

NEWSLETTER

Southern Crescent Association for Professional Child Care **SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION**

Questionnaire Attached – Please Respond ASAP

We are seriously concerned about the low attendance at our monthly meetings. We have nearly 20 paid members for 2008 but only have 4 or 5 members attend any meeting. Therefore we have developed a questionnaire to get your feedback.

We want to move this organization forward and we need your help to do that. Please be as truthful as possible. **A stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed so you can just drop it in the mail. Please return it no later than 6/30/08.** Thanks for your participation.

June 26 Special Meeting Cancelled

We had planned to have a special called meeting on June 26 to elect officers, but a number of members will be out of town that week, and so we have decided to hold the election by paper and e-mail ballot.

The way this will work is we will accept nominations on the attached questionnaire form. If there are no more nominations, the election for president will be decided based on your responses. If there are more nominations, we will send out e-mail and paper ballots so members can vote.

As we reorganize, 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.

Takeisha Dixon Accepts Nomination for Pres.

Takeisha Dixon, one of our active members living in Jonesboro, has accepted the nomination for president of Southern Crescent Association for Professional Child Care.

Since opening her family child care home in 2005, Takeisha has more than 72 credit hours of training as well as completing her requirements for the Bright From the Start Quality Improvement Grant for 2007-2009 and attending Orientation classes for the Homes of Quality project, which she will complete over the next year or so. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Clayton State University and has experience in preparing federal grants as well as semi-annual reports. Takeisha welcomes the opportunity to apply her business and educational experience to improving child care for parents and children in the South Metro area.

We Have a New Website!

Our association finally has a website that is currently under construction. The address is www.southerncrescentassoc.org if you'd like to check it out and offer comments. Takeisha Dixon is currently working on the website and would be happy to hear any suggestions you have. By the end of the summer, we hope to have it up with current information about our association and our members. This is one way the association can help providers in marketing their child care.

Southern Crescent Association for Professional Child Care Questionnaire

Please fill out and return this questionnaire in the enclosed stamped envelope no later than **June 30, 2008**. Thanks for your participation.

1. What do you like about our association?
2. What do you think we need to address or change?
3. What is the #1 reason you have difficulties making our monthly meetings?
4. Would you prefer a central location for our monthly meetings?
5. Would you prefer that some of the meetings be DECAL approved credits?
6. What topics would you like to see covered at monthly meetings?
7. Do you have other concerns?
8. Takeisha Dixon has accepted the nomination for president. Do you have any other nominations for president? For vice president, secretary/treasurer?
9. Do you support Takeisha's nomination?

COMMENTS: