

NEWSLETTER

Southern Crescent Association for Professional Child Care

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April 24 Meeting on Inclusion Project

Please plan to be at our next meeting, Thursday April 24, at 7:30 pm at the home of Takeisha Dixon, 1643 Pinto Trail, Jonesboro 30236. Her phone number is 770/210-9119 if you need directions. Elaine will be leaving her house at 7pm if you'd like to ride with her.

Our guest speaker that evening will be Caroline Olok from Quality Care for Children. Caroline will be telling us about the Inclusion Project, which works with providers to identify those children in our care who need a little extra help. It's a great program and we hope you'll all be there!

Elections in June for New Officers

Our rebirth is well on its way, and Elaine is stepping down as president of the association at the end of May. With so many new, enthusiastic members, it's time for new leadership!

So plan to attend the special called meeting of Southern Crescent Association for Professional Child Care in June where we'll elect a new president, vice president,

secretary/treasurer, and any other officers that the members feel are necessary for our new focus. We'll let you know the date of this special meeting in the next newsletter.

As we move forward, there are many important issues we need to discuss – things like whether we want to become incorporated as a non-profit, which will allow us to receive grants and donations; and other more personal things like should we provide child care for our members at meetings.

So we hope you'll carefully consider how you might best serve the providers, parents and children in our area by becoming more involved in the association. We need each and every one of you to lend your hands as we move forward.

May 29 Meeting is an Evening of Relaxation

Once again, we're planning an evening of relaxation for our members at the home of Scarlet Tipton. Those who participated in the last one will be eager to attend, but we hope new members will be there too. Scarlet is a former family child care provider who is working as a nanny now, and she's building another business

offering natural and healthy body products. There'll be hand and foot massages, and maybe a few shoulder ones too if you really need to relax those tense muscles!

But because everyone who attends will receive a free goodie bag, we must have your reservation by May 15. So please plan to be there, and be sure to call Elaine at 770/477-6309 to reserve your spot. See you there! (No children please.)

Bright From the Start Monitors Are Out!

As we all know, Bright From the Start is supposed to visit each registered family child care provider every year. And they're out right now in Henry and Clayton Counties! At least one of our providers was visited this week, and of course it was on one of those days when everything went wrong.

So a word to the wise – be sure your paperwork is complete and up to date, be sure your first aid kit has everything in it that it's supposed to, be sure there's nothing in the cribs but a tight-fitting sheet. Even though many of the rules seem unnecessary, they are to ensure the safety of the children in our care.