

# NEWSLETTER

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## Mark Your Calendars

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** will be 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 plans to share information on accreditation and how she can work with providers to make their centers the best in the region. This meeting will be at the **Lovejoy Library 1721 McDonough Rd, Hampton, GA 30228** from 12noon – 2:00pm

**First Program** from Care Solutions. Thankfully we have a great relationship with Erica Goldthrop of Care Solutions. She conducted our Scholarship workshop in January. We were able to get the scholarship applications to those at our November Meeting whom qualify.

## Do not cheat yourself!

Even though the time looks bleak at best do make sure you are being compensated for the services you provide for your clients. Per the Georgia Department of Labor website the Federal

Minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. How many of us are really making that? Do check and make sure you do get PAID for what you do which is usually for a 60-hour work week. Use the breaks and re-evaluate your programs.

**Daily Checks** make sure you keep a log of your children that arrive at facility with physical bruises/ cuts/ scrapes. We know that these kids will get them from time-to-time but for liability issues it would be best that in the morning during drop-off that you do a visual inspection and ask parent of anything that catches your attention. If they are willing make them sign it did not occur at your facility. Protect yourselves because unfortunately some will take advantage and try to take legal action against you.

**New Chapter?** I received a very lovely email from a fellow childcare provider regarding starting a SCAPCC Chapter in Northwest Georgia. It is a concept that I feel needs your feedback and detailed consideration to legality and other items with the use of the name. I have will share a portion of this email with you, *"I would also be interested in forming a chapter of SCAPCC in the Northwest Georgia area. I*

*am sure it would be a great asset for child care providers in this area. If you could have an interest in pursuing a chapter of your organization in Cobb, Floyd, Bartow, Whitfield and Murray Counties, I would be grateful for any direction and guidance you would provide."* SCAPCC let me know how you feel about this and I will advise accordingly.

## Childcare Inspections

As stated previously you will be inspected at least twice by BFTS during your registration renewal year. It has been verified that if your center is lacking or was missing key items during your first visit you will be flagged to be checked again three will be non-compliance) visits to see if the requested changes were made. The third visit to facility without clear movement to making recommended changes could lead to citations. Also, make sure that you have adapted the policy changes that went into effect February. Therefore, all your clients must annually enroll into your facility and they must have a formal contract and policy stating explicitly your rules.

