

Child Care Chronicle

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News from the Coordinator

Welcome to Winter and year 2014! Do you remember 14 years ago when the world was in a state of panic because all the computers were going to crash! How silly it all seems today.

Coming up this quarter, both county's providers committees had planned a Provider Social Event. Genesee County Child Care Coalition has planned the Provider Night Out in January. Orleans County Helping Hands planned The Great Grab and Go in March.

Both events have several purposes:

- ◆ For the providers to have a wonderful time
- ◆ Provide a forum for child care providers to

network with each other

- o Get ideas
- o Gripe & Complain
- o Laugh & Learn
- ◆ To earn money to pay for Provider Appreciation Night

Last year these committees held Appreciation Night with limited funds.

Orleans County had 70 dollars, and we should have canceled the event. But with the graciousness of three people who each donated \$100, we were able to pull it off.

A few Providers in both counties objected they did not have a full meal. But meals cost a lot of money; money we do not have.

Many CCR&Rs in NY State do no longer put on a Provider

Appreciation Night for the because it costs too much money.

Please attend these social events and allow us to plan this very important annual event that you all so richly deserve.

Now for a bit of personal news, I will be on Medical Leave beginning January 14 and ending three to six months later, depending on my condition.

CCR&R Staff and our Director Bonnie, will take wonderful care of you, your facility and your needs until I return. Take care, I will miss everyone one of you:(

*With Warmest Regards,
Lisa M Friesen
CCR&R Supervisor*

Kari's Korner

Baby It's Cold Outside! Ideas for Indoor Active Play During the Winter Months

Do you have children who seem to be bundles of energy all the time? This is normal for many children. The problems come when adults expect them

to sit and play quietly. It's hard to sit when the energy keeps flowing. Instead of fighting with children to play quietly, plan more active play to help them get out their energy. Taking children outside to run, jump and climb is great, but what if the weather isn't cooperating? Children can

safely have active time indoors, too. Try some of these ideas for active indoor play.



Kari's Korner (continued)



"I am NOT touching that animal. Yuck!"
Photo Courtesy of Wendy Scharlau's The Sunflower Patch

I appreciate my mom more than she knows.

Anonymous



"We all pet a cow!"
Photos Courtesy of Jen Hughes' Precious Gems

Active Indoor Play!



Recycle a cereal box and a ruler to make a cardboard "racquet" for hitting a balloon - active indoor play!

Obstacle Course

See what you have around the house to create an obstacle course. Think of things like crawling under a chair, jumping over blocks, walking on a board (that's placed flat on the floor), skipping around a trash can, bouncing a ball from one place to another, etc.

Jump, Jump, Jump

Tape some pieces of construction paper in a line, about 6 inches apart, on the floor. Show the children where to start and have them jump from one paper to the next.

There are lots of ways to do this jumping game:

- Instead of standing and jumping, have the children squat down and jump like frogs from lily pad to lily pad.
- Make a color pattern as you lay the paper on the

floor. Tell children to jump only on the red (or blue, purple, yellow, etc.) papers.

- Cut the construction paper into shapes. Have the children jump only on the circles or squares, diamonds, stars, rectangles, triangles, etc.

- Arrange the paper to make a hopscotch board and teach the children how to play.

- Have each child draw and cut out different sizes of "rain puddles" from blue construction paper or even use newspaper. Have the children stand by their puddle and ask them to follow the directions that you give. Tell them to walk around their puddle, jump over their puddle, stomp through, or tiptoe into each puddle.



Board Walk

Get a 2x4 wooden board and lay it flat on the floor. Show the children how to walk on the board and let them try it. Once they get used to walking, have them try walking heel to toe. Move onto other ways: sideways, backwards,

jumping off the board, jumping over the board, straddling the board. Let the children think of new ways to walk on the board. (You can also use several yard sticks or even masking tape to draw a line on the floor.)



