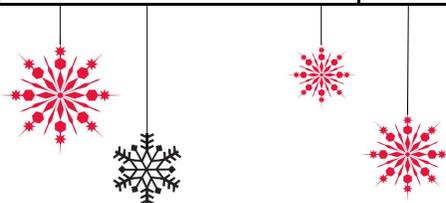




# Child Care Chatter

*Resource Guide for Child Care Information*

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***Mission Statement***

*To strengthen the community by providing education on early childhood development and the importance of quality child care, as well as offering resources and referrals to families, businesses, and child care professionals.*



Mid Hudson Valley Leadership Day continues to be a day to Engage, Inspire and Celebrate!

On November 9th we held the 2nd Mid Hudson Valley Leadership Day at The Chateau in Kingston. We had over 110 attendees from child care centers, various school districts, public health facilities, family day care homes, CCR&R's, independent consultants, and the Office of Children and Family Services. We had 16 vendors offering information about health and safety for children and families, quality educational materials for child care programs, professional development opportunities, Quality Stars information, various state and local agencies, and fun merchandise from Niagara Chocolates, and Knitted by Linda.

We wanted to acknowledge the leaders in the early childhood education profession and give an opportunity to renew and revitalize the field in the Mid-Hudson Valley region. We are fortunate to have such a bountiful array of skills and talents serving our communities and families.

We had amazing presenters offer their wisdom and expertise of the profession, with a focus on social and emotional wellness. The presenters included; Dr. John Pelizza, Keynote Speaker engaged the audience with "Keys to Physical and Mental Wellness"; Tim Hathaway, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse New York, offered vital information on "Adverse Childhood Experiences and Protective Factors"; Jenn O'Connor, Public Policy Chair, NYAEYC, gave pointers for "Advocacy Made Easy: Part II"; Marilyn Ballard, Panel Moderator, offered information on new initiatives, useful resources on "How to Bridge Research into Practice" from Panelists, Meredith Chimento, Helen Frazier, Kristen Kerr, Nancy Maffia and Patty Persell; we closed the day with Brown Sugar: Brianna Knight, Janet Marie and Stephanie Vyard who entertained us with inspirational original music and song about "Diversity: The Black Woman's Experience".

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Submitted by Kerry Wolfel*

We are excited to start planning for next years MHVLD. It was again an incredible event, shared with amazing professionals. MHVLD was a time to reflect on what we are thankful for and go forward with a renewed commitment to strengthen the bridges of support between us all.



Meredith Chimento



MHVLD Committee



Marilyn Ballard



Kristen Kerr



Helen Frazier



Nancy Maffia



Jenn O'Connor



Dr. John Pelizza



Patty Persell



Brown Sugar

## CACFP NEWS



CELEBRATE NATIONAL  
**CACFP** WEEK  
 March 17-23, 2019  
 SERVING OVER 4 MILLION CHILDREN  
 with healthy meals and snacks daily.

CACFP Week is a national education and information campaign sponsored annually by the National CACFP Sponsors Association. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger. The CACFP brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in child care centers, homes, and afterschool as well as for adults in day care.

The Purpose of the National CACFP Week is:

1. To educate parents and the community about how the CACFP helps child care providers serve well balanced, nutritious meals.
2. To promote proper nutrition for growing children.
3. To ensure long-term health benefits by creating healthy eating habits.

### Need an incentive?

*Enter to win!* As one completes each challenge, share online. Tag National CACFP Sponsors Association @NationalCACFP on your Facebook page, Twitter Feed and Instagram. Each completion is an entry for a chance to win \$100 Visa gift card. The more challenges you share, the better the odds.

If you would like to join CACFP give us a call!  
 (845) 331-7080

*Ask to speak with Cindy or Lindy*

(518) 822-1944

*Ask to speak with Kristin or Laurie*

**Take the Providers  
 Challenge**

*Seven Days*

*Seven Challenges*

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <https://www.cacfp.org>

*Submitted by Dawn Meyer*

## ACTIVITIES &amp; FUN

**SHIVERY Snow Paint!**You will need

Shaving cream, white school glue, peppermint extract, and iridescent glitter or buffalo snow.

First Step

Begin by popping the glue into the refrigerator and leave overnight. To make the paint the next morning, take the glue out for about ten minutes and leave it on the counter just to get it flowing before making the paint.

