



November/December Newsletter 2012



The Alliance for Better ChildCare

Fall is heading out and winter is right around the corner. Our November Re-Charge and Re-Energize Conference has come and gone with a lot of positive feedback. We hope you will incorporate what you learned into your classroom in the days ahead. Even if it is one or two things that stuck out at you, make sure to use them!! A big thank you to Panera who donated all of the pastries, bagels and bread for that day. Also, thank you to ChildsPlace for the donation of the space and all of the help from their staff. Next up for ABC is our evening presentation which is still in the works. We will let you know when that date, time and presenter are all set and ready to go. Until then check out page 2 for upcoming workshops in and around the seacoast and surrounding areas.

There is still time to send in your membership dues. We will take them all year long but it is best to get them in now to take advantage of ABC's offerings. Our next meeting is Tuesday January 8, 2013 at 9am at Panera Bread in Dover. We would love to have you there!

A teacher friend of mine uses the following as her motto and I am going to pass it along to you

"Make it a Great Day"!!

Tammy

*The Alliance for Better Child Care is now on Facebook. Check us out and we will make you a part of our on-line group. On Facebook we will send out reminders of upcoming workshops, conferences and happenings with ABC. Search for the Alliance for Better Child Care and ask to join and we will add you to our group.

*Presenters are needed for our Spring Conference on Friday April 12, 2013. If you or someone you know is interested in presenting please contact me. Our keynote for this year is Dan Hodgins who wrote *Boys: Changing the Classroom, Not the Child*.

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**"I NEVER DID A DAY'S WORK IN MY LIFE. IT WAS ALL FUN."
THOMAS A. EDISON**

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November 15, 2012 6:00pm-8:00pm Rochester Child Care Center Rochester, NH

Multiple Intelligences

Core Knowledge Area: Promoting Child Growth & Development Observing Documenting Assessing

Every child is Unique and so is the way they learn! Come learn the nine multiple intelligences and how you can use them with the children you care for. Bring your creativity and be prepared to create some wonderful curriculum plans that you can use in your program.

To register please call 603-994-3505

November 21, 2012 9:00am-12:30pm Rochester Child Care Center Rochester, NH

Professional Development and what does it mean for Licensing

Join us in welcoming the Chief of Child Care Licensing to discuss professional development rules and ideas on how you can meet the requirements.

Facilitator: Janet Skillin, CCR&R Coordinator, Strafford County, Early Childhood Master Professional, Master Teacher Level 2

Presenter: Denise Corvino, Chief of Child Care Licensing To register please call 994-3505

November 28, 2012 9:30am-11:30am Grappone Toyota Bow, NH

Center Directors' Group Meeting

Core Knowledge Area: Developing as a Professional

Presenter: Cindy Wallace Early Childhood Master Professional Workshop Trainer

What's all the fuss about Technical Assistance (TA)? Cindy will provide discussion and present an overview of Evocative Coaching. This is one technique designed to provide technical assistance and improve performance one conversation at a time.

To register, please email for a registration form at bowccrr@eastersealsnh.org.

November 28, 2012 All Aboard Preschool, Nottingham, NH

Observation, Documentation & Assessment Tells the Story

Core Knowledge Area: Observing, Documenting, and Assessing

Presenter: Amy Upton

A child's portfolio is the story of their development over a designated period of time. Creating a portfolio on each child is a meaningful way to make the learning, development and accomplished milestones of the child evident. Through observation, documentation and assessment we can make the learning that occurs visible. In this session, key points for observation, documentation and assessment will be shared. How to use portfolios as an assessment and evaluation tool will also be discussed. To register call Child Care Resource and Referral at 430-4923

December 4, 2012 Seedlings Early Learning Center, Epping, NH

Child Care Basics Parent-Provider Relationships: Developing relationships with Families

Core Knowledge Area: Building Families and Communities

Presenter: CarrieJaye Scott, CCR&R Coordinator

This workshop will examine ways to create an environment that is respectful and welcoming to the diversity of families, cultures, and experiences of all children in your care. Participants will be introduced to developmentally appropriate ways to celebrate holidays in your program, and creative ways to celebrate the diversity your program represents! BYO CHAIR or sit on the floor! To register call Child Care Resource and Referral at 430-4923

