

CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER SPRING NEWSLETTER



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From the Desk of the Executive Director...

Autumn 2019

It is that time of year when the weather is still warm, the leaves are turning the trees red, gold and brown and Fall flowers and pumpkins are beginning to spring up everywhere.

We are looking forward to our Fall 2019 with new Child Care Exchange Meetings, Trainings, Technical Assistance, All Leaders of Little Learners meetings and mini-conferences, Project Right Steps technical assistance, Project Security Blanket trainings and much, much more.

CCCRC has a new website! Please log onto to www.cccrc.org to find our training and resources.

This newsletter highlights the training, technical assistance and quality enhancement that you can take advantage of for the Fall of 2019. The Upper Shore Chesapeake College Resource Center continues to look forward in supporting our child care professionals and parents, Judy Centers, Family Support Centers, Head Start, local ECAC work groups and Advisory Boards in the Upper Shore five counties.

Warm Regards,

Peg Anawalt**Chesapeake Child Care Resource Training Schedule for 2019-2020****See our Training Schedule****On **OUR NEW** Website at**www.cccrc.org

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Project Right Steps

PROJECT RIGHT STEPS, one of the Maryland early childhood mental health consultation (ECMHC) projects, addresses the needs of child care providers and parents that are dealing with children (infancy through 5 years of age) with challenging behaviors.

PROJECT RIGHT STEPS is designed to support changes in the child's behavior through the consultant's work with both the child care provider and the family. Consultants offer services including observation, screening, assessment and development of a behavior plan.

They suggest strategies to assist the providers(s) and a parent in addressing the child's challenging behaviors.

PROJECT RIGHT STEPS provides FREE behavioral consultation for parents and child care providers of young children (infancy through 5 years of age) struggling with challenging behaviors, to help the child be successful in a child care setting or school.

PROJECT RIGHT STEPS services are funded through the Maryland State Department of Education and managed by the Chesapeake Child Care Resource Center, Chesapeake College. Services are provided in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.

To Learn More, Please Call: 410-822-5400 ext. 2321 or email dtaylor-turner@chesapeake.edu



ALL LEADERS OF LITTLE LEARNERS

You are invited to attend the "All Leaders of Little Learners" Birth to Three Meetings. CCCRC's mission is to establish an advisory committee and support system for the child care providers that provide care to families in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. All Leaders of Little Learners is a mixed group of licensed family child care providers, center staff and staff from focused agencies.

If you are not able to attend the daytime Child Care Exchange meetings, the A.L.L. meeting will distribute the information given out at the Exchange Meetings.

Please RSVP to Donna Berger, 410-822-5400 x 2339 or by email dberger@chesapeake.edu

If you plan on attending the September meeting or if you have any questions.

All Leaders of Little Learners' Evening Meeting

Please Join us for a short meeting where we will discuss the 2019-2020 Training Year. We will also do networking with Upper Shore Providers who care for children ages Birth to Three years.

This will be a time for sharing and exchanging ideas.

Contact Person: Donna Berger, 410-822-5400 ext. 2339

Date: September 26, 2019

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: CCCRC Resource/Training Room

RSVP by 9/19/2019 to Dberger@chesapeake.edu

All Leaders of Little Learners Trainings

Birth to Three Years: Mini Professional Days

SAVE THE DATES!! Earn 4 Hours of Training

When:

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019-CEU601A-"Fall Beginnings" for Birth to 3 (HUM 111& 112)

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019- CEU601 9B- "Fall Routines" for Birth to 3 (HUM: 111 & 112)

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019-CEU601 9C- "November-Fest" for Birth to 3 (HUM:111 &112)

Where: Chesapeake College- Wye Mills Campus- Cadby Theater

8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

COST: \$25

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE/ Bring a snack with you!

**MAKE SURE THAT YOU LIKE US ON FACEBOOK-
ALL LEADERS OF LITTLE LEARNERS**

**CHILD CARE CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
The CCCPDF funds Tuition, Fees and Books at Chesapeake College**



**Wednesdays in October- Brown Bag Lunch Meetings at the Resource Center 1-2 pm
Come to a CCCPDF Presentation**

Bring your lunch- Drinks and Desserts provided

Are you interested in pursuing a free college degree in Early Childhood Development (AAS) or in Early Childhood /Special Needs/Elementary Education (AAT)?

Please contact Lesley Fallon at Lfallon@chesapeake.edu

Or 410-822-5400 ext. 2358 for further information.

Applications must be in to MSDE 1 January – 1 March 2020 for the next fiscal year of classes starting in August 2020. You must be working in Child Care in a licensed facility in Maryland for a minimum of one year and now at least 10 hours per week, Credentialed at a Level 2 and can be accepted to Chesapeake College.

CHILD CARE EXCHANGE MEETINGS 2019-2020

September 26, 2019 8-10 AM EDC -27

Continental Breakfast,

Meeting will be held in Performing Arts Building, Room Aud-01

Continental Breakfast will be served

This is our first meeting of the year. Come meet other providers to discuss child care issues, help us plan the CCCRC training events and network with other providers.

This is a great chance to hear how others are handling/solving child care problems. We also provide updates about local child care resources.

We meet throughout the year (almost monthly). You can earn a professional unit if you attend 4 Child Care Exchange meetings by February 30, 2020.

Thursday, September 26, 2019 (EDC -27)

Thursday, October 24, 2019 (EDC -27)

Thursday, November 21, 2019 (AUD-01)

Thursday, December 5, 2019 (AUD -01)

Thursday, January 23, 2020 (AUD-01)

Thursday, February 20, 2020 (AUD- 01)

RSVP by email to attend these meetings on a monthly basis to:

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MARYLAND FAMILY NETWORK- LOCATE: Child Care Complaint Policy**If you have a concern about your child care**

If you are dissatisfied with a caregiver, you may contact LOCATE: Child Care at 877-261-0060 and speak with a Referral Specialist to discuss your concerns. Many difficulties between you and a provider can be resolved. Your Referral Specialist can give you some helpful tips for continued communication with your provider.