Making the Paint

Mix roughly equal parts of chilled glue and shaving cream in a bowl. Sprinkle in glitter or buffalo snow. Add a few drops of peppermint extract and mix, then finish the paint off with more glitter.

<http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2013/11/shivery-snow-paint-recipe.html>

**Scented Snowflake Sensory Soup!**What you'll need

Water

Peppermint essential oil (Use peppermint extract instead for really little kids)

Metallic pearl white liquid watercolor (From Michaels)

Foam snowflakes

Silver snowflakes (Cut up a cheap snowflake garland for these)

Kitchen utensils

## FROM OUR REGISTRARS

### Did you receive the Dear Provider Letter?

If not, no problem! Here's the most important information!

#### Smoking Restrictions



In August, Governor Cuomo signed legislation amending Public Health Law 1399-o. As you know, child care regulations prohibit smoking in indoor or outdoor areas in use by children and in vehicles when children are occupying the vehicles. What does this amendment mean for you?

\* Smoking is prohibited in areas where child care is provided.

\* Smoking includes cigarettes, vaping, and e-cigarettes.

\* The ban takes effect on November 18, 2018 and is applicable at all times, including outside of operating hours, even when children receiving care are not present.



OCFS is happy to announce that child care applications will soon be available online. The Facility Application and Management System (FAMS) will transform the way child care applications are processed. Enclosed you will find a fact sheet that outlines the initial phase. Please review it carefully, and contact your regulator if you have any questions.

#### Wave of the Future

Transitioning to the use of online applications also gives OCFS the opportunity to begin sending email communication to providers, including the Dear Provider Letter. FAMS requires all licensed and registered programs to have a valid email account. In the future, once you have created a FAMS account, the Dear Provider letter will be sent to the email address that you use to access FAMS. If you haven't already done so, please be sure your regulator has your current email address on file. OCFS will continue to post Dear Provider letters on our website <https://ocfs.ny.gov>.

#### The "Blue Card" Gets a Makeover

OCFS has updated the Blue Card (OCFS-LDSS-0792 Day Care Registration) to make it more user friendly. Existing information has been reformatted and new categories have been added to capture important child-specific details. While use of the Blue Card remains optional, programs are encouraged to check out the changes. The form provides a convenient place to organize required information. LDSS-0792 can be printed from OCFS website, or you may call the Forms Hotline at 518-473-0971 to place an order.

*Submitted by Teresa Lewis*

## LICENSING & OCFS NEWS

The flu spreads easily. You can spread it to others before you know you're sick. It can cause serious illness in infants and young children. Getting the flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu and its complications. The vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year.

Child-care providers and schools play a key role in helping to prevent and slow the spread of flu. NYS Public Health Law Section 613 requires licensed and registered day-care programs and schools to post information about the flu and flu vaccine for parents. Each fall, they receive this announcement: [NYS Influenza Education Announcement](#).

It's easy to comply. Just post this publication in your school or facility where it can be easily seen by parents and caregivers: The Flu: A Guide for Parents: [English](#), [Spanish](#).

This publication should be posted during flu season, from early fall through May. This is required for:

- licensed and registered day-care programs
- nursery schools
- prekindergarten
- kindergarten
- school-age, child-care programs
- public schools
- nonpublic schools



Additional resources to share with families and staff as you choose:

[Information for Schools & Childcare Providers, CDC](#)

[Information for Parents, NYSDOH](#)

[Teaching Children About the Flu, Lesson Plans and Activities for Child Care and Early Childhood Programs, CDC](#)

*Submitted by Kerry Wolfel*

## FROM OUR HEALTH CARE CONSULTANT

## Flu Information



# The Flu:

## A Guide for Parents



Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infected the nose, throat and lungs. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and tens of thousands of deaths in the US.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that between 6,000 and 26,000 children younger than 5 have been hospitalized each year in the US because of the flu.

### HOW SERIOUS IS THE FLU?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of the flu. Children with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections.

### HOW DOES FLU SPREAD?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks.

### WHAT ARE FLU SYMPTOMS?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache chills, feeling tired, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

### HOW CAN I PROTECT MY CHILD FROM FLU?

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.

### IS FLU VACCINE SAFE?

Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Different type of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF GETTING A FLU VACCINE?

- Flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick
- Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu.
- Flu vaccine can prevent your child from dying from flu.
- Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others.

