

WCCA NEWSLETTER

March 2010

The purpose of the Will County Childcare Association is to improve the quality of care offered in childcare homes and the professional status of home childcare providers.

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The next **WCCA meeting** is March 18, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Church at 7pm. The topic is "Fabulous Snacks for Children." All members are asked to bring a snack with a recipe. Snacks will be judged by members, and then devoured! Prizes will be awarded.

Also at the March 18th meeting, we will be having **nominations of officers**. If you would like to be on the board, nominate yourself to a position. Elections will be held in April.

Our next **SPA NIGHT** is Friday, March 26, from 7-10pm. Please come and enjoy good conversation and wine, while being pampered with a massage. A professional massage will be given for a minimum of 15 minutes, to a max of 45 minutes. We are getting a wonderful deal ... only \$1.00 a minute. Don't miss this great opportunity to be pampered and rejuvenated. This is held at Karen Weyand's house. Please RSVP to Karen, 815-577-2708 to confirm the amount of time you want for your massage.

The next WCCA **Board Meeting** is April 17, 2010. Meet at Panera Bread, on the corner of Rt. 59 and Caton Farm Rd., 12:30 pm.

HOUSE WALK is Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9am to 12pm. Three in-service hours will be given. We will be going to 4 home child care homes and La Petite. Join us for lunch (dutch treat) afterwards at Giordano's (corner of Rt. 59 & Caton Farm Rd), at about 12:30 pm.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON at Al's Steak House, Joliet. Please mark your calendar today for May 15, 2010 from 1 - 3 pm. Dinner is provided and prizes will be awarded!!! So make plans to come!!!

WCCA will be sponsoring an activity table at the Tim Cross Event on June 5, 2010, at the Heritage Grove Middle School in Plainfield, from 9am – 12noon. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Diane, 815-729-3735.

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If anyone has questions about the proposed DCFS changes, please call Jennifer Brosnahan, 815-741-8026.

Upcoming Trainings:

Applebaum training: March 27 "The ultimate child care management conference" from 8am to 1pm in Lisle. Sign up at www.atiseminars.org

NAFCC Conference in Nashville, TN July 15 - 17, 2010. Several members are carpooling. If you're interested contact Diane or Phyllis.

Info on Webinars available for childcare providers: <http://www.carecourses.com/>

There are still some WCCA shirts left for sale. Available are:

1 short sleeve small
1 long sleeve medium
1 short sleeve medium
1 short sleeve large
2 short sleeve extra large.

The short sleeve shirts are \$10
The long sleeve shirts are \$15

From the Public Policy Team @ Illinois Action for Children:

On February 1, the Administration kicked off the annual federal funding process with the Budget Proposal for FY2011. You may have heard the great news; the Budget Proposal includes a \$1.6 billion increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), and a \$989 million increase for Head Start/Early Head Start!

The funding process in Congress starts now. Each and every member of the Senate and House of Representatives must think about their own funding priorities – those things most important to them because they are most important in their home states and districts. Will child care and Head Start be a priority for your Members of Congress?

Please mark your calendars for this Thursday's Call-in Day as we tell Congress to prioritize early childhood in the FY2011 federal budget.

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.