

WCCA NEWSLETTER

November 2009

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The next **WCCA meeting** is Thursday, November 19, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7 pm. Speaker for the meeting is G. James Kmetz on "Business expenses for Family Child Care." There will be a raffle drawing at the Meeting!!! Bring a nonperishable item for the St. John's food pantry and you will receive an extra raffle ticket!! There is a new SECURITY MEASURE in effect at St. John's. The building doors will be locked once the meeting has started, so please be prompt.

RELAX....RELIEVE....REJEUVENATE.... Come to a **Spa Nite!!** November 20, 2009 at Karen Weyand's. \$1 a minute massage by a Licensed Massage Therapist - Peggi. Bring a snack to share. Call Karen Weyand, 815 -577-2708, or email her at kalenajwk@yahoo.com to register. Do it TODAY!!

A Note from Linda Baker: "For the last several years, it has been an absolute privilege and joy to volunteer my services to the WCCA. However, it is with much sorrow and regret to inform you that I will no longer serve on the board. I have decided with much regret to close my daycare after November due to economic times and financial reason."

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WCCA has a new website: willcountychildcare.org
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Tammy Notter, from CCR & R, is looking for a couple providers to help watch kids of soldiers at Joliet Junior College on November 14, 2009. The soldiers have to attend a reintegration training all day from 8 am to 4 pm. There is an unknown stipend. Please contact Tammy Notter at 815-741-1163, X 226 or Diane Morrow at 815-729-3735

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H1N1 Flu and Your Program

November 4, 2009 (from childcareexchange.com)

Has your early childhood program experienced a confirmed case of H1N1 (Swine) Flu in the past 30 days? In this week's [Exchange Insta Post](#) we are surveying early childhood programs in North America to find the extent to which our programs are being impacted. Please report whether your program has been impacted at www.ChildCareExchange.com. Note: In the near future we will be conducting a similar survey on a global basis.

The federal government has a web site offering "[Guidance on Helping Child Care and Early Childhood Programs Respond to Influenza during the 2009-2010 Influenza Season](#)." In part, this site advises...

"Children less than 5 years of age are at increased risk of complications from influenza (flu); the risk is greater among children less than 2 years old. Importantly, infants less than 6 months of age represent a particularly vulnerable group because they are too young to receive the seasonal or 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine; as a result, individuals responsible for caring for these children constitute a high-priority group for early vaccination. Influenza vaccination is the primary means of preventing flu. Additionally, infection control measures are recommended to reduce the spread of flu. However, early childhood settings present unique challenges for infection control due to the highly vulnerable population, close interpersonal contact, shared toys and other objects, and limited ability of young children to understand or practice good respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene. Thus, parents, early childhood providers, and public health officials should be aware that, even under the best of circumstances, transmission of infectious diseases such as flu cannot be completely prevented in early childhood or other settings. No policy can keep everyone who is potentially infectious out of these settings."

Upcoming Conferences & Training

Applebaum Training - "Building Bridges to the Future, Nov 19, 2009 Downers Grove
630-971-2000

CCR&R Trainings 815-741-1163 Contact Tamara Notter
Nov 7 Creative Curriculum Part Three
Nov 10 Circle of Security Series Part Four
Nov 14 Quality Rating System Orientation
Nov 14 Intro to Environmental Rating System
Nov 17 Super Bugs: Germs in Child Care
Dec 1/8 Sensory Issues in Child Care

Chicago Metro AEYC

Opening Minds Conference on January 29 - 30, 2010. More information go to the website www.chicagometroaeyc.org

Let Us Know

Every effort is made to proof the newsletter before sending, however errors do occur. If you find an error or something needing correction, please let Cathy know, (815) 725-7707, or mcatic@comcast.net.

We ask members to let any board member know of circumstances (birth, illness, awards, death) that affect WCCA members and their families, so that we can all show our support and concern. If possible, let us know before the 5th of the month so information can be included in the newsletter.

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A Tom Copeland Business Webinar from NAFCC

"Mastering Advanced of Record Keeping II"

November 17, 2009 7:30 pm Central Time

Participants will learn how to take advantage of the more complex tax laws affecting their business and protect themselves in case of an IRS audit. Content includes:

- > How to depreciate your furniture, appliances, home improvements, and the home.
- > How to recapture previously unclaimed depreciation from earlier years.
- > What mistakes to avoid when hiring family members and other employees.
- > How to amend your tax return.
- > Lessons from IRS audits of family child care providers:
- > What you can do to protect yourself in case you are audited.

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