The Council Connection

SUMMER 2011

CONGRATULATIONS, CATHARINE STREET COMMUNITY CENTER

Since 1999 the Early Care & Learning Council has annually presented "Excellence in Leadership" awards to deserving individuals or groups. The Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to New York State's children and families and have shown exemplary leadership in advancing high quality early care and education in New York State. This year, on June 15 at the Albany Country Club, the Early Care and Learning Council presented three awards in the categories of media, government, and business that were selected from nominations submitted from Council's throughout New York State. The media award went to The Post Standard newspaper in Syracuse; the government award was presented to the Honorable Harriet Cornell, Chair of the Rockland County Legislature; and the business award went to Dutchess County's Shirley Adams and the Catharine Street Community Center.

Catharine Street Community Center (CSCC) was established in 1922 and from the beginning gained a reputation for its caring and concern for children and families. That care and concern continue today as CSCC assists individuals, children and families to acquire and strengthen the tools necessary to cope with today's challenging economic and social needs. Located in the City of Poughkeepsie, CSCC provides Pre-Kindergarten, After School and Summer Enrichment Programs, as well as HIV/AIDS Case Management, Individual and Group Counseling and Transportation Support Services to individuals, children and families. Catharine Street Community Center also established and manages the Poughkeepsie Boys Choir, a performing arts program for school age boys.

Shirley Adams has been the Executive Director of Catharine Street Community Center since 1997. Prior to that time, Shirley had served in management positions in New York City under Mayor Ed Koch, Mayor David Dinkins, and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. She has received numerous honors and awards for her outstanding service to the community. Shirley continues to demonstrate her commitment to children and families by serving on many committees and Boards of Directors for Dutchess County and City of Poughkeepsie groups.

As Catharine Street Community Center will mark its 90th anniversary in 2012, it is fitting that the plaque for the Excellence In Leadership Award was inscribed with these words: "In recognition of your stellar work, commitment & dedication to providing high quality developmentally appropriate programs and services that help foster the cognitive, physical, and social emotional growth for the children in your care." We congratulate Shirley Adams and Catharine Street Community Center on their long-standing, exemplary service to the community. We are proud that people throughout New York State are now aware of Catharine Street Community Center's Excellence in Leadership.

The Board of Directors and staff of the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. encourage input from parents, child care providers and business and community members on how we can more effectively meet your needs.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO TALK ABOUT EDUCATION....

RAISE YOUR VOICE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS!

On June 9th, members of Dutchess County got together to discuss aspirations for our community with regard to Education. The discussion generated extremely positive **feedback**, and the momentum keeps going!

During **the** course of the conversation about our aspiration **for** education, several key revelations came to light:

- Attendees more **often** defined "community" as encompassing the whole Hudson Valley, rather than one neighborhood, town or region.
- People agreed that Education is a defining factor in the overall success in the lives of children and the community as a whole.
- Perhaps most telling – there **was** a great sense that collaboration among all members of the community is the **best** way to ensure that our children will be able to reach their full potential in the classroom and in life.

Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time programs are a vital piece of this discussion – **make your voice heard** by attending the next conversation and joining the ongoing-discussion....

Conversation will continue in late summer/early fall... please check United Way's web site for dates and times at www.unitedwaydutchess.org. Additionally, contact the United Way at info@unitedwaydutchess.org and request that you be added to the email list about this topic and how the community rallies around it.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HELP IS AVAILABLE!

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam is now offering technical assistance to providers which can help enhance and strengthen early childhood programs. There is clear evidence that quality early learning experiences help children grow and learn to their fullest potential. Our Technical Assistance Specialists are committed to the improvement of early childhood education and are able to help guide and support caregivers in providing quality care and learning to young children.

Technical Assistance can be a unique opportunity for caregivers to assess their program's strengths and find areas in need of improvement. Caregivers can then confer with a Technical Assistance Specialist, agree upon a course of action, and implement positive changes in their program.