I'm a Friendly Snowman
(Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a friendly snowman big and fat (stretch arms out at sides)

Here is my tummy and here is my hat (point to tummy and then top of head)

I'm a happy fellow, here's my nose

(Smile and then point to nose)

I'm all snow from my head to my toes

(point to head and then to toes)

I have two bright eyes so I can see (Point to eyes)

All the snow falling down on me (flutter fingers downward) When the weather's cold I'm strong and tall (stand up tall)

But when it's warm I get very small

(crouch down low) .

Welcome to the Infant Toddler Corner

Brought to you by the WNY Infant Toddler Resource Network

Shake out those Winter Blues

The winter and cold is upon us. Everyone is starting to feel sluggish and cabin fever is setting in, especially for those toddlers. Don't let the cold and snow keep you inside watching TV and dealing with antsy children. Get outside and enjoy the beautiful winter wonderland to the fullest. There is no such thing as bad weather, just those who dress poorly for the weather.

Make a list of all the fun outdoor winter activities you did as a child and get those toddlers outside and enjoy the fun. Need some help in remembering some of those activities; well here is a list to get you started:

- ◆ Make a snow angel
- ◆ Catch snowflakes on your tongue

- ◆ Build a snowman
- ◆ Go sledding



- ◆ Snow Paint - Mix food coloring and water and add to spray water bottles and spray the snow to



make colorful works of art outside.

- ◆ Make frozen banana popsicles - fresh bananas on a stick, decorated and frozen outside instead of in a freezer
- ◆ Dance in the snow

- ◆ Snow Golf - Use a tin can buried in the snow for the holes or just carve out holes in the snow.

- ◆ Make snow cakes & castles
- ◆ Build a snow fort

Enjoying the outdoors in the winter time is a great way to honor the fun the natural world has to offer, a great way to get some exercise & enjoy time with your toddlers, laughing and having fun.



"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be."

Douglas Adams,



"It is Lunch time"
Photo Courtesy of Sabrina Campbell
Lil' Angels

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Buffalo, NY 14216
1-866-281-4739 x 3065
www.wnyinfanttoddlersolutions.com



"We love our teacher!"
Photo Courtesy of Orleans YMCA



"This is a very big slide!"
Photo Courtesy of Carrie
Wies' Life's Little Stages

*"It does not do
to dwell on
dreams and
forget to live."
"*

J.K. Rowling,

*"This is a Very Big Slide,
too!*

Photos Courtesy of
Jen Hughes'



Lisa's Labyrinth

Band-Aid Tag

Game for School-agers

Preparation:

- ◆ Set aside area to play
- ◆ Pick area for Hospital
 - Use cones to mark the boundaries

Directions:

1. Children run skip, hop gallop around, depending on the teacher's directions
2. When a child is tagged, he or she places a hand on the spot that was tagged.
3. The child must keep a hand on that spot until she goes to the hospital.
4. If the child gets tagged a second time, a hand must be placed on the second spot.
5. Now the child has used up all the 'Band-Aids'.
6. If tagged a third time, the child must go to the "hospital" and do five jumping jacks to "get well" and rejoin the game.

Table Top Golf

Game for Preschoolers and school agers

Materials

- ◆ Small box (ours is a tea box)
- ◆ Small plastic tub (we used an empty cream cheese tub with a drinking straw, flag taped inside)
- ◆ Assorted hazards (a plastic lid full of salt for a sandtrap, a small pie tin with water for a pond, small potted plants for trees)

Preparations:



1. Place the tea box - the tee - at one end of the table
2. The plastic tub at the other end and strategically locate the hazards between them.
3. We outlined our hole with a rope boundary.

Directions:

1. Tee off by squeezing a quarter between your thumbs, setting your hands on the tea box, and flipping the quarter toward the cup
2. As with real golf, you want to get your "ball" in the tub in the fewest "strokes."
3. Players continue flipping from where the coins land, with the person farthest from the hole going first.
4. If your ball lands in a hazard, you get one penalty stroke (place your ball beside it).

Wall Football

Game for Preschoolers and young school agers

Materials:

- ◆ Poster board
- ◆ Brown card stock
- ◆ White opaque paint marker

- ◆ Poster tacks
- ◆ Blindfold

Preparation:

1. For the game pieces, first create a goal post from two-inch-wide strips of poster board.
2. The uprights and the crossbar are each 20 inches long, and the post is 6 inches tall.
3. Attached to the wall using poster tack.



