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Serving Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon and Taylor Counties

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Week of the Young Child

April 19-25, 2009

Bring Communities Together for Children



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Kick-off Week of the Young Child by celebrating with us...

Annual Child Care Provider Spring Reception

Thursday, April 16, 2009

6:00 to 8:00 PM

at The Rose Garden, Wausau

Cost: \$15.00 (\$12.00 for NCAEYC members)

Visit: www.naeyc.org to join.

Buffet, Cash Bar, and Great Prizes!

Sponsored by: Child Care Connection and
North Central Association for the Education of Young Children
(NCAEYC)

It's going to be a great night! Watch your mail for more details!



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The Bulletin Board



Please call if you have information you would like posted in "The Connection".

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PROVIDERS!

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KAWM TIAV ZOV ME NYUAM TSHIAB!

Licensed Group Child Care:

Licensed Family Child Care:

Certified Family Child Care:

Nichole Kurth, Wausau
Deuane Vilaysane, Wausau
Mee Xiong, Schofield

Provisionally Certified Family Child Care:

Lindsay Seeger, Merrill
Ker Yang, Wausau
Debra Krell, Wausau

Increased Regulation

Erin Sullivan, Wausau, Provisional to Certified

VACANCY UPDATE FORM

Please return the enclosed vacancy update form by April 1st

Children's Safety Center

presented by

Aspirus Wausau Hospital and Kohl's Safety Crew

Open to the Public

Stop in to ask questions, receive education and purchase products

Reduced rates on children's safety items

(safety helmets, night lights, car seats, , smoke alarms, ETC)

Safety Education and Information

(indoor & outdoor safety suggestions, safe sleep environments, car seat safety & demonstrating, helmet safety, ETC)

Located inside the East Entrance of Aspirus Wausau Hospital

For more information please call: 715-847-2206

GREAT news for Registry Members

The Registry has teamed up with Woller-Anger & Company, LLC and MyFranchise Association to bring members of The Registry, **low-cost, high-quality, & no hassle benefits** for you and your family!

Some benefits include:

- 👉 Health Insurance
- 👉 Dental & Vision
- 👉 CancerSelect Plus
- 👉 Off the Job Accident
- 👉 Term Life Policy



For more information on

benefit options please visit

<http://www.the-registry.org/> or call to speak with a benefit counselor @ 1-877-542-2072 EXT 7

TAX TIP: OFF-SITE STORAGE

If you are using an off-site storage unit to store items used in your business you are entitled to deduct the business portion of the storage cost. To determine the business portion of this cost, use your Time-Space Percentage or use the business portion of the storage space dedicated to your business items. You can also deduct the mileage to and from the storage unit if the primary purpose of the trip is to transport business items.

Yoga for Pre-Schoolers

Tuesdays

10:00 – 10:45am

March 10th – March 31st

at the Center for Creative Wellness
406 W. Main St., Merrill

Contact Gigi Heinz at 539-0000 for more information

NEED HELP RESOLVING AND/OR DISPUTING ISSUES THAT ARISE IN YOUR CHILD CARE PROGRAM.

YOUR PEER ADVOCATES ARE HERE TO HELP!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
ANNELIESE SHEAHAN @ 715-302-2240 OR
BRENDA DANIELCZAK @ 715-551-4775**

Child Care Connection provides information about services available to you - we are not making recommendations or endorsements

Lincoln County Provider Network Meeting

Topics to be covered...

4K in Merrill & What It Means for Providers. 1Hr.

New Rules: Will You Be Effectuated? 1 Hr.

Wednesday, March 11th, 2009

5:45pm to 7:45pm

Location: Merrill Library

If you have any questions, call:

Brenda Danielczak @ 715-551-4775

2008 Tax Information for Family Child Care Providers

Standard Mileage Rate

The standard mileage rate for 2008 is 50.5 cents per business mile for January 1 through - June 30. The rate for the second half of the year is 58.5 cents.

The rate for 2009 is 55 cents per mile.



Standard Meal Allowance Rate

The standard meal allowance rate for 2008 is \$1.11 breakfast, \$2.06 lunch/supper, and \$.61 snack. In 2009, the rate is \$1.17 breakfast, \$2.18 lunch/supper, and \$.65 snack.

