

WCCA NEWSLETTER

January 2010

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The next **WCCA meeting** is Thursday, January 21, 7pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Joliet. Tammy Notter from CCR&R will be the speaker on "Yoga for Children." 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.

Our annual **CPR/First Aid Class** will be Feb. 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church. The class will start at 6:30 pm. 1 and 2 year certificates will be available; \$25 or \$50 respectively. There will also be a CPR/First Aid class at Jenn Brosnahan's home on either Feb. 20 or March 6, from 9-11:30 am. Please RSVP to Diane Morrow by JANUARY 31, 2010. The CPR instructor needs to know how many cards to bring. Cash preferred. Receipts will be given.

The next WCCA Board Meeting is Saturday, Feb. 6, 12:30 pm at Panera Bread at Rt. 59/Caton Farm Road.

WCCA Logo t-shirts will be available for purchase at the general meeting for \$10. They are black w/ a white logo.

SPA night is Jan 22 at Karen Weyand's home. Please RSVP to her 815-577-2708. Bring a snack to share!!

Preschool Fair at Plainfield Public Library on January 17, 2010 from 1:30 - 4 pm WCCA has a table.

Appreciation Luncheon is tentatively planned for May 15, 2010 at Al's Steak house from 1 - 3 pm

House walk tentatively planned for April 24, 2010.

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WCCA By-law revisions:

- Article 1 The word "daycare" is used throughout the by-Laws. It is recommended that the word "Childcare" be used instead.

--Article V & VI Not all the officers are mentioned. Hospitality and Webmaster will be included with descriptions of duties

Upcoming Trainings:

Quality Counts Grant for Will County: Jan 13, 7-9 pm, or Jan 23, 9-11:30am at CCR &R, Joliet. You must register with Debra

JAAEYC training "Color my Meals Healthy from 6 - 9 pm at Joliet Park District Conference room on January 14, 2010. Flyer available on last page of Newsletter.

JAAEYC Conference The Limit is the Sky at JJC, Joliet on March 13, 2010

NAFCC Conference in Nashville, TN July 15 - 17, 2010. Diane M. is driving down on July 15, 2010. Please contact her if you would like to go. She can take 4 more people in the van!!

Information from Jennifer Brosnahan regarding CCAP:

Home child care providers get our first rate increase on January 1st!

Make sure you're getting your new rates.

Our new contract takes effect January 1st with base rate increases every six months for all home providers caring for children in the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program.

For more information on the new rate structure, go to the website:

http://www.seiuhealthcareil.in.org/child_care/Default.aspx

WCCA has a new website: willcountychildcare.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 mcatnic@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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Joliet Area AEYC is inviting you to attend the workshop:

“Color My Meals Healthy”

Learn how to make gradual changes to child care meals and snacks to apply the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Participants will gain the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to plan meals and snacks that promote children’s health. Learn how to plan meals with “kid appeal” using more nutrient-rich foods (whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean meats and meat alternates, and nonfat or low fat milk products). Each child care site will receive a copy of *Making it Balance* and *Kickin’ It Up* as a practical resource.

Speaker: Illinois Nutrition & Education Program



Where:

Joliet Park District
Conference Room A
3000 West Jefferson in Joliet

When:

Thursday,
January 14, 2010
6:00-9:00PM

Across from the ice rink inside the Joliet Park District Building.

Cost: FREE for Members and guests (limit 2 guests per member);

FREE for JJC Students with Student ID or copy of schedule;

Otherwise \$5.00/person

RSVP today by emailing your name and phone number to RSVP@jaaeyc.org

or call Jennifer at (815)545-9750.

3-hour in-service certificates provided.

Light refreshments will be served.

No child care available for workshop.