For more information, please call us at (845) 473-4141. We look forward to working with you!

WELCOME TO NEW PROVIDERS
(APRIL—JUNE 2011)

Family Day Care Providers

Dutchess County

Desiree Testerman
La La Land Day Care—Alandra Brown
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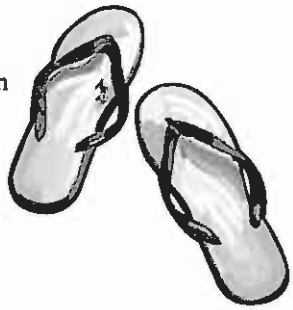
Putnam County

Millie Hauser
Christine Panko
Jennifer Leighton



Group Family Day Care Providers

Putnam County

Stage III Day Care, Inc.—Cynthia Sanchez

School Age Child Care

Dutchess County

The Salvation Army—Ethel Watch

Day Care Centers

Dutchess County

Marguerite Ranieri

CONGRATULATIONS TO RENEWED PROVIDERS
(APRIL—JUNE 2011)

Family Day Care Providers

Dutchess County

Joyce Cromartie
Tiny Stars Family Day Care—Doris Saunders
Inspire Daycare—Christine Lemieux
Patricia Paulin
Lori O'Malley
Darleen Daniels
Brook's Family Day Care, LTD. - Brook Schimmel
Wee Family Day Care—Tammy Lydon
Jessica Ruffolo
Vicky Walters
Aunt Bridget's House—Bridget Antalek
The Little Rascals Home Day Care—Donna Moynihan

Putnam County

Kristen Griesch
Margaret Hammond
Patricia Albanese

School Age Child Care

Dutchess County

Pawling Community Services—Dolores Ragsdale
Neighborhood Day Care Services, Inc.—Margaret Olivia

Group Family Day Care Providers

Dutchess County

Tammy Hagon
Debra Jordan
Little Tinkers Group Family Day Care—Arlene Selman
Patricia Felix
Peek-A-Boo Day Care—Dawn Stackhouse
Country Cubs Childcare—Kimberly Fischer
Terrific Tots Day Care—Lois Adair

Putnam County

Gloria Maloney

Day Care Centers

Dutchess County

Infant Toddler Center @Vassar College—Nicole Bonelli
Care 4 Me, Inc.- Carrie Simko-Frazita
Poughkeepsie Day Nursery—Peter Cantline
Millbrook Early Childhood Education Center—Laurel Fay
Estelle & Alfonso Preschool Experience and Kindergarten—Emily El Manakhly
Wee Play Children's Center, Inc.—Tamara Kochman
Paige's Place—Tammy George

INTERESTED IN ACCREDITATION FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS?

On Thursday July 28, Lynn Siebert from After School Works, NY will be here to give a presentation on the Accreditation Program for SACC programs. She will then have an Accreditation Coaches Training for anyone who is interested in helping programs become accredited. This is a free training from 9:00 – 10:00 AM for the overview and 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM for the Coaches training. Please contact Peggy at x215 or by email at ppaparone@childcaredutchess.org.

Do you want to learn more about Accreditation?

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION is the ultimate indication of program quality. It also provides afterschool professionals with performance indicators, benchmarks of quality - to guide program planning, implementation and evaluation. Accreditation also serves to guide families in making more informed choices about afterschool care for their children. Moreover, the accreditation process supports a team approach to program improvement and fosters a competent, caring and qualified staff.

AfterSchool Works! New York

Accreditation Information Session

- Thursday, July 28
- 9:00-10:00
- Child Care Council of Dutchess Inc.

Accreditation Coach Training

- Thursday, July 28
- 10:00-4:00
- Child Care Council of Dutchess Inc.