Special Bonus Depreciation Allowance

Providers can claim a 50 percent special depreciation allowance for property acquired and placed in service during 2008. Eligible property must have a recovery period of 20 years or less. This includes: office equipment (computers, copies, printers, etc.), furniture, appliances, fences, play equipment, etc. It does not include home improvements or the home. The original use of the property must begin with the provider in 2008 ("new" property).



- Example - Family child care provider buys \$2,000 of playground equipment. If it was used more than 50% in the business, provider can use Section 179
- If it was used 40% for business: $\$2,000 \times 40\% = \800 business basis; $\$800 \times 50\% = \400 - bonus depreciation on Form 4562; $\$800 \times 50\% = \400 - 7 year MACRS depreciation (14.29%) = \$57.16 on Form 4562

Federal Minimum Wage

As of July 2008 the federal minimum wage rose to \$6.55 per hour. In July 2009 it will increase to \$7.25 per hour. Providers who hire only one employee, or only hire family members, do not have to pay the federal minimum wage. Providers, however, may have to pay their state minimum wage.

The income limit to qualify for the IRA Saver's Credit has risen to \$53,000 adjusted gross income for couples filing jointly; \$39,750 for heads of household; \$26,500 for individuals or married couples filing separately.

For more information, see the [2008 Family Child Care Tax Workbook and Organizer](http://www.resourcesforchildcaring.org) at www.resourcesforchildcaring.org (or 1-800-423-8309).

Local Tax Preparer for Family Child Care Providers

Tabitha Edson
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March

March is...

National Nutrition Month
 National Umbrella Month
 Youth Art Month
 Save Your Vision Month



Spring Sensory

Fill sensory table with dirt or sand, provide bulbs, shovels and buckets for the children to pretend to plant-may also include small plastic rakes.

April Is...

Straw Hat Month
 National Poetry Month
 Month of the Young Child
 Physical Wellness Month

Cloud Dough

Need: Flour, salad oil, water, air tight container



Directions: Mix together 6 cups flour and 1 cup salad oil. Add enough water to make the dough soft and pliable. This dough is soft and elastic and does not harden. Keep it in covered containers.

The Vegetable Song

"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Carrots, Peas, and Broccoli,
 Vegetables are good for me.
 For my snack and in my lunch,
 Veggie sticks are great to munch.
 Carrots, Peas, and Broccoli,
 Vegetables are good for me.

Cloud Dance

by Thomas Locker

The Lost Shamrock
 by Alison Inches

Food (All Change!)
 by Angela Lambert

Egg Tree

Brown paper, white paper, markers, crayons, glue

Make the trunk of the tree by tracing the child's hand and arm on brown paper. Cut out oval egg shapes out of white paper, (or colored paper) and have the children decorate them. Glue them onto the tree.

Egg Hunt Song

"paw paw patch"

Hunting for eggs;
 Put 'em in my basket.
 Hunting for eggs;
 Put 'em in my basket.
 Hunting for eggs;
 Put 'em in my basket.
 Now my baskets full.
 Dumping my eggs,
 In the big basket.
 Dumping my eggs,
 In the big basket.
 Dumping my eggs,
 in the big basket;
 We found all the eggs!

Lucky Clover Snack

Cucumber slices, cream cheese, celery sticks, green food coloring.

Tint the cream cheese with food coloring. Place a dollop of cream cheese in the center of a plate. Wedge four cucumber slices into the cream cheese to resemble a four-leaf clover. Insert a celery stick at the bottom for a stem

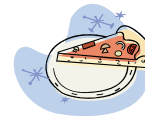
Shamrocks

White construction paper
 Shamrock pattern
 Green tissue paper cut into squares
 Glue



Have the children glue the green tissue paper onto their Shamrock.

Paper Plate Pizza



Paper plates, paint, paper
 Make pizzas with paper plates for the crust, red paint for the sauce, yellow and white paper cut into thin strips for cheese, brown paper cut into circles for sausage.