4. For the footballs, cut 5-inch-long shapes out of brown card stock.
5. Use a white opaque paint marker to decorate and add players' names to the footballs.
6. Laminate or use contact paper
7. Put a blob of poster tack on the back of each one.

Directions:

1. Players line up about six feet away from the goal.
2. One at a time, each player is blindfolded, spun around three times by another person, and set loose to try to stick their football between the uprights.
3. No reaching out your empty hand to feel the wall.
4. Play several rounds with 3 points awarded for each field goal. Highest score wins.

Judy's Jamboree



Indoor Ideas for Children

Chocolate Cherry Mice

What you'll need:

- ◆ 24 maraschino cherries with stems
- ◆ Waxed paper
- ◆ 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ◆ 24 milk chocolate Hershey's Kisses, unwrapped
- ◆ 48 almond slices

FOR THE ICING:

- ◆ 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- ◆ Black paste food coloring
- ◆ Red food coloring
- ◆ Three plastic sandwich bags

HOW TO MAKE IT:

1. Drain the cherries and pat them dry with paper towels. Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper.
2. Place the chocolate

chips in a microwave-safe bowl and heat them until smooth, working in 15 second intervals, stirring between each.

3. Holding a cherry by its stem, dip it into the chocolate and swirl it around to completely cover the fruit. Set it on its side on the waxed paper and immediately press a Hershey's Kiss onto the cherry for the head. For the ears, gently wedge two almond slices between the Kiss and the cherry. Repeat to make 24 mice.

4. Make a thick icing by mixing 1 cup of confectioners' sugar with a teaspoon of water. If the mixture is too dry, stir in more water, a few drops at a time, until you have a thick, smooth icing. Divide the icing among three small bowls.

5. Tint one bowl of icing black and one pink. Spoon each of the three icings into a plastic bag and snip a tiny corner from each. Pipe white eye dots on the mice, then refrigerate them until set, about 10 minutes. Add black pupils and pink noses. Keep the mice in the fridge until you're ready to serve them or give them away.

Merry Mice

What You'll Need:

- ◆ Felt, Glue



- ◆ Scissors, Thread
- ◆ Walnut Shells
- ◆ Colored Markers

HOW TO MAKE IT:

1. To make each mouse, fold in half small felt circles for ears.
2. Glue together the lower portion of each ear, leaving the back open. Glue the ears, a felt tail, and whiskers of thread onto a shell half.
3. Last, use a colored marker to draw on eyes and a nose.

These holiday mice are raring to go. Just place a marble under their walnut shell bodies, (**If the kids are old enough to be around marbles**), set them on a smooth, inclined surface, and they'll race each other to the finish

This and other great ideas can be found at:

Spoonful.com



"And this is the biggest slide of all"

Photo Courtesy of Carrie Wies' Life's Little Gems

"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life."

Mark Twain

"We love the Painted Cow. Can we take it home with us?"

Photo Courtesy of Kolleen Zaffrann Child Care



TARYN'S THINGAMAJIGS

Snowmen Party Popper

During winter fill balloons with water and add food coloring, once frozen cut the balloons off & they look like giant marbles or Christmas decorations.



On the road again!!

Photo Courtesy of
Community Action
Head Start-Medina



Ingredients:

- Large chunk mozzarella cheese
- Pretzel sticks
- 2-3 tablespoons of a seedless fruit preserve
- Grapes (or other fruit) for hats

The How too..

Cut cheese into whatever size snowmen you would like. Layer chunks of cheese, largest to smallest on top of each other. Slice the grapes (or other fruit) in half for the hat. Place on top of cheese stack and insert a toothpick to hold together. Use a sandwich bag as a piping bag for the seedless fruit preserve and make a face on the cheese. Insert your pretzel sticks for arms and ... ENJOY!



"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."

Oscar Wilde

Clothespins everywhere

Have your kids "hide" the clothespins for each other (or you) to find. Or could hide them and then hope it takes them awhile to bring all of them to you. Just make sure to count how many were hidden beforehand



"We are best friends!"