Accreditation Information Session: If you are interested in learning more about afterschool accreditation, this is the workshop for you. Come learn about the value of the self-study process, the role of the coach and ultimately how your program can be successful in achieving accreditation. ***NO COST TO PARTICIPANTS.***

Accreditation Coach Training: The role of the Accreditation Coach is to provide mentoring and guidance to the program throughout the accreditation process. A coach must have the time to spend at least 17-22 hours with the program during the self-study process which can take 9 months or longer. Coaching your own program is a great place to start! If interested, please come to this full day training and learn all you need to know to be a successful Accreditation Coach for the AfterSchool Works!NY Program Accreditation Model. ***NO COST TO PARTICIPANTS.***

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FIREWORKS SEASON—KNOW THE RISKS

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY NETWORK, JUNE 22, 2011

The summer season usually brings thoughts of parades, back yard barbecues and, of course, fireworks.

In 2010, fireworks-related injuries were associated with about 1,900 people ending up in emergency rooms. The Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC's) annual death and injury report on fireworks incidents indicates that nearly half of these injuries occurred to children younger than 15 years of age. The culprits? Firecrackers, bottle rockets and sparklers.

Sparklers are considered by many to be the "safe" firework. But, did you know that an innocent looking sparkler can get as hot as the flame on some blow torches and can easily ignite clothing?

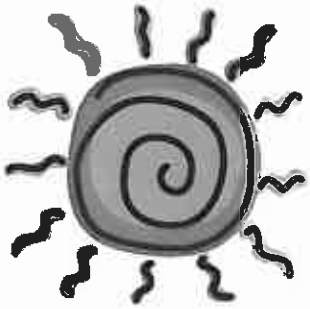
Remember, before touching a flame to any fireworks, make sure it's legal to do so where you live. If fireworks can be used legally where you live, here are a few guidelines from CPSC:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Adults should always supervise fireworks activities.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that fizzle and don't go off.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- After fireworks fully complete their functioning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding to prevent a fire.

More guidelines are at CPSC's Fireworks Information Center.

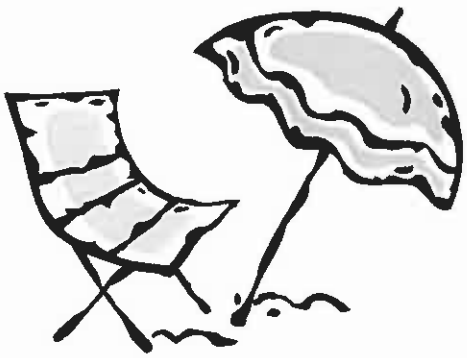
BITS AND PIECES

Do you or parents using your family day care home or center for child care need food? A call to the toll free Food Card Hotline may help you find out if you may be eligible and how much you may receive through the Food Stamp Program's Food Card. Call 1-866-526-2978 Monday - Friday between the hours of 10 am – 6 pm. Visit the Hunger Action Network's web site at www.hungeractionnys.org.



Mary Schreiber, the Putnam Training Consultant in her recent e-newsletter to Putnam providers stressed the importance of taking extra care with infants and young children in the summer sun and heat. She wrote about heat stress after summer activities lasting longer than 15 minutes, and that the use of insect repellents with young children requires reading labels.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends dressing infants in lightweight long pants, long sleeved shirts and brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. A minimal amount of 15 SPF may be used in small areas. For older children, the first line of defense against harmful ultraviolet radiation exposure is covering up.



The intensity of activities that last 15 minutes or more should be reduced whenever high heat and humidity reach critical levels. Games played in the heat should be shortened and more frequent water/hydration breaks should occur.

If you are concerned about using repellent products on children you may wish to consult a health care provider for advice or contact the National Pesticide Information Center, NPICP through their tool free number, 1-800 858-7378 or npic.orst.edu.

For anyone wishing to read the complete NPICP newsletter, contact Marion at the Council, ext.223 or meagen@childcaredutchess.org.