December 6, 2012 All Aboard Preschool, Nottingham, NH

Anti Bias Curriculum: Diversity in Your Program

Presenter: CarrieJaye Scott, CCR&R Coordinator

Core Knowledge Areas: Teaching & Learning

This workshop will explore communication skills that will help establish a successful partnership between parents and child care providers. Techniques for addressing sensitive issues and how to reach positive solutions will be discussed. To register please call Child Care Resource and Referral at 430-4923

December 11, 2012 Mast Way School Lee, NH

Rough and Tumble Play: Big Body Play that won't Drive you Bonkers

Presenter: Sarah & Johanna Booth-Miner

Core Knowledge Area: Promoting Child Growth & Development

Is rough and tumble play dangerous? How can we make it safe? Is it aggressive? Are children fighting when they rough and tumble? No! Do the benefits outweigh the drawbacks? Yes! Is there a place for rough and tumble play in quality programs for young children? Play in general is defined as an activity that is absorbing, in which children participate willingly and enthusiastically, one in which children practice behaviors that will be beneficial later in life, where children practice and use language, social skills, creativity, and one that is self-motivated and freely chosen. **Rough and tumble play includes each of these elements! ** The fee for this workshop is \$5. It can be paid the night of the training with cash or A check made out to: SNHS/RCA Child Care Services. To register please call Child Care Resource and Referral at 430.4923.**

December 12, 2012 Edgewood Early Learning Center Portsmouth, NH

Infant, Child CPR & AED and Pediatric & Basic First Aid

Two Year Certification through American Heart Association Meets Child Care Licensing Unit requirements for First Aid. Meets Child Care Licensing Unit requirements for CPR.

Presenter: Natalie Thomas, McGregor Memorial EMS

Cost: \$25 EACH, payable to McGregor Memorial EMS (If attending First Aid Only, please arrive By 8:00)
Please register @ <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/eventllr=z6yakgdab&oeidk=a07e6dgae2jd6450923>

December 13, 2012

Community Child Care Center Portsmouth, NH

Caring for Infants and Toddlers

Core Knowledge Area: Promoting Child Growth and Development

Presenters: Janet Skillin, ECMP Workshop Trainer & Carriejaye Scott CCR&R Coordinator This workshop will focus on the four components from the core knowledge area of Promoting Growth and Development in infants and toddlers; influences on development, children's learning and development, health and safety, and application of knowledge to practice. Attendees will also leave with ideas on D.A.P .curriculum for infants and toddlers.

To register please call Child Care Services at 430-4923

Talking Sticks

In Native American culture, talking sticks were used to designate the speaker in a large meeting. Only the person with the stick could speak while everyone else listened. When the speaker finished, he would pass the stick to someone else. Each person decorated his talking stick with materials that he felt had symbolic meaning. Native Americans also used talking sticks when storytelling and performing ceremonies. Kids can make their own talking sticks from paper towel rolls, tissue paper, feathers and craft supplies.

Show children how to tape the feathers to one of the inside rims of the paper towel roll so the feathers stick out of the bottom. While they're working, explain that to Native Americans, a bird feather symbolizes spirit and flight. Different tribes believe different bird feathers have various meanings. An eagle feather represents high ideals and truth. A turkey feather symbolizes peace, while the owl feather prevented people from getting deceived.

Help children wrap a long length of tissue paper around the paper towel roll until it covers it and tuck in the ends. Fill the paper towel roll with dry beans or rice and plug the two ends with crumpled balls of construction paper and tape the ends. Decorate the stick with shapes, pictures and words. Some talking sticks were filled with noisemakers so the speaker could shake it for emphasis while talking or storytelling.



*What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes



*Thought this would be a fun craft for kids!



Team-Building for Staff

Build an Igloo-At your December staff meeting, separate employees into teams of four or five. Provide each team with a foil-covered piece of cardboard, a bag of marshmallows, a canister of icing and toothpicks. Challenge the team members to see who can build the best igloo in 15 minutes. Take pictures to hang on the bulletin board, so employees can remember how much fun they had all winter long. Allow them to eat the edible portions of their igloos as the meeting progresses.

Employee Trivia Game-Prior to your holiday party or December staff meeting, have employees email you a list of trivia facts about themselves. Aim for facts that they don't think many of their coworkers would be able to guess. Employees can list interesting previous jobs they might have held, unique college experiences, places they've traveled, etc. As it's going to be part of a holiday celebration, at least one piece of trivia per employee should pertain to a holiday or a wintertime experience.