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Welcome To Our New President

Marg Peterson

I am honored to be the new President of the ALFCCA. It is such an exciting and challenging time for childcare in Alabama.

As childcare professionals, we have unique opportunities to enhance the future through our upcoming generations. It is up to us as professionals to ensure quality care and guidance for the children entrusted to our care.

“How can we do this?” you might ask. The answer is: “through communication”.

One of the goals I have set for myself, and my board members, is to be available to the childcare providers of Alabama. My desire is to have open frequent, communication with all who want to reach us with questions, comments, suggestions, as well as experiences. ALFCCA is here as a support to you, the childcare provider. **YOU** are important to me.

Let me assure you that ALFCCA is dedicated to helping childcare providers and parents of Alabama in their need for **Quality** care.

An excellent source for achieving quality care for children is the Family Child Care Partnership childcare provider mentor program through Auburn University. I know, first hand, the program offered through Auburn is an excellent tool to gain confidence in yourself as well as training you to provide quality educational and encouraging care for your children. It is an incredibly satisfying journey to become a Nationally Accredited Provider. I took that journey and am proud that I did!

Please feel free to contact me by phone at 256-784-6262 or e-mail at NanaP2three@yahoo.com

Looking forward with enthusiasm.

Marg Peterson

The longer detailed ALFCCA Newsletter may be send online at www.humsci.auburn.edu/fccp



Amy Waine: Reflects On Her Years As President of the Alabama Family Childcare Association.

It's hard to believe that six years as your President is over. I can still remember the excitement and sense of pride I had at the opportunity I was being given to serve my profession. The goals and objectives for the association during the past six years have been embraced and achieved. Our goal was to a resource for parents, advocates and providers to utilize. The goal has been achieved through an online website that allows parents ad advocates access to provider information throughout the state. Parents will be seeking childcare information and resources through our website. The website should be operational by the end of 2009. More information will be coming about the website address in our newsletter.

Family child care is a foundation for the future. Family child care offers children strong personal relationships that build trust- which is essential for school readiness and success as an adult. Family child care requires a real commitment to quality and then working it out every day. I encourage child care providers to seek out new professional development opportunities that allow you to grow individually. I have seen incredible growth that has already begun in ALFCCA. My vision is that ALFCCA will continue to grow strength and size to be able to offer support and respect through:

- Promotion of ALFCCA as a quality association for family child care providers, parents and advocates to join and support.
- Serving as an online information source for family child care providers, parents and advocates throughout the state.
- Providing educational training for family child care providers through workshops and online information.
- Building relationships with advocates that will raise public awareness of the importance of the early years in children and families.
- It is my belief that the strength of a leader is judged by the strength of the leaders that are left behind in office. I am proud to have served with **ALL** the ALFCCA officers over the past six years. It will be an honor to serve on the ALFCCA Advisory Board in the future. I will also continue to volunteer my time at family child care conference and meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Amy Waine, Past President ALFCCA

ALFCCA

NEW MEMBERS:

CLAIRE PHILADELPHIA- MADISON COUNTY
KAREN CLARKE DANIELS- MADISON COUNTY
JOHNNIE DOWELL- LEE COUNTY
REBECCA MITCHELL- COOSA COUNTY
JAN COLEMAN- MOBILE COUNTY
ERICA KING- MOBILE COUNTY
MINNIE ALLEN- LEE COUNTY
DORIS GIBSON- COVINGTON COUNTY
MARY MOORE- PIKE COUNTY
REBECCA DUKAS- RANDOLPH COUNTY
BELINDA WHITE- MADISON COUNTY
BARBARA MORRIS- LEE COUNTY
JEANIE MCWILLIAMS- LIMESTONE COUNTY
KAREN STEWART - MORGAN COUNTY

RENEWED MEMBERS:

MANUELA JENKINS- MONTGOMERY COUNTY
JEANNIE BROCK- SHELBY COUNTY
PATRICIA UPTON- JEFFERSON COUNTY
SHIRLEY REYNOLDS- MOBILE COUNTY
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GERALDINE MORRIS- MOBILE COUNTY
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APREDEE HARRIS- LEE COUNTY
LINDA SANDLIN- MADISON COUNTY
TEUMBAY BARNES- MONTGOMERY COUNTY
YOLANDA BAKER- MORGAN COUNTY

Membership 79 members

Thank you to all new and renewed members for your support!