Photo Courtesy of
Orleans YMCA



News from the Director

As we begin a new year I wish you all a year of good health and well-being! Certainly you need that in order to do the work you do with children! It's important to take care of yourself physically, mentally and spiritually. So, I encourage all of you to do that...force yourself to make time for your body, mind and spirit everyday- it is amazing how much doing these things will help you to be your best for the children you serve and also for your own families. Make a resolution to BE GOOD TO YOURSELF in 2014!!!!

Lisa's entry on the 1st page mentions that she will be out

of work for an extended period of time starting January 14. During that time the CCR&R staff (Judy, Taryn, Kari) and I will do everything we can to assure that Providers and Parents receive what they need. If you leave a message at either office your call will be returned as soon as possible. You may also contact me directly by email, bmalkie@caoginc.org or at my office (585)589-5683. Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance with a problem or challenge. I'll do my best to help resolve whatever would normally be handled by Lisa.

I am saddened to report that NY State did not receive the Early Learning Challenge Grant they had applied for. Many people at the state level were very surprised and upset by this news. The grant had included funding to implement QUALITY stars NY for most of the state that did not currently have the program. Unfortunately NYS will have to look for additional ways to make this quality rating system happen state wide. Meanwhile, at CCR&R we will continue to work with you to assure the children and families you serve have quality services! Thank you for all you do!



"We are in the Driver Seat!"

Photo Courtesy of Community Action Head Start - Medina

Keeping Food Safe

Winter is a time for sharing and giving thanks. As we pass dishes with friends and family it's important to keep in mind food safety. Properly serving and storing leftovers is an important step in preventing food-borne illnesses. Keep these tips in mind to keep food tasty and safe.

When Serving Food:

- ◆ Keep hot foods hot. 140° F or above.
- ◆ Keep cold foods cold. 40° F or below.
- ◆ Throw out anything

that's been at room temperature for 2 or more hours.

- ◆ Have serving spoons in each item- this stops foods from being "cross contaminated" or having the bacteria from one food spread to another.

When Storing Leftovers:

- ◆ Store leftover food immediately.
- ◆ Make sure refrigerators and freezers are at the proper temperature. Refrigerators should be be-

low 40°F and freezers should be kept at 0°F.

- ◆ Keep your refrigerator and freezer clean. Old spills or spoiled foods can cause bacteria to grow.
- ◆ Keep all food in containers or cover trays with tin foil or plastic wrap.
- ◆ Raw meats should be kept separate from other foods.

"It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not."

André Gide



"I Love slides!"

Photo Courtesy of Community Action Head Start - Medina

This Article Courtesy of:



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension



"I am practicing piano"

Photo Courtesy of Sabrina Campbell' Lil' Angels

"Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results."

Anonymous



"What are we looking at??"

Photo Courtesy of Wendy Scharlau's The Sunflower Patch

Winter Crafts

On the Fence

This is a craft for school agers



Materials

- ◆ Popsicle sticks
- ◆ Paint- Black and white
- ◆ Fabric
- ◆ Small pom poms
- ◆ Magnet
- ◆ Scissors

Directions

1. Lay out sticks
2. Paint white
3. Use your imagination and make snowmen.
4. Add magnets to back and place on refrigerator

Variation: For younger children, use large popsicle sticks and have precut pieces for them to use.

Snow Globe

This is a craft for pre-schoolers and school agers.



Materials:

- ◆ Small Paper Plate
- ◆ Construction Paper
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Paint
- ◆ Scissors

Directions

1. Paint Paper plate Blue
2. Cut out tree, snowman, snowman clothes, bird, snowflakes, bottom of snow globe
3. When paper plate is dry, glue on pieces.
4. Attach yarn or wire for hanging

Variation: Once pieces are glued on, brush on a thin layer of glue and sprinkle glitter over the snow globe.

Mittens on the Line

This is a craft for pre-schoolers and school agers.