### WHAT ARE SOME OTHER WAYS I CAN PROTECT MY CHILD AGAINST FLU?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, stay away from people who are sick as much as possible. Also, remember to cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 7 days after.

### IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK!

Talk to your child's doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids. Your child should not attend school or day care until they are 24 hours fever free to avoid spreading flu to others.

### IS THERE A MEDICINE TO TREAT FLU?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder. Antivirals work best when started during the first 2 days of illness.

For more information visit: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) or call (800) CDC-INFO.

*Submitted by Jessica Markle*

**PARENTS & CAREGIVERS**

**HOW TO RESPOND TO “MISBEHAVIORS”**

	WHAT YOU SEE	HOW TO RESPOND
SENSITIVE	Cries over the smallest things Gets sad when you leave Doesn't like being alone	Get down on your child's level Say "I notice you are crying. Can you tell me about your worry?" Try using visual schedules so they can see time passing
ANGRY	Yells and screams often Throws things and is destructive; shouts "I HATE YOU" Crosses arms and shuts down	Don't take the anger personally Remind your child of limits When your child is not upset introduce a new calming technique.
PERFECTIONIST	Nervous about breaking rules Can't handle getting things wrong or answering things wrong Doesn't ever want to miss school Struggles with Constructive Criticism	Help your child recognize when they are using "thought monsters" to only see the negatives Help child connect with thoughts and actions using words like "I know you feel... what can we do about that?" Create a journal for your child's worries
SHY	Hides behind your legs Scared of "new" people Fearful of change Doesn't like going new places Prefers playing with "familiar" friends	Make visual reminder of transitions and change Reassure your child that it is okay to be "nervous" about new things Introduce new adventures slowly with repeated exposure Role play what could happen with a new person
OVER-EXCITED	Becomes "hyper" when guests come over Says inappropriate things around others Makes jokes at inappropriate times Plays rough with others/ jumps on furniture	Create a chart to help your child gauge their activity level Present your child with a toolkit of calming strategies Bring your child's excitability to their attention... "I notice you are (action), why don't we try (alternative)"

*Submitted by Katrina LaLonde*

**PROVIDER SHOUTOUT**

Try taking children on a nature walk and allow kids to collect bits and pieces along the way! Let children explore and be creative in making a self portrait with nature or even turkey feathers out of leaves. There's no end to finding fun ways to be creative with everything nature has to offer.



Self Portrait's @  
Jodi &  
Carol's  
Playhouse  
(GFDC - Milton)

Turkey's  
@  
Valley Kids  
Childcare  
(FDC- Saugerties)



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The Staff from the Children's Center at SUNY Ulster had fun taking the spaghetti marshmallow challenge during the Communicating in the Classroom Training.

*Submitted by Lindy Pagliaroni & Katrina LaLonde*

## TRAINING INFORMATION

### TOPICS COVERED IN TRAININGS

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

### TRAINING EXPECTATIONS

- **Payment** is due at time of registration.
- Please note **registration due dates**.
- **Children are not permitted** to attend any trainings.
- **Classes will be cancelled** when enrollment is not adequate.
- **No refunds!** Refunds are only given if training is cancelled or rescheduled by Child Care Connections.
- **Classes will start on time!** Doors are opened 15 minutes prior to class and are locked at start of class for security of participants.



### CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES

**MARGE GAGNON**

PHONE • 845.706.6459

EMAIL • [rwscrc@aol.com](mailto:rwscrc@aol.com)

**NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL**

PHONE • 518.438.2365

EMAIL • [www.safetycouncilny.com](http://www.safetycouncilny.com)



### VIDEO CONFERENCES

TO REGISTER VISIT:

<http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/signup.shtm>



**TRAINING CALENDARS**

| JANUARY |           |                |           |                  |           |    |
|---------|-----------|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----|
| S       | M         | T              | W         | TH               | F         | S  |
|         |           | 1              | 2         | 3                | 4         | 5  |
| 6       | 7         | 8              | 9         | 10               | 11        | 12 |
| 13      | 14        | 15<br>GEE WHIZ | 16        | 17<br>RESILIENCY | 18        | 19 |
| 20      | 21<br>H&S | 22             | 23<br>H&S | 24               | 25<br>H&S | 26 |
| 27      | 28        | 29<br>H&S      | 30        | 31<br>H&S        |           |    |