The Scarecrow's Hat
 by Ken Brown

The Pinkish, Purplish, Bluish Egg
 by Bill Peet

Pooh and Friends Exercise
 by Studio Mouse

COLORED HOOPS

PLACE DIFFERENT COLOR HOOPS AROUND THE ROOM. PLAY MUSIC. ONCE THE MUSIC STOPS ASK THE CHILDREN TO STAND IN A RED HOOP ETC. THIS WILL ENCOURAGE COLOR RECOGNITION. YOU CAN CALL TWO COLORS AND ASK THE CHILDREN TO COUNT HOW MANY IS IN EACH HOOP. THIS WILL ALSO HELP WITH NUMBER RECOGNITION.

Training



28th Annual WFFCA State Conference (WI Family Child Care Association)

16 hours of
Cont Ed.

May 7th, 8th, & 9th
Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark

A wide variety of workshops will be offered including required topics for providers such as: AED Training, CPR, First Aid, Food Program Training, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Child Abuse & Neglect, and NAFCC Accreditation.

For more information call (715) 726-0185 or visit
www.wisconsinfamilychildcare.org

WECA PRESENTS

Spring into action Healthy Children, Healthy Planet

Please join us to learn more about positive qualities of a healthy family, program, and community

March 7, 2009- Mid-state Technical College Wisconsin Rapids
May 30, 2009- Quality Inn, Rhinelander

6 hours of continuing education

For more information contact Nancy @ 800-783-9322, ext 7227

Mid-State Technical College brings you

TOM PEASE... Workshop 4 Teachers

Saturday, March 21st, 2009... 9:00am-12:00pm
Mid-State Technical College Auditorium (I-118)
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Register at MSTC Campus, 715-422-5300 (class # 28941)
ALL THIS FUN FOR ONLY \$13.71



Northcentral Technical College Early Childhood Education:

Art for Young Children

Cost: \$15
Saturday, March 14th; 9:00am-11:00am

Child Abuse & Neglect and SIDS

Cost: \$19
Tuesday, March 17th; 6:30pm-9:30pm

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention

Cost: \$9.00
Thursday, April 16; 6:30pm-8:00pm

Book Club: A Behavior Makeover for Back Talk

Cost: \$15 (book not included)
Thursday, April 30; 6:30pm-8:30pm

For more information, please contact Amy Tamsen, at (715) 675-3331 x 1278.

REGISTER online at www.ntc.edu/wis/register or by phoning the Wausau campus at 715-675-3331 x 4940, or your local campus.

Heartsaver CPR Training

Child Care Connection will again offer CPR Certification/Renewal Classes in May. Classes will now include the AED (automatic external defibrillator) component required for licensed child care providers.

If you need this class before May, please call our office at 715-539-9779, to be placed on a waiting list. Future classes will also be listed in our next issue of this newsletter.

For more information about this new law, contact your licensing specialist, or visit: dcf.wisconsin.gov - search for BECR Memo 2008-07.

2009 Early Childhood Education Conference

University of Wisconsin-Stout

April 24-25

For more information please call 715-232-2793
or visit

http://www.uwstout.edu/outreach/conf/ece/ececonf_intro.htm

Spring Themes for April & May

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Marathon County Public Library, Wausau

7:00 to 8:00 PM—one hour of continuing education!

*Child care providers and teachers
from any county are welcome!*

Cost: \$8.00—payable to and mailed to CCC
by March 20

You need to register to receive materials and a certificate!

REGISTER! Call and send \$8 to:

Child Care Connection

407 W Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
715-539-9779

This workshop is hosted by Krystal Pijan, Pammy Haefner, and Peggy Bliese—professional child care providers.

Provider Network / Support Group Meetings

A great way to meet with other providers and share successes, problem solving, and plan fun!

Langlade County: If interested in starting up a support group please contact Child Care Connection

Lincoln County: Meeting times to be determined. For more information contact, Brenda Danielczak at 551-4775

Marathon County: Meeting every-other month; location and topics vary. Call Ann Sheahan @ 693-7565 for details.

Taylor County: 3rd Monday of month - For more information, call Kelly Emmerich @ 748-6192.



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"children are like wet cement. whatever falls on them makes an impression."



Dr. Haim Ginott

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