SUMMER SAFETY

As we begin the Summer season you need to pay particular attention to the possible risks associated with sun, water, and heat. Please take a moment to review some important information to help you keep the children in your care protected during this most wonderful season of the year.
Keep your family safe this summer by following these tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). *Please feel free to use them in any print or broadcast story with appropriate attribution of source.*

FUN IN THE SUN

Source: www.aap.org/advocacy/archives/tanning.html

Babies under 6 months:

- The two main recommendations from the AAP to prevent sunburn are to avoid sun exposure, and to dress infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. However, when adequate clothing and shade are not available, parents can apply a minimal amount of suncreen with at least 15 SPF (sun protection factor) to small areas, such as the infant's face and the back of the hands. If an infant gets sunburn, apply cold compresses to the affected area.

For All Other Children:

- The first, and best, line of defense against harmful ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure is covering up. Wear a hat with a three-inch brim or a bill facing forward, sunglasses (look for sunglasses that provide 97% -100% protection against both UVA and UVB rays), and cotton clothing with a tight weave.
- Stay in the shade whenever possible, and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours - between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- On both sunny and cloudy days use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater that protects against UVA and UVB rays.
- Be sure to apply enough sunscreen - about one ounce per sitting for a young adult.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.
- Use extra caution near water and sand (and even snow!) as they reflect UV rays and may result in sunburn more quickly.

HEAT STRESS IN EXERCISING CHILDREN

Source: www.aap.org/policy/re9845.html

- The intensity of activities that last 15 minutes or more should be reduced whenever high heat and humidity reach critical levels.
- At the beginning of a strenuous exercise program or after traveling to a warmer climate, the intensity and duration of exercise should be limited initially and then gradually increased during a period of 7 to 14 days to acclimatize to the heat, particularly if it is very humid.
- Before prolonged physical activity, children should be well-hydrated and should not feel thirsty. For the first hour of exercise, water alone can be used. Kids should have water or a sports drink always available and drink every 20 minutes while exercising in the heat. Excessively hot and humid environments, more prolonged and strenuous exercise, and copious sweating should be reasons for children to substantially increase their fluid intake. After an hour of exercise, children need to drink a carbohydrate-electrolyte beverage to replace electrolytes lost in sweat and provide carbohydrates for energy.
- Clothing should be light-colored and lightweight and limited to one layer of absorbent material to facilitate evaporation of sweat. Sweat-saturated shirts should be replaced by dry clothing.
- Practices and games played in the heat should be shortened and more frequent water/hydration breaks should be instituted. Children should seek cooler environments if they feel excessively hot or fatigued.

POOL SAFETY

Source: www.aap.org/family/tippool.html

- Never leave children alone in or near the pool or spa, even for a moment.
- Install a fence at least 4 feet high around all four sides of the pool. The fence should not have openings or protrusions that a young child could use to get over, under, or through.
- Make sure pool gates open out from the pool, and self-close and self-latch at a height children can't reach.

- If the house serves as the fourth side of a fence surrounding a pool, install an alarm on the exit door to the yard and the pool.
- Keep rescue equipment (a shepherd's hook - a long pole with a hook on the end - and life preserver) and a portable telephone near the pool. Choose a shepherd's hook and other rescue equipment made of fiberglass or other materials that do not conduct electricity.
- Avoid inflatable swimming aids such as "floaties." They are not a substitute for approved life vests and can give children and parents a false sense of security.
- Children ages 1 to 4 may be at a lower risk of drowning if they have had some formal swimming instruction. However, there is no evidence that swimming lessons or water survival skills courses can prevent drowning in babies younger than 1 year of age.
- The decision to enroll a 1- to 4-year-old child in swimming lessons should be made by the parent and based on the child's developmental readiness, but swim programs should never be seen as "drown proofing" a child of any age.
- Whenever infants or toddlers are in or around water, an adult – preferably one who knows how to swim and perform CPR – should be within arm's length, providing "touch supervision."
- Avoid entrapment: Suction from pool and spa drains can trap a swimmer underwater. Do not use a pool or spa if there are broken or missing drain covers. Ask your pool operator if your pool or spa's drains are compliant with the Pool and Spa Safety Act. If you have a swimming pool or spa, ask your pool service representative to update your drains and other suction fitting with anti-entrapment drain covers and other devices or systems. See PoolSafely.gov for more information on the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.
- Large inflatable above-ground pools have become increasingly popular for backyard use. Children may fall in if they lean against the soft side of an inflatable pool. Although such pools are often exempt from local pool fencing requirements, it is essential that they be surrounded by an appropriate fence just as a permanent pool would be so that children cannot gain unsupervised access.