| FEBRUARY |    |    |                    |                   |    |    |
|----------|----|----|--------------------|-------------------|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W                  | TH                | F  | S  |
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| 3        | 4  | 5  | 6<br>'I CAN DO IT' | 7                 | 8  | 9  |
| 10       | 11 | 12 | 13                 | 14                | 15 | 16 |
| 17       | 18 | 19 | 20                 | 21<br>CHILD ABUSE | 22 | 23 |
| 24       | 25 | 26 | 27                 | 28                |    |    |



| MARCH |    |    |                             |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|-----------------------------|----|----|----|
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| 3     | 4  | 5  | 6                           | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10    | 11 | 12 | 13                          | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17    | 18 | 19 | 20<br>TALKING W/<br>PARENTS | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24    | 25 | 26 | 27                          | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31    |    |    |                             |    |    |    |



## TRAININGS

### GEE WHIZ EDUCATION

*Presented by Penny Dombrowski*

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019 • 7:00PM-9:00PM**  
**(SNOW DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2019)**  
**FOW (166 Albany Ave • Kingston)**

**Are you ready to take your childcare program to the next level?** Come and explore Gee Whiz Education... the online family child care curriculum that is the choice of providers across the country. Aligned with the National ECE Standards and NYS Early Learning Guidelines, the Gee Whiz family child care curriculum makes meeting your state standards a breeze while also addressing the unique needs of mixed-age group. Designed specifically for family child care providers, the experiences included in the curriculum address 10 developmental areas help you bring a strong, yet fun, educational focus to your family child care program. This digital curriculum is affordable and will be a great investment for your business!

Topics: 1 & 3  
 Registration Due Date: Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
 Fee: \$10  
 Minimum class size: 3 • Maximum class size: 10  
 Target Audience: FDC & GFDC



### RESILIENCE: THE BIOLOGY OF STRESS AND THE SCIENCE OF HOPE!

*Presented by Lindy Pagliaroni*

**Thursday, January 17, 2019 • 6:00PM-8:00PM**  
**FOW (166 Albany Ave • Kingston)**

As childcare providers and the community as a whole, we must reframe our minds and our programs to work more effectively with children who have Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's), as nearly 35 million U.S. children have experienced one or more ACE. ACE's lead to toxic stress, which can cause serious health risks including anxiety, cardiovascular health, behavioral problems and more.

**See the ground breaking film and discuss what ACE's mean for your program!** This training will include, but is not limited to, the study of ACE's, what ACE's is, how to find one's ACE's score and how ACE's effect children.

Topics: 1 & 3  
 Registration Due Date: Thursday, January 3, 2019  
 Fee: FREE  
 Minimum class size: 3 • Maximum class size: 10  
 Target Audience: All Modalities



### HEALTH & SAFETY COMPETENCIES FOR BECOMING A FAMILY/GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER

*Presented by Penny Dombrowski*

**Monday, January 21, 2019 • 5:30PM-9:00PM**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019 • 5:30PM-9:00PM**  
**Friday, January 25, 2019 • 5:30PM-9:00PM**  
**Tuesday, January 29, 2019 • 5:30PM-9:00PM**  
**Thursday, January 31, 2019 • 5:30PM-9:00PM**  
**(SNOW DATES: Monday, February 4, 2019 & Wednesday, February 6, 2019)**  
**FOW (166 Albany Ave • Kingston)**

This competency-based 15-hour training provides a foundation for practices that promote and protect the health and safety of children in home-based child care. Successful completion of this course is required for all new family or group family day care applicants in NYS prior to licensure or registration, as well as for existing family or group family day care providers who change location or modality. This course required for all new FDC and GFDC providers by NYS OCFS. Scholarship funding to participate in this training may be available through the Educational Incentive Program (EIP). For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please visit [www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu). You may also contact EIP by email at [eip@albany.edu](mailto:eip@albany.edu) or by phone at either (800) 295-9616 or (518) 422-6575.

Topics: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9  
 Registration Due Date: Monday, January 7, 2019  
 Fee: \$260  
 Minimum class size: 2 • Maximum class size: 5  
 Target Audience: FDC & GFDC

## TRAININGS

### I CAN DO IT!

*Presented by Sujata Sethi*

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019 • 6:30PM-8:30PM**  
**(SNOW DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019)**  
**Hudson Office (160 Fairview Ave • Hudson)**

This training will explore how to build healthy self-esteem as we engage with children to help them regulate their own behavior and feel capable of influencing outcomes in appropriate ways. It will help participants develop skills and strategies to support and guide children in their decision making abilities, while developing in them trust, initiative, autonomy and connectedness with people.