Complaints that involve any threat to the health, safety or welfare of a child should be immediately registered with your regional Office of Child Care and in, certain circumstances, with the Child Protective Services division of your local department of social services. LOCATE: Child Care Referral Specialists can be reached by telephone at 877-261-0060 and can provide you with the telephone numbers of the office near you.

If you do have a complaint of this nature, our Referral Specialists can assist you by gathering pertinent information concerning your concern and registering your complaint with the appropriate regulatory or social services agency. The complete LOCATE: Child Care complaint policy is available below for you to review.

LOCATE: Child Care Complaint Policy

Through MFN's LOCATE: Child Care service, parents share feedback with the LOCATE: Child Care staff on the programs in the files: licensed child care centers, registered family child care providers and accredited preschools and camps. While this feedback is at times positive, it sometimes concerns complaints parents have about child caregivers. Of course, MFN and the Maryland Child Care Resource Network want to use this information in a way that is fair to providers and parents, while protecting children, as well. Therefore, the LOCATE: Child Care Complaint Policy was developed and has been in effect since its approval by the Maryland Committee for Children Board in November, 1983. According to this policy, all complaints made to LOCATE: Child Care about child care providers/facilities are recorded. The type of complaint is then determined:

Less Serious Complaint-No Violation: complaints which do not involve violations of child care regulations; complaints about situations which do not pose a threat to the safety, health or welfare of a child.

Less Serious Complaint Involving Violation: complaints of any violation of Office of Child Care (OCC), Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) regulations, and/or the Health Department which do not pose a threat to the health, safety or welfare of a child.

Serious Complaint: any threat to the immediate health, safety, or welfare of a child.

When a parent calls LOCATE: Child Care with a complaint, the referral specialist advises him/her to register the complaint directly with the appropriate regulatory agency and/or Protective Services. Names and telephone numbers of the person with whom the parent should speak are provided.

When a Serious Complaint is received concerning one of the providers of facilities in the LOCATE: Child Care system, no referrals are made by the referral specialists to that provider/facility. The LOCATE: Child Care Director also communicates with the appropriate regulatory agency personnel about the complaint, and maintains the "hold" on the provider/facility until the agency's disposition of the complaint is known. Should the investigation result in no action, the "hold" status is removed from that provider's/facility's records. Should the license or registration be revoked, the record is removed from the LOCATE: Child Care files. Providers are of LOCATE: Child Care's actions in writing.

A provider may appeal the LOCATE: Child Care Director's decision to cease referrals. Appeals are first addressed to the LOCATE: Child Care Advisory Committee. Final Appeals may be made to the board of Maryland Family Network.

It is the position of LOCATE: Child Care and MFN that the Complaint Policy is both fair and workable. Safeguards and due process are afforded to the care givers in the files, and parents' and children's rights to safety are addressed, as well. Any questions on this policy should be addressed to FloJean Speck, Director, LOCATE: Child Care.

Child Care Resource and Referral Center Complaint Policy

All of the resource centers of the Maryland Child Care Resource Network strive to provide high quality service to their constituencies. However, in the event that someone has concerns about an incident regarding some aspect of service at a regional child care resource center or feels that he/she was mistreated by a staff member of a resource center, the caller should contact the resource center involved.

If the person is not satisfied with the way the concern or complaint was handled by the regional resource center, he/she can contact the Network Manager at the Maryland Family Network (MFN) at 410-659-7701. As the Statewide Coordinating Entity, MFN will investigate the complaint and act on it appropriately.



Fall Preschool Activities

Easy Leaf Art Project (Ages 2-5)

Sponges replace paint brushes for this hands-on Leaf Art activity.

This builds fine motor development, plus can be tied into a Science (STEAM) Activity as well as the Music and Art Activities.

What you will need for LEAF ART Activity

- Sea Sponges or Kitchen sponges cut into squares
 - Clothespins
 - Red Tempera Paint
 - Yellow Tempera Paint
 - Paper (White, Brown, Green, Orange, Red) cut into large leaf shapes
1. Before introducing this activity, let the children examine different Fall Leaves from the Science Table with their magnifying glasses.
 2. Pour the Red and Yellow paint into dishes. Clip the clothespins to the Sea Sponges and have the paper leaves available.
 3. Encourage children to do color mixing! When they dip their sponges into the Red and Yellow paint, they are making Orange. They can paint Red, Yellow and/or Orange leaves.
 4. Encourage children to dab the paint or brush it up and down. Different styles of painting results in different effects with the paint.



Fall Leaf Song (sung to the tune of "Are You Sleeping")

Leaves are Falling.
 Leaves are Falling
 To the Ground
 Without a Sound.
 Days are getting shorter.
 Nights are getting longer
 Fall is here.
 Fall is here.

LOCATE: CHILD CARE

Every day, parents contact LOCATE: Child Care. Parents need comprehensive information to help them make informed decisions for their child. The more complete and current your information is, the better we can help parents find and choose your program. Please review and update your provider record today. You can update your record now at <https://locate.marylandfamilynetwork.org/Provider/login>.

Once you enter your information, it will be reviewed and activated in our database within just two business days. Everyone who updates their record will receive an entry in our monthly drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. If you need a paper copy of our questionnaire, please call the provider line at 866-752-1614.

Update your record now at <https://locate.marylandfamilynetwork.org/Provider/login>