BOATING SAFETY

Source: www.aap.org/family/tipslip.html

- Children should wear life jackets at all times when on boats or near bodies of water.
- Make sure the life jacket is the right size for your child. The jacket should not be loose. It should always be worn as instructed with all straps belted.
- Blow-up water wings, toys, rafts and air mattresses should not be used as life jackets or personal flotation devices. Adults should wear life jackets for their own protection, and to set a good example.
- Adolescents and adults should be warned of the dangers of boating when under the influence of alcohol, drugs, and even some prescription medications.

OPEN WATER SWIMMING

- Never swim alone. Even good swimmers need buddies!
- A lifeguard (or another adult who knows about water rescue) needs to be watching children whenever they are in or near the water. Younger children should be closely supervised while in or near the water – use "touch supervision," keeping no more than an arm's length away.
- Make sure your child knows never to dive into water except when permitted by an adult who knows the depth of the water and who has checked for underwater objects.
- Never let your child swim in canals or any fast moving water.
- Ocean swimming should only be allowed when a lifeguard is on duty.

FOR MORE TIPS ON SUN AND WATER SAFETY, VISIT:

www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/marspringbreaktips.cfm

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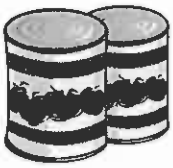
CHILD CARE FACT SHEET

NATIONAL FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE—THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

KEEPING FOOD SAFE DURING POWER OUTAGES

Prepare Ahead of Time for Power Outages

- Fill plastic containers such as mild jugs or drink bottles with water and freeze. Leave an inch of space at the top for expansion. These can be used in refrigerators, freezers and coolers during a power outage to keep food cold.
- Group food together in the freezer so it will stay cold longer.
- Locate a source for dry ice and block ice.
- Keep coolers on hand to hold refrigerated food when the power is out for more than 4 hours.
- Have foods on hand that don't need to be refrigerated and can be eaten cold.
- Non-perishable food ideas:
  - ✓ Canned juice
  - ✓ Peanut butter
  - ✓ Ready to serve pudding
  - ✓ Crackers
  - ✓ Canned or dried fruit
  - ✓ Canned nuts and seeds
  - ✓ Canned tuna, beef, chicken or pork



- Purchase a manual can opener, paper cups, plates and utensils for emergency use
- Keep bottled water and nonfat dry or canned milk on hand for use in emergencies.
- Be sure to have appliance thermometers in refrigerators and freezers at all times so temperatures can be checked during an outage.

During the Power Outage

- A refrigerator will keep food safely for about 4 hours if not opened. If the power is out for more than 2 hours, use the following procedures to maintain the temperature:
- For the freezer: If the freezer is half full, the food will hold safely for up to 24 hours. If the freezer is full, it should hold safely for 48 hours. Keep the door closed as much as possible.
- For refrigerated food: pack dairy products, meat, fish, eggs, and spoilable leftovers in a cooler packed with ice. Styro-foam coolers will work fine.
- If any food reaches a temperature above 40 degrees F, discard it.

After the Power Has Returned

- Check the temperature of the freezer when power returns. If it is 40 degrees F or below, the food is save to cook or to refreeze.
- If the frozen food has not been kept in the freezer, check each package of food with a food thermometer. If it is 40 degree F or below or if it has ice crystals, it may be cooked or refrozen.
- Check the temperature of refrigerated food with a food thermometer and dispose of any food that has reached a temperature of more than 40 degrees F.
- Any perishable foods that were above 40 degrees F more 2 hours or more are not safe to eat and should be discarded.

