

2008-2010 SCAPCC NEWS

June 2010 BFTS Rules and Regulation

information specifically for family child care providers which was condensed to 10 pages from the 100+ paged document previously disclosed. Check this link for details

Registration & HB1055 Info

Quoted from BFTS representative "Between Nov. 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010, providers will pay the registration fee and then be sent a new registration that will be valid beginning January 1, 2011. You will be receiving information regarding this and payment methods at a later time." House Bill- HB 1055 was passed which will require all childcare providers, family, group and centers to pay a registration fee annually on November 1, 2010; minimum fee is \$50 and increase based on facility capacity. Click here to see BFTS document

New Officers

SCAPCC Members have elected Jacqueline Headley to Vice President and Wanda Boston to Secretary during our May BBQ Informational. We are excited to have these ladies help move SCAPCC forward to "Striving to do More"

April 2010 HEARING ON RULES AMENDMENT

Per BFTS website the proposed amendments are being considered for adoption on a permanent basis. Interested parties may submit written comments to my attention by mail at the address on this letterhead, by e-mail to CCSRulesRevisions@dec.al.ga.gov or by FAX at 404-651-7184. Those who prefer to make verbal comments on the proposed rule changes may do so at a public hearing before a Hearing Officer. The public hearing will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Clayton State University, Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education, 2000 Clayton State Boulevard, Morrow, GA 30260 on Tuesday the 20th day of April 2010. Hearing Notice Letter

NEW POLICY IN EFFECT

It is not so new it has been in effect since February'09. Many are not aware of it until you get inspected. You must have a detailed contract and policy agreement with your parents outlining specific details addressed in the link below. Most of you should have the majority of this information already. BFTS prefers to have it in one document like a handbook. Also included in this link is the need to address "Back to Sleep" for infants per SIDs guidelines in the category for Naptime. The first aid kit now requires

protective equipment namely, facemask and eye goggles. [Click here for SCAPCC template & Updates on New Policies, Regulation and Required documentation \(zip file\)](#)

February 2010 BFTS Press Release

Georgia Department of Human Services partners with Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to launch a comprehensive quality improvement initiative for child care providers Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) has teamed up with Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (Bright from the Start) to offer a new, comprehensive quality improvement program to selected child care providers throughout the state. Using stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), DHS and Bright from the Start will provide a tailored package of inclusive technical assistance and support to providers. This will help ensure that every early care and learning program in the state is of the highest quality possible.

The joint initiative will begin in February and run through September 2011. It is designed to provide a year and a half of rigorous assistance to approximately 600 non-compliant child care programs receiving subsidies in Georgia. See more detail about this [click Document#1](#) and [Document#2](#)

January 2010 BFTS Press Release

Bright from the Start Warns of Phony Child Care Employment Ads Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is warning potential employees in early childhood education about phony child care advertisements. A business advertising itself as “Prodigy Daycare Center” has recently posted employment ads on Craig’s List. The agency that oversees the licensing and registration of child care centers and family day care homes in Georgia has received complaints from people who have been invited to an interview with “Prodigy.” However, they must submit a credit report prior to the interview. After conducting an investigation, Bright from the Start discovered there is no physical building at the location that Prodigy Daycare Center lists on its website. See the link below for more information on press release. [Click here](#)

First Program

First-time Incentive to Raise Standards for Teachers (FIRST) FIRST program provides financial support to eligible early childhood professionals who obtain their first credential. Bright from the Start is allocating funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide an incentive of \$1,200 to 3,400 eligible early care and education professionals who earn their first early care and education credential between September 1, 2009 and February 28, 2011. [FIRST Program Links Flyer Application Form CareSolution](#)

Technical College System of Georgia (TCGS)-Early Care & Education

Georgia Early Care and Education Professional Development System

July 2009- Industry in Transition

Well stating that 2009 has marked a season of changes for all childcare providers in our state would be an understatement. Below you will see the proposed rules changes as well as notice of public hearings to voice your comments about the new changes. Also, during this time we were informed that our regional Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R) Quality Care for Children will no longer cover our

area. The Medical College of Georgia (MCG) Department of Pediatrics will be the CCR&R for counties in the south metro area and beyond. This transition will not affect those that currently enrolled in QCC for their food program. BFTS Revised CCR&R regions Effective 7/1/2009

January 2009-Membership

SCAPCC has increase membership annual dues to \$40.00. This change was necessary to address trainings and networking opportunities for our members. We hope to do more for you with these funds such as increased DECAL approved training in a variety of topics. Also, check out link to proposed rules and regulations changes for family daycare providers from Bright from the Start.

October 2008 ~ DECAL Training

SCAPCC is partnering with Quality Care for Children (QCC) to offer State required Department of Early Care and Learning's (DECAL) Bright from the Start(BFTS) approved training at our scheduled meetings. With YOUR HELP we can continue to offer these trainings at a low rate for active members. The goal is to offer these trainings at local locations for all child care providers within the Henry, Clayton, Fayette, Griffin and Rockdale area, and to cover trainer expenses.

The proposed rate structure will be as followed:

<u>ACTIVE MEMBERS</u> (Membership fee paid)	<u>NON MEMBERS</u> (Visitors)
\$10.00 per 2-hours training	\$15.00 per 2-hour training

Also, we will have PayPal available for payments of training and membership fee. This is a convenience way to get payments posted without worrying about mailing checks/ money orders or missing registration deadlines. Funds will post right away to SCAPCC account and you will receive invoice for your records.

September 2008 ~ New Logo Selection

SCAPCC is in the voting process now of electing our first logo for our association developed by Deirdre Williams of DRW Marketing Concepts & Solution. The 4 selections were revealed at the September Rules & Regulations meeting. The election period will end on Friday October 10th. The top two elected logos will be retained by SCAPCC for future use. You can see the drafts on the "EVENTS" page of this website.

June 2008 SCAPCC Elections

Congratulations are given to Takeisha Dixon and Lois Walker whom you have elected as our new President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. We hope that you all will continue to support SCAPCC as we go through this transition. Also, we must express profound gratitude and appreciation to Elaine Allen & Marsha Seals for all their hard work and dedication in making SCAPCC what it is today. Thank You!

2008 Spring Survey

Thank you for your feedback from our survey. Based on those responses we will be doing the following recommendations on a trial basis:

- Getting a central meeting location
- Scheduled meeting day changed to 4th Saturday
- Providing child care services at meeting locations, for nominal fee, based on reservation requests
- At least 3 meetings a year dedicated to providing 2 ECE DECAL-approved training hours per meeting scheduled
- SCAPCC will now co-sponsor (15-25%) fee for approved DECAL training for paid members

To make these changes permanent we need you to support us by attending scheduled meetings and effectively replying to SCAPCC communications.