PROVIDER TIPS:

Cool, Clean Crisper

Line your refrigerator crisper drawer with an old cloth place mat. It fits easily, and when it gets dirty, simply put in a fresh one and wash the dirty one.

Highchair Car Wash

Clean sticky highchairs and booster seats in your shower. Run hot water over them for five minutes, and then turn them upside down for another five minutes. Even crusty gunk wipes right off.

Lay Away

An old changing table tucked into a closet makes a great place to store toys, books, and games. It also makes a great art center that you can roll to your craft area when needed.

Tips From Tina By Tina Koch and Mary –Lane Kamberg

PROVIDER WEBSITES:

www.acainc.org - ACA Childcare Insurance

www.ctw.org- Sesame Street Central

www.childfun.com

www.theeducationcenter.com - Mailbox Magazine

www.funsteps.com- Curriculum Materials

Advertising Tips – Modigliani, Reiff, and Jones

1. Have an attractive business card.
2. Ask parents to give cards or fliers to their friends or co-workers.
3. Go to the elementary schools nearby, introduce yourself to the staff and give them some cards and fliers to hand out.
4. Go to businesses nearby and leave your cards and fliers.



5. Keep your home uncluttered, clean, safe, bright, and appealing to the child.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Montgomery Home Child Care Association:

Ms. Lillie Hood President of the HCCA says they are dealing with new health and safety rules in their area. Hopefully they will keep us abreast of the developments. They also will be having a clothes swap soon.

DeKalb County Home Childcare Association:

Contact: Brenda Blansit

Johnnie Clardy a long-time childcare provider passed away recently. She will be missed by all whom had the pleasure to work with her. Low-enrollments are still affecting many providers in this area. CRN Educational Director Judy Davidson is providing the providers of this area with excellent training opportunities.

Madison County Home Child Care Association:

Earlene Mitchell, President

Wow, we have had a busy few months! First we had the wonderful CER childcare Conference in Huntsville Alabama. The workshop was outstanding, as well as the Friday night gathering. It's pretty funny to have a cow at a childcare conference, but there was one running all around, they said his name was Richard! The Executive Director of Childcare Educational Resources. A very cute skit was done by the CER staff and was written by Susan Dole Robinson Childcare trainer at CER. Then we were treated by FCCP, HCCA and CER to three wonderful Provider Appreciation events. It is wonderful to have such devoted organizations that make providers feel important and needed. Thanks to all of you!!!

Then the FCCP conference down in Auburn, which was awesome!! We all had such a great time, several of our providers received grants from Auburn as well as from the Madison County HCCA to attend.

Jackson County:

Robin Taylor

The Jackson County HCCA meet quarterly. They have 5 hours meetings each quarter and have guest speakers such as DHR and Helping Hands of North Alabama. The next meeting will September 26th at the Highlands medical Educational Building starting at 8:00 PM.

Covington County:

Florence Weaver

The Covington County providers will celebrate the Week of the Child by having DHR come and talk with the providers on standards and childcare issues.

Lee County:

Margaret Jackson

The Lee County HCCA will hold its monthly meeting at Vicki Anderson's House September 8th at 6:30. The Topic will be Encouraging Positive Discipline In Childcare. Training credits will be offered under Positive Guidance.

Limestone County:

This fall, Family Childcare Providers in Limestone County will have the opportunity to go "Trekkin' Round Tennessee". In October, they will visit several Family Child Care homes in Southern Tennessee. Daphne Cole, Executive Director of the Tennessee Family Child Care Alliance and FAFCC officer will join them for lunch at Miss Bobo's. They'll end up at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

Morgan County:

Marg Peterson

Marg Peterson, President of the Morgan County HCCA and new President of the Alabama Family Child Care Association has reported one new licensed provider she is Gloria Elliot of Decatur. Yolanda Baker is still working towards her licensing.

Shelby County:

Tammy Lipham

The Shelby County HCCA is thinking of holding several Mini Marathons this coming year instead of monthly meetings. They would also like to remind all Family Child Care homes to be on guard this year for signs of the H1N1 Flu virus in their daycare environments. Printed materials can be found on websites for handing out to your parents.

The people whom I have seen succeed in life have always been cheerful, and hopeful people who went about their business with a smile on their faces.

