



Monthly Round Up

Columbia and Greene County Child Care Providers Newsletter



SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spending time outside has many physical and psychological benefits for children, and their teachers! Children who spend time in nature show **less** aggression, anger, near sightedness and obesity, and **increased** social skills, impulse control, attention, creativity, and problem solving!!

Unfortunately, Spring in our region also means ticks, poison ivy, and heat!

Rebecca Pisciotta is an Infant and Toddler Specialist and Certified Playground Safety Inspector. Schedule a free consultation visit to get recommendations on how to maximize your outdoor space and minimize risk!
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OCFS UPDATES ALLERGY POSTING RULES

In February 14, 2023, DCCS sent a Dear Provider letter regarding revisions made to two health forms: the OCFS-LDSS-7006 and the Health Care Plans. The 7006 Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) for a Child with Special Health Care Needs has been updated to include language that allows a parent to provide written consent to the child care program to share their child's allergy information with caregivers in a non-discreet way. Non-discreet strategies may include visual reminders and other cues to help caregivers be more be more aware of allergies. This may include using placemats at mealtimes that illustrate a child's allergens or using a specific color cup/plate/ utensil. You may consider hanging signage on the classroom door as a visual reminder to staff that a child(ren) with a diagnosed allergy is enrolled. Before using non-discreet strategies, the program **MUST** obtain written consent from the child's parent. When caring for a child with a diagnosed allergy, the program must ensure all caregivers are educated about the child's individual health needs. As a reminder, individual health care plans' anaphylaxis policies must be reviewed at least annually or more frequently as needed so all staff are aware of how to prevent exposure and how to respond in the event of an emergency. The free training, "Identifying and Responding to Anaphylaxis," is available in English and Spanish at: <https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/>. For additional resources about allergies, please visit: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/elijahs-law.php>.

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UPCOMING TRAININGS

Creating an Outdoor Classroom: Concrete Steps for Creating Your Dream Outdoor Play Space

Wed May 10th, 5:30pm -7:30pm
CCC 351 Fairview Ave, Suite 310 Hudson,
NY
rpisciotta@fowinc.org to register

Mid-Hudson Valley Leadership Day

Fri May 12th, 8:00am - 3:30pm
\$95
The Venue Uptown (Best Western Plus),
503 Washington Avenue, Kingston, NY
12401
[Mid Hudson Valley Leadership Day](#) to
register

Conflict Resolution in Child Care Programs: Tools for Administrators

Thurs May 25th, 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Brightside Up, 91 Broadway, Menands, NY
rpisciotta@fowinc.org to register

Contracts & Policies

Tue May 16th, 6:30pm-8:00pm
CCC 351 Fairview Ave, Suite 310 Hudson,
NY
kaltu@fowinc.org to register

RECALLS CORNER

Gerber® Good Start® SoothePro™ Powdered Infant Formula

Perrigo Company plc is issuing a voluntary recall of certain lots of Gerber® Good Start® SoothePro™ Powdered Infant Formula in the U.S. This product is being recalled out of an abundance of caution due to the potential presence of Cronobacter sakazakii. Importantly, no distributed product has tested positive for the presence of this bacteria, no adverse events have been reported and no other products are affected by this recall.

Check affected lot numbers at
[Gerber® Good Start® SoothePro™
Powdered Infant Formula | Product Safety
Recall](#)



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2023 INFANCY INSTITUTE

Join Bank Street College for
The 36th Annual Infancy Institute
"Relationships that Heal: Choosing Connection
Over Control"

Tuesday, June 20-Thurs June 22

2023 Workshops include:

Navigating Difficult Conversations with Families
Art and Sensory Experiences for Infants and
Toddlers

Sensory Profiles through a Cultural Lens

Supporting Families from Birth through Potty
Training and Everything in Between

Supporting Positive Behavior: Proactive Strategies
to Set Children up for Success

Culturally Responsive Practices in Early Childcare
Settings: A Look at Two Cultures

All workshops and presentations will be recorded
and available to all who are registered.

[Register and more information](#)