Materials:

- ◆ Newsprint paper
- ◆ Red Construction Paper
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Hole punch
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Red ribbon
- ◆ Patterns for mitten and heart

Directions

1. Trace mitten pattern on newsprint, and heart on red construction paper
2. Cut pieces out
3. Punch holes around mitten
4. Glue heart on
5. String mittens together to make a class chain

Variation: For older children, mittens for each family member

Making Mealtime Fun

Get everyone involved!

- ◆ Give everyone a job to do before, during, and after the meal.
- ◆ Focus on each other.
- ◆ Turn off the TV, video games, and cell phones.

- ◆ Set a relaxing mood!
- ◆ Play soft music and decorate the table.
- ◆ Set ground rules. Choose rules that promote respect and to not be negative about any food.

- ◆ Make mealtime learning time. Talk about where different foods come from or discuss eating food of other traditions,

Article Courtesy of



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension

Top 10 Books for Older Children

Charlotte's Web is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur—and of Wilbur's dear friend Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider who lived with Wilbur in the barn.

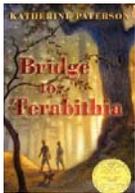


"We are going eat Jell-O at the Gallery!"
Photo Courtesy of Kolleen Zaffrann Child Care



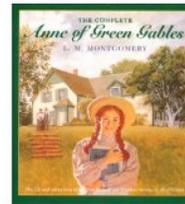
A Wrinkle in Time A pair of misfit siblings travel across time and space to save their father from enslavement in this classic children's novel by **Madeleine L'Engle**. #1 in series: An Acceptable Time, Many Waters, A Swiftly Tilting Planet, Wind in the Door.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, written by **J. K. Rowling** Harry Potter has no idea how famous he is. That's because he's being raised by his miserable aunt and uncle who are terrified Harry will learn that he's really a wizard, just as his parents were. Harry leaves to Hogwarts School of Wizardry where the magic begins.



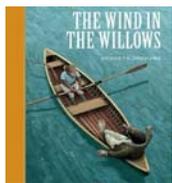
A Bridge to Terabithia, written by **Katherine Peterson**. A friendship between Jess and Leslie grows as Jess guides the city girl through the pitfalls of life in their small, rural town, and Leslie draws him into the world of imaginations world of magic and ceremony called Terabithia. Great, but sad movie, please preview.

Anne of Green Gables, written by **L. M. Montgomery** this classic novel follows the adventures of the spirited redhead Anne Shirley, who come to stay at Green Gables and wins the hearts of everyone she meets.



"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

Robert Frost



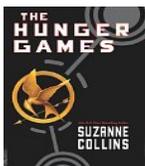
The Wind in the Willows, written by **Kenneth Grahame**: Since its beginnings as a series of stories told to Kenneth Grahame's young son, The Wind in the Willows has become one of the best-loved children's books ever. Toad, Rat, Mole, and Badger will always find yet another new audience with its stories.

Tuck Everlasting, written by **Natalie Babbitt**: Doomed to—or blessed with—eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can.



"I Love to slide in the snow."

Photo Courtesy of Carrie Wies Life's Little Stages



The Hunger Games written by **Suzanne Collins**. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV



The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe written by **C. S. Lewis**, Narnia...the land beyond the wardrobe, the secret country known only to Peter, Susan, Edmund, an Lucy...the place where the adventure begins.



Hatchet, written by **Gary Paulsen** Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered windbreaker and a hatchet. *Next Newsletter: The Top Ten Books for Toddlers*



Sabrina & her Angels

Photo Courtesy by
Sabrina Campbell's
Lil' Angels

*You've gotta dance like
there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be
hurt,
Sing like there's nobody
listening,
And live like it's heaven
on earth."*
William W. Purkey

Sesame Street Wants You To Move!

Hopping along the sidewalk, pretending to move like a butterfly, or dancing to music – the children in your care have days that are filled with fun and active movements just like these!



From birth, children explore and learn new ways to move their bodies. These early skills are the building blocks for doing more complex movements. Regular physical activity benefits children in all kinds of ways.

