

NEWSLETTER

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2009 make way for 2010 Mark Your Calendars

January 30th first meeting of 2010! This meeting will be at the Lovejoy Library 1721 McDonough Rd, Hampton, GA 30228 from 12noon – 2:00pm. I hope you all are doing well and ready for all that 2010 has to offer. I am excited optimistic that this year will be better and more profitable within our businesses and educational careers. We have much to discuss at this meeting which will be this Saturday, January 30th from 12noon at the Lovejoy Library location. Also, I have been made aware that some members may not be able to attend due to conflict with CDA class. **This year we are offering the Membership Fee partial payment option which will be \$20 due on January 30th and the remaining balance (\$20) must be paid by March 1st.** All members whom have paid the membership fee in full will receive their 2010 Certificate of Members.

Info To Know I have been speaking with other officials within our industry to get a handle of the proposed changes. Remember Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) in Early Childhood Care and Education satisfies the training requirement for a CDA assessment. That means you have another way to obtain CDA training and it is available at more than 30 Georgia Technical Colleges! The TCC also meets NAEYC standards as equivalent training/education to the CDA

credential. Plus, a TCC (as credit-bearing course work) stands alone as a valid academic credential in Georgia. TCC programs of study are available at any of Georgia's Technical Colleges.

Helpful Websites

See the following sites on the changes within our industry. Many of these documents are very large do save and review at your leisure.

Adoption of Rules Amended December'09
<http://www.dec.state.ga.us/documents/attachments/HearingOfficerReport120209.pdf>

<http://www.dec.state.ga.us/documents/attachments/OrderAdoptingAmendments120209.pdf> (109 pages)

Stimulus Money for Better Child Care

http://www.13wmaz.com/news/local_story.aspx?storyid=70485

First Program & Care Solution Courses
<http://www.caresolutions.com/content/page.cfm/183/>

Are you Ready?

Bright from the Start (BFTS) Nutrition Division will soon be visiting providers. The person whom will conduct visitations will ask to review your food program records. This person is not from the Child Care Licensing division of BFTS, so it will be someone you are not acquainted with. However, this person does have to show picture identification to you. Make sure you have thermometers in both your refrigerator and freezer. Retain copies of menus/attendance and enrollment for this current year and have at least three years of food program records on file.

New Policy please review the new requirements such as documenting thoroughly your policies and

procedures. Also, have documented in sleeping category that infants will be placed on backs per SIDs guidelines. Also, first aid kits must now have facial protective equipment, facemask and eye goggles.

High Tea Event On December 5th, I attended a High Tea Event in Gwinnett hosted by Georgia Family Child Care Association and sponsored by Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) showcasing "A Place of Our Own", it was a very nice event that I was able to speak with a variety of childcare professionals from BFTS, QCC and fellow childcare providers. You can view the "A Place of Our Own" / "Los Niños en su Casa" Monday through Friday on GPB 5:00am and 2:00pm

On November 14th we had our final meeting for the 2009 Calendar year. We have had a great year thus far and looking forward to another in 2010. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Allegra Jackson, M.Ed our Technical Assistance Coordinator from Medical College of Georgia our new Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. She was very informative and shared information on accreditation process and how she can work with providers to make their centers the best in the region.

First Program from Care Solutions. Thankfully we have a great relationship with Erica Goldthrop of Care Solutions. She conducted our Scholarship workshop in January 2009. We were able to get the scholarship applications to those at our November Meeting whom qualify. I have more folders if you would like to have one. It will be available at our scheduled meetings.