For more information, contact NFSMI at 800-321-3054 or www.nfsmi.org

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WE'VE GONE GREEN!!

Let us know if you would prefer to receive your newsletter and training calendar as an e-mail.

TELEVISION AND VIOLENCE

Surprising Facts

1. Violence in physical and verbal form appears on television daily.
2. There are 6 violent acts per hour on primetime television.
3. There are 6 violent acts per hour in children's programs.
4. Children are exposed to 50,000 commercials a year.
5. Studies show that violence in the media (television and video games) does have an impact on children & adolescent behavior. Daily viewing of television and playing of video games can lead to behavior and social problems.

What Can We Do?

1. Monitor children closely; power ranger cartoons are filled with violence.
2. Watch television with you child and talk about what is real and what is not. Do they know the difference?
3. Encourage your child to watch how the characters handle problems. How do they resolve issues? How should they be resolved?
4. Ask children if the show would still be good without the violence.
5. Cartoons have violence. Make sure your child is aware of the difference between cartoons and real life. IE: there is a real danger to jumping off a roof.
6. Watch only age appropriate television and make sure to watch it with your child.

MEDIA USE AND CHILD SLEEP

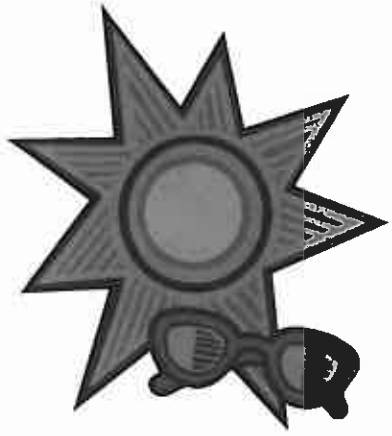
Preschoolers who watch violent media content, and those who use more media in the evening, are more likely to have sleep problems, according to the study, "Media Use and Child Sleep: the Impact of Content, Timing and Environment," published in the July 2011 issue of Pediatrics. The study of more than 600 children aged 3 to 5 years also showed that, while daytime viewing in general did not contribute to sleep problems, violent content viewed during the day was associated with significantly increased sleep problems. Evening media use, on the other hand, was associated with significantly increased sleep problems regardless of content type. The types of sleep problems reported by parents included trouble falling asleep, nightmares, waking during the night, trouble with morning alertness, and daytime sleepiness. Early childhood sleep disruption in other research has been associated with obesity, behavior problems, and poor school performance. The authors recommend that pediatricians advise parents to reduce children's evening media use and viewing of violent content, and to remove televisions and other media devices from the child's bedroom.

TRAINING TIDBITS

Summer Training Week is coming!
August 1-5, 2011

Attention Dutchess County Providers!
First Aid & Infant/Child CPR Training
August 20, 2011
8:30-5:30pm
ONLY $15!!!!

Distance Learning Classes
Visit our website to find our training calendars and Distance Learning flyer and registration form!
www.childcaredutchess.org/publications



Attention Day Care Centers and School Age Child Care Programs!
If you would like to have an on-site training at your program please call Rosemarie and we will develop an individualized training specific to your needs!

To register for any of our trainings, please contact Rosemarie at **473-4141 ext. 217** or **rdehn@childcaredutchess.org.**

TIME TO JOIN THE COUNCIL

Invest in yourself by becoming a member of the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam. It's the best decision you could make for everybody's children.

Memberships Benefits include:

- ✓ Voting Privileges at Council's Annual Meeting
- ✓ Free Internet Job Postings for openings in your program
- ✓ Reduced rates on professional training
- ✓ Updates on legislation
- ✓ Recognition of your membership in the Council Connection newsletter
- ✓ Free use of on-site toy lending library for your licensed/registered program
- ✓ Free access to mobile toy lending library
- ✓ Free record of completed Council training courses
- ✓ Free monthly Daily Parent publication
- ✓ Free notary services
- ✓ Membership good for 12 months

We are working on adding these membership benefits this year:

- ✓ Discounts for - Toys R Us, Babies R Us, Barnes & Noble, Newspaper Advertising, Gym Member Discounts
- ✓ Discounts on auto, home owners and business insurance
- ✓ Health Insurance and access to Insurance consulting services
- ✓ More to come!!!

MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT:

- ✓ $75 for child care centers or school age program licensed for 50 or more children (each site)
- ✓ $50 for child care centers or school age program licensed for fewer than 50 children (each site)
- ✓ $30 for family and group family child care homes
- ✓ $25 for student/CDA SACC Credential holder/Council food program participant

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS:

- ✓ $100 Benefactor
- ✓ $100 Recommended Agency Contribution
- ✓ $55 Advocate
- ✓ $35 Sponsor
- ✓ $25 Friend

TOGETHER WE ARE STRENGHTENING CHILD CARE SERVICES

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Child Care Referral Specialist
Pat Isbirian - x 221
CACFP Coordinator
Lorraine Scuccimarra - x 220
Family Day Care Registration Supervisor
Nancy Maffia - x 216
Family Day Care Registrar
LaRae Fasano - x 224
Family Day Care Registrar
Stacey Rosborough - x 226
Family Day Care Registrar
Carol Taylor - x 218
Training Coordinator
Rosemarie Dehn - x 217

School Age Child Care Registration
Peggy Paparone - x 215
Legally Exempt Coordinator
Karen Walsh - x 222
Health Care Plan and MAT Consultant
Elizabeth Hargraves - x 231
Infant/Toddler Specialist
Donna Thomas -
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EARLY INTERVENTION

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Office Manager
Telma Almeida - x 8
Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Spratley - x 5

PUTNAM COUNTY

(845) 808-1659

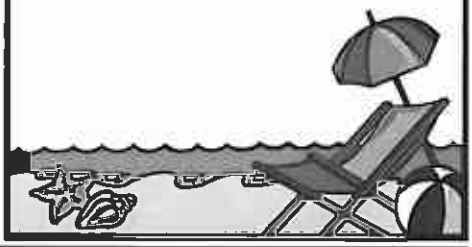
Family Day Care/
School Age Child Care Registrar:
Barbara Garbarino - x 1

Community Outreach Liaison:/
Training Coordinator
Mary Schreiber - x 2

DAY CARE SERVICES

(845) 808-1500

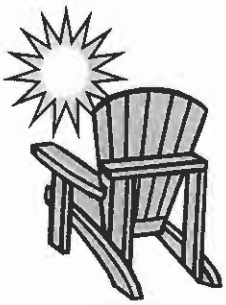
Kim Wolfe - x 45260
Dawn Haecker - x 45304



UPDATE ON THE PURSUIT OF QUALITY ASSURANCE

As we have mentioned over the past year, the Child Care Council, along with 35 other Child Care Councils in NYS, is trying to become a "Quality Assured" Child Care Resource & Referral Agency. This is a program developed by the National Association of Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA). The program analyzes how the Council adheres to best practices in every single thing we do, whether it be consumer education, parent referrals, data collection, training, etc.

To validate what we do, we are required to collect and record a great deal of information. We may be asking more questions about your program then we have in the past, we are also asking more questions from parents about our services as we update our data base. In fact, at some point NACCRRA may ask you to complete a survey on our services. So, we hope you will be patient with us as we go through this process. Join us as we become a Quality Assured agency for Dutchess and Putnam counties.



ON-SITE VISITS

The Council has heard that there may be some new and exciting projects coming in the near future! Some of these projects may include visits to your program from other Council staff. These are almost always announced visits. Please remember, that although the Council staff member may not be your licensor or registrar, as a staff member of the Council, they are required to ensure that all programs they visit are in compliance with the regulations. If you ever have any questions about the regulations, give your licensor or registrar a call!

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