Charles Kingsley

ALFCCA PROVIDER ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

This quarters ALFCCA Achievement Recognition goes to Ms. Lillie Hood. Lillie is a family childcare provider from Montgomery Alabama. She has provided childcare to families and their children for over twenty plus years. She cares for 6 children from 6:30 AM till 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. In her child care environment she has also cared for special needs children, and has provided a workshop on Caring for Special Needs Children at The Family Guidance Center in Montgomery.

Lillie was born in Ramer Alabama, which is about 30 miles outside of Montgomery. She was 1 of 12 children in her family. As a child she enjoyed most activities that all children love, number one playing in the dirt (And eating it at times!) I myself been there and done that! She loved climbing trees and just being outside.

I asked Lillie how she came to choose childcare as a career. She said "She had lost her job, and next thing she knew she was asked to help out caring for someone's child then another and so on". Someone mentioned to her she should just become licensed and do it as a regular job and that is what she did. Lillie said the best part about being a childcare professional is " Watching the children grow and learn. She had just recently seen a former daycare child off to Stillman College.

Lillie has been an inspiration to all you have had the opportunity to work with her through the years. She has served as President of the Montgomery Home Child Care Association for several terms. A member of FOCAL, The Federation of Child Care Centers of Alabama and served on the FOCAL Board. She served as membership Chairperson for ALFCCA and is a member of the newly formed Alabama Childcare Alliance. She has worked tirelessly with DHR on developing an infant/ toddler curriculum.

ALFCCA congratulates Lillie on all her efforts on behalf of family childcare in this state, and thank her for making a difference in the lives and families of Alabama.

CONGRATULATIONS LILLIE!



Rolling Out the Red Carpet for a # 1 Childcare Professional!

FALL/ WINTER PROVIDER ACTIVITIES:



Red, Ripe Apples:

Red is a sure sign that an apple is ripe and fall is coming. But, do all red apples taste the same? Invite your children to discover the answer to this question. To do this activity gather several different types of red apples. (Red Delicious, McIntosh and Rome. Set aside one of each type for the children to look at. Slice the remaining apples for tasting.

Have the children examine the apples. Point out that all the apples are the color of red. Ask them if they think the apples will taste the same. Then have them taste the different apples. Your children may be surprised to discover that the apples taste different!

Observing, comparing, classifying, communicating.

Apple Painting:

Cut an apple and let the children dip it in reds, yellows and greens for a beautiful fall art project.

Fine motor skills, observing, color recognition, communication

Books:

How to make Apple Pie and See the World By: Marjorie Priceman

What's So Terrible About Swallowing An Apple Seed. By: Harriett Lerner and Susan Goldhor

Song:

Tune: I'm a Little Teapot
I'm a little apple, short and round,
I make a munchy, crunchy sound,
If you bite into me you will see-
I'm delicious as can be!



OCTOBER:

Monster Eyes:

Big monster eyes are the best part of being a monster. Create a set of monster-eye manipulative by painting different- color irises on Ping-Pong balls. When the Paint is dry, have the children sort the eyes by color into a clean egg carton.

Classifying, sorting, counting, fine-motor

Finger-play:

Ghost so scary.
Ghost so white
Don't scare (Child's name) Shout it out.
On Halloween night.

My children love this and want to do it over and over.

Joanne McCloskey

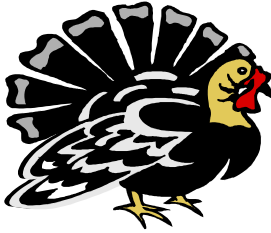
Books:

Ten Timid Ghost- a counting book

By: Jennifer O'Connell

Pumpkin Soup

By: Helen Cooper

**NOVEMBER:****Sensory Center:****Turkeys in the Straw**

Let's go on a turkey hunt. Start collecting an assortment of small turkey figures such as cupcake decorations, candles, magnets or erasers. Fill your sand table with crinkle yellow and brown strips or gift bag wrap. Hide the turkeys in the filler and let the children start hunting!

To incorporate math skills, give each child a numeral card and have them find the corresponding number of turkeys. For more fun give 2 children 1 minute to see how many turkeys they can find. Graft the results of the hunt.