Topics: 1 & 3

Registration Due Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019

Fee: \$20

Minimum class size: 3 • Maximum class size: 10

Target Audience: All Modalities



### CHILD ABUSE & MALTREATMENT IDENTIFICATION & PREVENTION INCLUDING SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME

*Presented by Penny Dombrowski*

**Thursday, February 21, 2019 • 7:00PM-9:00PM**  
**(SNOW DATE: Thursday, February 28, 2019)**  
**FOW (166 Albany Ave • Kingston)**

This workshop will review the indicators of child abuse and maltreatment and examine your responsibility as a mandated reporter. We will learn about what Child Abuse can look like, we will define neglect and maltreatment, and we will define “reasonable cause to suspect.” The training will allow us to share, honoring confidentiality, scenarios that others may have encountered. We will end with how to prevent and identify the health related tragedy, Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Topics: 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

Registration Due Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Fee: \$20

Minimum class size: 3 • Maximum class size: 10

Target Audience: All Modalities



### TALKING WITH PARENTS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTAL CONCERNS

*Presented by Dawn Meyer*

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019 • 6:30PM-8:30PM**  
**(SNOW DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2019)**  
**Hudson Office (160 Fairview Ave • Hudson)**

This training will give tips and strategies on how to talk with parents about developmental concerns.

Topics: 1, 2, 4, 5 & 8

Registration Due Date: Thursday, March 7, 2019

Fee: \$20

Minimum class size: 3 • Maximum class size: 10

Target Audience: All Modalities



# ON SITE TRAINING JUST FOR YOU

If you would like to gain more knowledge about a specific topic, an individualized training can be set up to address your needs.

If you would like to earn training credit through Intensive Technical Assistance consider the following:

| PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT      | CHILD DEVELOPMENT     | SAFETY & SECURITY           | MARKETING/ ADVERTISING |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| REGULATIONS AND POLICIES | BUSINESS MANAGEMENT   | HEALTH CARE NEEDS           | PROGRAM EXPANSION      |
| ROOM ARRANGEMENTS        | STORY TIME ACTIVITIES | MENUS MADE SIMPLE           | NUTRITION              |
| GET ORGANIZED            | BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT   | PARENT COMMUNICATION        | BUBBLE BOX             |
| SAND PLAY                | MINUTE IT TO WIN IT   | TAKE A BITE OUT OF THE BOOK | CREATE A WEBSITE       |

Contact us at (845) 331-7080 (Ulster) or (518) 822-1944 (Columbia/Greene) to request a session or for additional information.

## OCFS Approved Distance Learning

Go to [www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu)

| COURSE TITLE                                  | HOURS | OCFS TOPICS   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Early Intervention                            | 1.5   | 1 • 4         |
| Emergency Preparedness                        | 1.5   | 4 • 7         |
| Family Engagement                             | 1.0   | 3 • 4         |
| Keeping Children Safe                         | 1.5   | 1 • 3 • 4 • 7 |
| Infant Brain Development                      | 1.0   | 1 • 3         |
| Mandated Reporter Training                    | 2.0   | 5 • 6 • 8     |
| Managing Challenging Behavior                 | 1.5   | 1             |
| Obesity Prevention                            | 2.0   | 2             |
| Preventing SBS                                | 1.0   | 1 • 9         |
| Preventing SIDS & Promoting Safe Sleep        | 1.0   | 1 • 3 • 4 • 7 |
| School Age Child Care                         | 1.5   | 1 • 3 • 4     |
| Supervision of Children                       | 1.5   | 4             |
| Transportation                                | 2.0   | 3 • 4 • 7     |
| Expulsion & Supervision Prevention Strategies | 1.5   | 1 • 3 • 4 • 8 |



Check out our website for events and additional training opportunities:

[www.ccconnectionsny.org](http://www.ccconnectionsny.org)

## RESOURCE CORNER



Winter is a great time to soak up some books and activities with children. Lots of times we spend more time in closer quarters due to the weather, so finding some activities to do with children is beneficial for all, especially when you use resources that are both fun and entertaining for kids, as well as those that can support a child's development.

One idea is to use books to support social emotional development. A good resource is the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning, at the following website: <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/strategies.html>.