It builds strong bones and

muscles, improves social and emotional skills, and supports their ability to learn new concepts. Moving together also boosts children's self-confidence and makes everyone feel good – including you! The ideas in this resource, developed for children ages 2 to 5, will provide you with fun ways to boost children's activity during your everyday routines.

Here's what you'll find:

- ◆ Physical activities that require minimal time and equipment;
- ◆ Activities for both large and small spaces and groups;
- ◆ Fun and easy ways to add more active play

into everyday routines; and

- ◆ Ways to link movement to different curriculum areas.

Whatever activities you choose, have fun together! Let children see you jumping, dancing, and being silly. The more they see



you moving, the more they will

want to join in.

These moments will help lay the foundation for an active and healthy lifestyle.

Next Newsletter- A B C Stretch

OCFS Training Topics

1. Principles of Early Childhood Development
2. Nutrition & Health Needs of Infants & Children
3. Child Day Care Program Development
4. Safety & Security Procedures
5. Business Record Maintenance & Management
6. Child Abuse & Maltreatment Identification & Prevention
7. Statutes & Regulations Pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment
8. Statutes & Regulations Pertaining to Child Day Care
9. Identification & Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome

SUNY Video Conferences

The SUNY videoconferences for the year 2013, have ended, when I receive news of the upcoming Season I will let you know.

Genesee County Location:
Genesee ARC Community Center, 38 Woodrow Rd. Batavia

Orleans County Location:
CCR&R 113 East State Street, Albion NY

To find out about the 2013 SUNY Video Conferences, please contact SUNY:

Online: www.tsg.suny.edu

Fax: 1-518-472-5999

Mail: SUNY Training Strategies Group
State University Plaza
Albany, NY 12246

Before attending a SUNY Video Conference, please watch **R News** (Channels 9 or 14), **Buffalo News** (Channel 7) or listen to **WBTA** for cancellations!

Winter Training Schedule

Fees: \$5- 0-3 hours;
 \$10- 3.5 to 10 hours (snack provided);
 \$20- (prepaid, meal provided)
 Times: 6:30- 8:30 (unless otherwise specified)
 Locations: (A) =113 East State Street, Albion
 (B)= 5073 Clinton St Rd, Batavia

Baby It's Cold Outside! Themes and Activities for Celebrating the Winter Season (3) January 23 (B), January 16 (A)

Join us for an workshop in which wintertime ideas will be shared for you to incorporate into your program. Themes will include Snowmen, Penguins, and Mittens!

Child Abuse and Maltreatment Including SBS (6, 8, 9) January 21 (A), January 27 (B)

This is a refresher course on Child Abuse/Maltreatment and SBS. Topics will include definitions and indicators of child abuse and maltreatment, reasonable cause to suspect, and what you need to do if you suspect a child in your care is being abused. We will also discuss Shaken Baby Syndrome, including the reasons why a child may be shaken, the devastating effects of SBS, and what you can do to advocate for prevention of SBS in our community.

The Childhood Obesity Epidemic (1, 4, 7) February 4 (A), February 10 (B)

One out of five children in the US is overweight and the number continues to grow. This workshop will explore the risks for children that are overweight. We will examine lifestyles that put children at risk and what parents and caregivers can do to reduce that risk for children. We will also take a look at the NYS OCFS regulations pertaining to childhood nutrition.

From Preschool to Kindergarten, School Readiness: Language and Literacy (1, 3) February 18 (A), February 24 (B)

Based on NYS Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core, participants will learn how to effectively and appropriately foster preschooler's language and early literacy development for school readiness. Topics for discussion will include phonological awareness, letter knowledge and concepts of print, early writing, and receptive & expressive language development.

OCFS Regulation Changes: Out with the Old, In with the New! (5, 7) March 4 (A), March 10 (B)

Have questions and concerns about the new OCFS Regulations to go into effect? You're not alone! We will discuss the NYS OCFS regulation changes so you'll be more confident and comfortable with the changes to ensure your program will be in compliance!

15 Hour NYS Health and Safety Training for New Family and Group Family Providers March 24, 25, 26

4:00-9:00
 Batavia CCR&R



"We are playing hide and seek!"

