affects and why. This economy has definitely been a drain to every industry. We are no exception and many providers have seen a significant decrease in enrollment and financial stability. Keep pushing!

The Planning Committee will meet via teleconference by August 17th. We are very grateful to the following members (Jacqueline Barrington, Jacqueline Headley, Wanda Boston and Lois Walker), who have generously agreed to assist in this venture. The planning committee will help with our Super Saturday and give ideas for our 2010 calendar.

SUPER SATURDAY

9/19/09 will be held in the activity building of Jonesboro First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. Our trainer will be Ms. Althea Penn. Ms. Penn will cover 6.0 DECAL approved training hours on "Reading is FUN-

damental" and "The Way Kids Learn". Current members will be able to get this training for only \$30; all others will be \$35. The registration and exhibit forms will be available at the August meeting and posted via email and on the website.

No limits to Inspections

Once our Family Childcare Facility is registered with the state, we are obligated to show our facility and documentation if requested. If we do not, we can be held as "Out-of-Compliance" and "Refusing Access" which can ultimately cancel our state registration. All providers can and are not limited to being visited by our **Bright From The Start (BFTS)** representative even if they have seen you already for the inspection year. **Food Program-** visits on a quarterly basis. Records of visits and copies of claims must be kept on file. **USDA officials-** our food program is funded by the government and they can come out to check meals being served. **Law Enforcement-** checks to see if the facility is still opened when they know of sexual predators moving in the area. **Fire Department-** checks to see if the home is in compliance/check if you have taken 5-hour Daycare Fire Safety, which must be renewed every 3 years.

BE Aware that every inspector will have a different routine. Many providers have stated that the BFTS personnel have gone through and opened cabinets during inspection as well as checked insurance documentation and Food Program

records. Some have requested changes in policy to reflect the new FDCH rules that went into effect on 2/1/09. Check to make sure your records and policies are in accordance with the records section (290-23-.08).

CPR Training Available

through our Lois Walker but she must have a minimum of 5 people to conduct training. Call her at (770) 473-4564. Do make sure you are cognizant of expiration dates and think ahead of time to get training completed. You do not want to be caught without having it.

We are on Facebook & Twitter now

so feel free to check out and share the news. This is another way of getting SCAPCC some attention without the expense. Feel free to Twit and Become a Fan ☺

MCG Info should have been mailed to all providers. It seems that the news got out too soon about the transition that they are in need of additional staff. I have enclosed and emailed that letter for your records.

Public Hearing in Macon

will focus on the changes for Family Childcare Centers. Due to the tremendous response of over 220 providers with lawyers, parents and congressman whom attended the 1st hearing, it seems many questions could not be addressed hence the need for a 2nd hearing which will be on a Saturday. As soon as I get a date of this hearing I will let you know.