Their resource "Book Nook" <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/strategies.html#booknook> was created especially for teachers/caregivers and parents to provide hands-on ways to embed social emotional skill building activities into everyday routines.

*Submitted by Suzanne Holdridge*

## EMPLOYEE NEWS

November has been a month of changes for the Family of Woodstock's family. We wish farewell to Neuza Porto Udell from our finance department. Neuza has worked with the agency for almost 30 years and has been working with Child Care Connections and Day Care Subsidy programs finances. We wish Neuza a fun and busy retirement. She will be truly missed.



We are happy to have Melanie Koskie take over our programs finances. Melanie has been with the agency for more than a decade and we are pleased to be working with her. She is a valuable part of our team.

Tara Dates from our accounts payable has moved on to a new endeavor. We wish her luck in her new position. She will also be missed.



*Submitted by Kerry Wolfel*

## AGENCY NEWS

### WooHoo!!

#### Successful completion of your FDC Renewal (8/28/18-11/30/18)

Eleanor Brodhead, Patricia Krueger, Sheri Mertes, Maureen Morrison, Mountain Rise Daycare (Kaity Altu) & Lashawn Spencer

#### Successful completion of your GFDC Renewal (8/28/18-11/30/18)

Mary Louis Bedard, Mama Bear Daycare (Amy Shader), Beth Patterson, Little Lu's Daycare (Luanne Van Wagenen) & Rondout Child Care (Rosanna Scott)

#### Successful completion of your DDC Renewal (8/28/18-11/30/18)

Columbia Opportunities, Inc., Columbia Opportunities Head Start (Cynthia Andrus), Columbia Opportunities, Inc. Head Start @ Chatham School (Katherine Mabb), Little Falls Kinder Center (Elizabeth Flaherty), Giant Steps Day Care Center (Lori Adorno) & Joyful Moments Childcare (Ebony Cook)

#### Successful completion of your SACC Renewal (8/28/18-11/30/18)

Germantown After School Program (Janet Crawford), YMCA of Kingston & Ulster @ Duzine (Kevin Genter) & YMCA of Kingston & Ulster @ Lenape (Kevin Genter)

#### We welcomed 5 new FDC Providers (8/28/18-11/30/18)

Crystal Middleton, Susan Manocha, Ittie Bitties Daycare (Casey Plonski), Cheryl Davies & Lil' Garden of Angels (Peggy Streater)

#### We welcomed 2 new GFDC Providers (8/1/18-11/30/18)

The Ridge (Courtney Platt) & Marceline Castro

#### We welcomed 1 new DCC Provider (8/1/18-11/3/18)

Children's Workshop of the Catskills (Nicole Vicari)

*Submitted by Bonnie Kudlacic*

## SPECIAL THOUGHTS

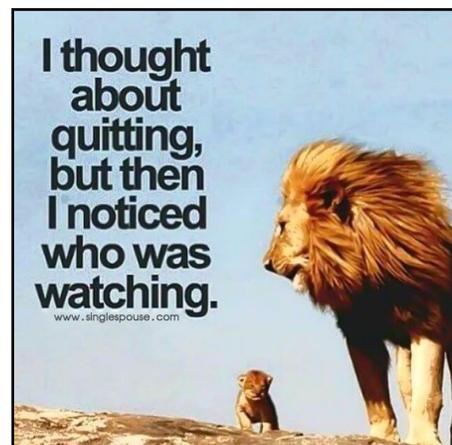
### To Every Parent

There are little eyes upon you,  
And they are watching night and day;  
There are little ears that quickly take  
In every word you say;  
There are little hands all eager to do  
Everything you do,  
And a little child who's dreaming of  
The day he'll be like you.

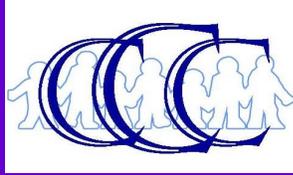
You're the little child's idol,  
You're the wisest of the wise,  
In his little mind about you,  
No suspicions ever rise;  
He believes in you devoutly,  
Holds all you say and do;  
He will say and do in your way when  
He's grown up to be like you.

There's a wide eyed little child who  
Believes you're always right,  
And his ears are always open and he  
Watches day and night;  
You are setting an example  
Every day in all you do  
For the little child who's waiting  
To grow up to be like you.

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