Books:

Thanksgiving Is For Giving Thanks

By: Margaret Sutherland

10 Fat Turkeys

By: Tony Johnston

Songs:

Tune: I'm A Little Teapot
I'm a little scarecrow
Stuffed with hay.
Here I stand in a field all day.
When I see the crows'
I like to shout,
"Hey! You crows, you better watch out!"



DECEMBER:

Group Activity:

What's Missing?

Whether you're celebrating Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, or Christmas, this circle-time activity fits the bill! In advance, gather several small items related to your holiday of choice. For example, use a dreidel, a box wrapped in Hanukkah paper, a card, and a tree decoration. Show the items to the children then place inside a box. Next, remove one of the items from the box. Can your little ones identify which one is missing?

Songs:

Tune: "Are You Sleeping"

Santa Claus, Santa Claus
Ho, ho, ho.
Where is Santa?
Where is Santa?
I don't know.
Do you know?

Reindeer Pokey.

Gather the children and change up the hokey pokey by changing the words to the parts of a reindeer.

Put your antlers in.

Put your right hoof in.

Put your red nose in.

Put your fluffy white tail in.

Put your whole reindeer body in.

- Reindeer antlers are usually available at the Dollar Tree during the holidays.

Books:

Christmas in the Manger

By: Nola Buck

Corduroy's Christmas

By: Don Freeman

If you know of a new family childcare provider please let us know so we can recognize them in our next new letter.





ALFCCA EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 19TH, 2009

The ALFCCA held its board meeting at Ruby Tuesdays in Auburn Alabama while attending the FCCP Annual Childcare Conference. Wendy Howell the new Treasurer was a guest along with her substitute.

Discussion was made on how door prizes would be distributed during the conference. The decision was to allow 10 door prizes for non-members and all others going to members and new members that had joined during the conference.

We also voted on payment for the Parent Resource Website.

Work schedules were discussed and everyone was able to spare some time out of their training to help.

July 18th, 2009

A closed board meeting was held at Presidents Amy Waine's house. The ALFCCA board members were honored with a luncheon provided by Amy. The menu consisted of steak, baked potato, salad and Amy's wonderful Fudge Pie!

New Business:

Advisory board members duties were drafted by the ALFCCA Executive board. Amy Waine typed up an acceptance letter that was sent to Marg Perterson for approval and mailed out to our nominees.

Website ad forms and revenues were addressed. Amy will remain in charge of getting the website up and running. Any member that would like to help with obtaining ads please contact Amy at: 205-616-9772 or by email at bamswaine@aol.com.

This could be a personal ad, parents who may have businesses that would like to advertise or companies that are in your area. The ad rates at this time are \$50.00 for 3 months for a business size ad. Have anyone interested to contact Amy. You may contact Missy Chambers for the official minutes of any ALFCCA meetings.

**NEXT ALFCCA BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON
OCTOBER 17TH AT The University of West Alabama
Childcare Conference.**

All board members need to put this date on their calendars now. Please have your reports ready with a copy for each officer. Wendy Howell our new Treasurer will be introduced And given her official duties at this meeting.

We also will be giving out resource materials so plan on helping out sometime during the day at the vendor tables. We appreciate so much all your help .

Sincerely,

Marg Peterson, President

A BIG THANK YOU

To the Family Childcare Partnership for a fantastic conference again this year!!

A special thank you to Peter Miller Conference Coordinator and Dr. Ellaine Miller and FCCP staff for all their hard work and devotion to family child care providers.

The ALFCCA would like to thank all who helped make our membership drive a success.

**OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER GOES OUT IN NOVEMBER IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO SEND AN ARTICLE, RECIPE, ACTIVITY OR ASSOCIATION NEWS
PLEASE HAVE IN TO Fran by November 15th.**

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
TEUMBAY BARNES
ON HER RECENT GRADUATION!!
TEUMBAY IS A CHILDCARE ORGANIZER WITH FOCAL
AND WORKS VERY HARD TRAVELING THE STATE
GETTING CHILDCARE INFORMATION OUT TO THE
ALABAMA CHILDCARE COMMUNITIES.**

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU TEE!!!



upCOMING Conferences:



FOCAL 37th ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

November 7th, 2009

Montgomery, Alabama

**For More Information Contact Deborah Thomas or
Teumbay Barnes at 1-800-300-0232**



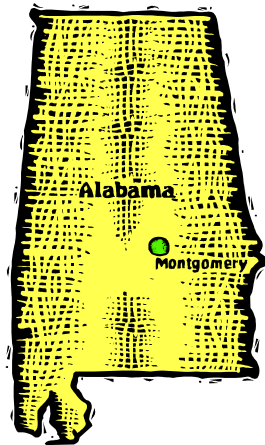
**NORTHWEST ALABAMA REGIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
"QUALITY ROCKS"**

February 19th and 20th, 2010
Huntsville Marriott, Huntsville, Alabama

Contact Information:
866-764-9232

angela@CERtraining.org

CER is looking for presenters for the conference. Information can be obtained at cernewsletter.com. Presenter forms are available at this website.



**West Alabama Child Care Conference
"CONNECTIONS"**

October 17th, 2009
Contact Information:

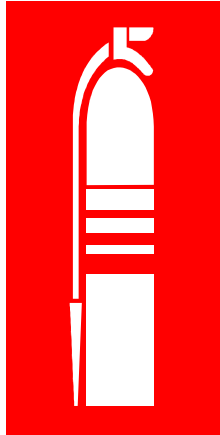
Dionne Edison
205-667-2760

Or

dedison@uwa.edu

**THIS IS A FREE WORKSHOP!!!!!!
MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND**

ATTENTION PROVIDERS!!!!!!!!!!!!



NOTICE:

Family Childcare Partnerships sent ALFCCA a notice stating that as of July 21st, 2009 all Family Child Care Homes are now required to have a Class K Fire Extinguisher. This memo was received from the Department of Human Resources dated July 21st, 2009.

The affidavits from the past are NOT VALID any more.

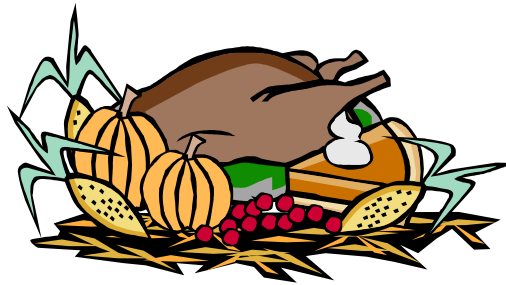
Local and State Fire Marshall officials will be inspecting homes for compliance. If you already have a Class K Extinguisher make sure it is working and in date.

At this time FCCP is not in a position to provide funds for these extinguishers.

Some local associations are trying to purchase them in bulk in order to get better prices.

Thank you FCCP for helping keep Family Childcare Providers informed!

RECIPE EXCHANGE



Poulette Normandy

A favorite of our new President Marg Peterson

Preheat Oven to 350 Degrees

- 1- Cooked deboned chicken. (Can chicken can be substituted for cooked chicken
- 1- Can Cream of Mushroom Soup or Cream of Chicken (I use Cream of Chicken)
- 1- Package Pepperidge Farms Herb Flavored Stuffing Mix
- 1- Cup Chicken Broth (I sometimes add a little more)
- ½ Cup Mayonnaise
- ¼ Cup Chopped Onion
- ½ Cup Diced Celery
- 1 ½ Cup Milk
- 1 stick Butter
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Cup Shredded Cheese

Mix together all ingredients except for soup and cheese. Pour into a greased 13x9 Baking Dish. Spread Chicken Soup Over the top. Bake for about 35 to 40 minutes. Take out and put cheese on top and stick back in till cheese is melted.

Thanksgiving dinner any night of the week!! This is so good, all the ALFCCA officers can attest to its wonderful flavor. Marg served at an ALFCCA board meeting.

On the subject of food, the ALFCCA is thinking of compiling a statewide cookbook that features childcare professionals recipes for a major fundraiser. I would appreciate it if all members would please email me or send me your favorites. Advocates, parents anyone interested in Family Childcare is welcome to participate in this project.

The Madison County HCCA did this and we had so many wonderful recipes come in and made the selling of the cookbook a great success. I would like to have all recipes in before the end of the year. We might be able to get it published before all the conferences and be able to sell them at each conference we participate in. I really need help with this project!!! Please all Presidents get your associations on board and help the ALFCCA raise funding for upcoming projects. The family childcare conference will here again before we know it and we would like to make it even better next year for all of you. Lend your hand to this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,
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