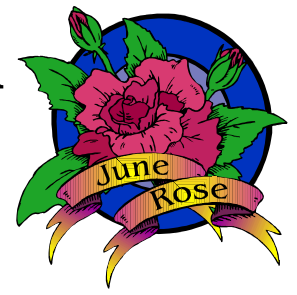


NEWSLETTER



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Fayette County Providers

At our May celebration two of our members disclosed concerns for their childcare business in Fayette County. Based on the letter they received from the Zoning department has issued ordinance that all providers are only allowed to have three (3) children for care even though BFTS registration allows for six (6) children. And they require our BFTS state license is required for more than two (2) children in Home Daycare, hence you will go through all of this just to be allowed to care for one more child!

Unfortunately, our BFTS registration does not supersede a county ruling. This decision/ ruling were made in April 16, 2009. No media attention has been given to this concern and the effect it has on business owner and families they support in there communities. There is no record, that I can find, listing the ordinance on this website

www.fayettecountyga.gov.

However, I received a copy of one that was issued to one of our members. Based on the letter it looks as though the main agenda was securing "home occupation revenue" via business license tax. Also, it is stated that providers were given only (14) days to be in compliance of new

requirements with county charging legal action against childcare provider. Make sure that you have yourself covered in that regard. Every county is low on funds and they are checking.

Care Courses

Care Solutions has a great and affordable program that you can complete at your own pace for certification and CEU's required to renew certificate, CDA renewal, National Administrator Credential (NAC) Renewal, Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) certification and renewal. All are national credentials offered by national associations. For more information see each agency's website.

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800-424-4310

CCP: www.nccanet.org
800-543-7161

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CDA versus CDS

Child Development Associate certificate program is designed to meet the training needs of persons already working in the field of early childhood care and education. Persons enrolling in this program must have completed a minimum of 480 hours of work in the field with young children. You can apply

for a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential from the Council for Early Childhood Recognition in Washington, D.C. You can purchase packet \$18+Shipping via 800-424-4310 www.cdacouncil.org

Child Development Specialist

The purpose of the Child Development Specialist certificate is to provide the necessary skills for entry-level employment as a Child Development Specialist. Skill areas include: planning a safe and healthy learning environment, steps to advancing children's physical and intellectual development, positive ways of supporting children's social and emotional development; strategies to establish productive relationships with families, strategies to manage an effective program operation, professionalism; observing and recording children's behavior, and principles of child growth and development. This certificate is not

Need A Substitute?

We have some members that due to the economic hardship are low on children for their childcare business. This is an opportunity to help one another. Since the public school year has ended many could use an assistant. This would be ideal for those

appointments or special events were you do not necessarily want to close for an entire day or week. We have two ladies that have applied for our SCAPCC Substitute Program their contact info are as follows:
Mutiah Amir 404-748-0186
Deborah Holmes 678-362-1082

Inspection Procedures

We are half-way through 2009 which begins our inspection season. As I stated in previous newsletters our inspections will be more timely and with new state inspectors. Currently, 4 of our members have had their visitation within the last 3 weeks. All were inspected by new providers. Most of the inspectors were accompanied with a trainee. Keep in mind that these inspections were very thorough, i.e. checking cubbies and diapers bags, expiration dates on first aid items including ointments and creams, tallying first aid kits items. Also, the inspectors were very observant of wall posters and documentations of childcare records to be posted on wall. Being that you will most likely be visited by someone new I just want you to be prepared. All four ladies were visited with a month of their registration anniversary. **Listed below are 15 required documents that must be posted in your facility as well as copies should be retained in your record folder.**

1. BFTS Registration
2. CPR & First Aid
3. Fire Safety Certification
4. Association Certification
5. Business License (current year with copy of previous years behind '09 form)

6. **Limits on #of Children** (this form I never saw before I have copies if you need)
7. Fire Drill (current year w/previous years behind '09 form)
8. Proof of Insurance/ No Liability Insurance form
9. Emergency Procedures
10. No Smoking
11. Building for the Future
12. Parents have the Right
13. Justice for All
14. Notice to Parents – Child Product Safety
15. CDA and/or other Child care professional certification.

Also, it will behoove everyone to have your client's renew enrollment forms annually. The inspectors will be looking to see if all records signatures for 2009. If you have infants in care you must also have clients update feeding form at least every 3 months until child reaches 12months. Finally, make sure you have the following documentation as part of your enrollment package:

1. Severe Weather Policy & Contract
2. Vehicle Emergency Medical Information
3. Illness Policy (You should have 3 medical forms in total)
4. Signed receipt of WIC application, Building for the Future, and Justice for all.

Rules & Regulations “Grandfathering”

Effective July 1, 2009 the new rules and regulations will be in placed for all new providers. It still has been stated that those requirements will filter down to those that are “grandfathered-in” in coming years. While we

have the benefit of time I employ all to take advantage of Care Course, Flint River Tech and Hope scholarship. The Hope grant will pay for technical college certificates and it can be awarded to your school within 4days.

Helpful Resources

Hope Scholarship and other grants www.gacollege411.org

Georgia Early Learning Standards (GELS) online booklet www.decal.ga.gov

Quality Care for Children Training Calendar www.qualitycareforchildren.org
877-722-2445

Bright from the Start Childcare Services- Main Menu Provider Resources password: CS8FDCH www.decal.ga.gov

Care Solutions and online courses www.carecourses.com

Flint River Technical online CDA and CDS courses www.flintrivertech.edu

Homes of Quality & NAFCC Accreditation

The era of Homes of Quality (HoA) Program through Bright from the Start's Bridgette Washington has come to a close. The last HoA orientation will be this month. The state has decided to let NAFCC national recognized accreditation to be more prevalent and accepted. Look out for more correspondence on this in the future.

Happy Father's Day to all the men in your lives