*Photo Courtesy of
 Community Action
 Head Start- Media*

*You only live once,
 but I
 f you do it right,
 once is enough."*

Mae West

*****IMPORTANT*****

*****INFORMATION*****

Submitting Your **EIP**
 Application:

If your course starts between
January 1 and June 30,
 You must submit you applica-
 tion *no later than June 1st*

If your courses start between
July 1 and December 31,
 you must submit your
 application between
May 15th and December 1st
 of that year!

Applications received before or
 after these dates will be re-
 turned!

**However, the sooner the
 applications are submitted, the
 better the chances of receiving
 the scholarship!!!!**



"Santa got stuck up the chimney!"

Photo Courtesy of
P. Raising Kids
Child Care Center

My true friends are those who are there for me, not just to cheer me up, but to cheer me on.

Anonymous



"Look what we made!"

Photo Courtesy of
Robin Gangarossa

A Message from Dept. of Health

Previously Community Partners was Orleans County's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program contact for the day care centers along with the Orleans County Public Health Department. Orleans County Health Department's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program will now be the only county contact for the Orleans County Child Care providers and Genesee County Health Department is the contact for Genesee County Child Care providers. The New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) pamphlet "**What Child Care Providers Need to Know About Lead**" plus the supporting lead poisoning prevention information required to give to parents when their child does not have the appropriate lead screenings will now be provided from the health department. Please call your local health department's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program if you need any referenced materials.

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ITRN Importance of Play Training

The Importance of Play

February 12; 6:30 to 9pm Batavia

March 12, 6:30 to 9pm Albion at the Hoag Library

Play is essential to early learning. When children are actively involved in play, they are developing skills that will last a lifetime. Come discuss ways to keep play alive for the infants and toddlers in your child care program.

OCFS Topics:

Principles of childhood development, including the appropriate supervision of children, meeting the needs of children enrolled in the program with physical or emotional challenges and behavior management and discipline

Child day care program development

Statutes and regulations pertaining to child day care

Need Help at Your Facility?

Do you have a screaming child, a disgruntled parent, or a curriculum that just isn't working for you.

This is just a sample of problems that you may face at your child care facility. Call CCR&R and Lisa, Kari or Taryn will come to your site, observe, assess and plan with you a course of action.

This action may include multiple observations, trainings, assessments, a quality improvement plan or other on-site technical support to solve your issue (s). Most Important, to get you where you want to be! CCR&R staff will be respectful, courteous and efficient.



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Community Action of Orleans & Genesee operates a multi-purpose human service agency. Community Action brings together local citizens, including low-income persons, to provide their community with a voice regarding the opportunities that will best help all of their members to be self-sufficient, productive and to contribute to community life. We work in collaboration with a number of human service agencies to provide our community and its residents with programs that help local citizens become self sufficient.



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Child Care Resource & Referral is dedicated to enrich child care providers, parents and our communities with the knowledge on characteristics that distinguish quality child care.

Recalls from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Division

The following items have been recalled by the US Consumer Product Safety Division:

- ◆ Snoopy Sno-Cone Machines Recalled by LaRose Industries Due to Risk of Mouth Injury
- ◆ Breathable Baby Recalls Wearable Blanket Due to Choking Hazard
- ◆ Target Recalls Children's Sitting Stools Due to Fall Hazard
- ◆ Infinitoy Recalls Softimals Toy Sets Due to Choking and Aspiration Hazard
- ◆ Toys R Us Recalls Journey Girl Travel Trunks Due to Laceration Hazard
- ◆ Trail Crest Recalls Children's Hooded Sweatshirts Due to Strangulation Hazard
 - All Sweatshirts that have ties are dangerous. **If you see a child with this shirt on, take it off!**
- ◆ Step2 Recalls Ride-On Wagon Toys Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Toys R Us
- ◆ Dream On Me Recalls Cradle Gliders Due to Infant Fall Hazard
- ◆ Recalled Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard
 - Children's Pajamas by Baby cottons
 - L.L. Bean Girl's Pajamas
 - The Children's Place Footed Pajamas



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For more information on recalls go the website:

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