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**The Marist College community salutes
the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam
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2011 Champions of Child Care Celebration honorees**



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Champions of Child Care

Program

April 14, 2011

Registration

Introductions

Special Presentations

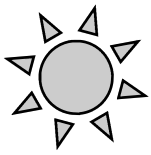
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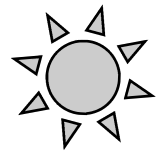
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Programs At A Glance ~

Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.



Child Care Resource & Referral (Dutchess & Putnam)

- Provides information to parents on locating child care, consumer education, referrals, subsidies, services for families
- Recruits child care providers, provides start-up information and technical assistance in meeting regulatory requirements
- Provides the Community with education on child care issues and current data needed in planning for community services
- Supports employers in planning, implementing and providing employee child care services

Child Care Registration (Dutchess & Putnam,)

- Provides supervision of 106 family day care homes in Dutchess and 26 in Putnam
- Provides supervision of 31 school age programs in Dutchess, and 7 in Putnam
- Includes processing new and renewal applications, monitoring and inspecting programs, providing technical assistance and investigating complaints



Child and Adult Care Food Program (Dutchess & Putnam)

- Supports group and family day care providers in providing nutritious, healthful meals and snacks to children in their care
- Manages the CACFP federal reimbursement program for participating providers

Health Care Consultancy Services (Dutchess & Putnam)

- Registered Nurse on staff conducts training classes on health issues for child care providers
- Reviews and approves health care plans for medication administration

Day Care Subsidy Administration (Putnam)

- Manages the subsidized day care program

Regional Infant-Toddler Technical Assistance Center (Dutchess, Putnam & Ulster)

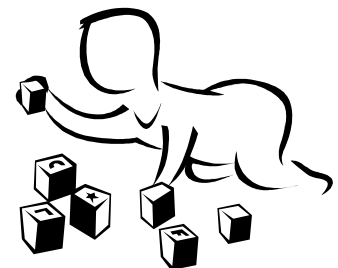
- Provides training and technical assistance to providers who care for infants and toddlers

Resource Lending Library (Dutchess & Putnam)

- Onsite lending library of toys, equipment, teaching units and professional resources

Mobile Resource Lending Library (Dutchess)

- Council van stocked with toys, games, teaching units, children's books, and professional resources to enhance programs



Congratulations to all of our nominees!

Day Care Centers

Bard Community Children's Center, Inc.

Care 4 Me Childcare, Inc.

Child Care by Valerie, Inc.

Tiffany Cratty

Creative Kids Daycare, Beekman

Danielle Place

Regina Mahoney

Melissa McGayhey

Monika Robertaccio

Half Pint

Michelle Leonard

Green Chimney's Children's Services, Inc.

Natures Nursery

Infant Toddler Center @ Vassar College

Nicole Bonelli

Kristen Jezsu

Infant/Toddler teachers

Kiddie Academy of Fishkill

Erinn Brown

Felicita Colon

Joseph Azzone

Neighborhood Daycare Services, Inc.

Northern Dutchess Day Care Center

Rence Caporaletti-Coons

Gary Taylor

Over the Rainbow Learning Center

P.A.R.C.

Poughkeepsie Child Development Center, Inc.

Milene Olmo

Saint Francis Hospital Day Care Center

Leslie Merriman

Ann Marti

Monica Hunter

Saint Francis Hospital Day Care Center II

Arian Sullivan

Karen Hunter

Tots-N-Us, Hopewell

Young Hearts Day Care, LLC

Annemarie Luongo

Nursery School programs

Abigail Lundquist Botstein Nursery School @ Bard College

Providers' Group

Putnam County Family Child Care Providers' Networking Group

Group Family Day Care programs

Bella's Group Family Daycare

Victorian Teddy Bears/Cedar Tree Preschool

Pauline Frederickson

David Frederickson

Connie Badami

Cedar Street Day Care

Debra Rhodes

The Children's Playhouse, Inc.

Barbara Passaro

Feels Like Home Childcare, Inc.

Marisol Hoffmann

Karen's Kiddie Care

Karen Isidori

Sarah Elmashad

Little Peoples Daycare

Gwen Freeman

My Little Angels Daycare/Preschool, Inc.

Denise Clair

Peek a Boo Day Care

Dawn Stackhouse

Stage III Daycare, Inc.

Cindy Sanchez

Eileen Fehr

Sweet Dreams and Friends Day Care

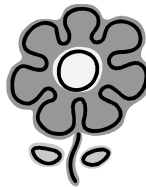
Christine Cappaletti

Teddy Bear Play House Day Care

Pamela Aiken

Wish Upon a Star Childcare, Inc.

Regina Behler



Family Day Care programs

Brook's Family Day Care, LTD

Brook Schimmel

Grammy's Country Daycare

Nancy House

Inspire Daycare

Cris Lemieux

School Age programs

The YMCA of Newburgh, NY @ Gayhead

Marcia Smoot

Milestone Anniversaries

Congratulations to the day care providers and staff celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2011.

Twenty-Five Years

Astor Early Childhood Program - Grace Caddell
Astor Early Childhood Program - Flora Santos

Twenty Years

Over the Rainbow Learning Center - Rita Acerno
My Little Angels Daycare/Preschool, Inc. - Denise Clair
Vassar College-Wimpfheimer Nursery School - Patricia Gwen-Foster

Fifteen Years

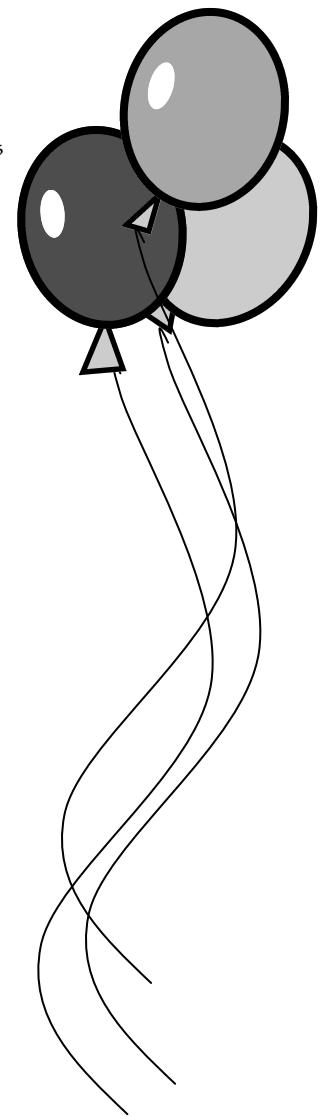
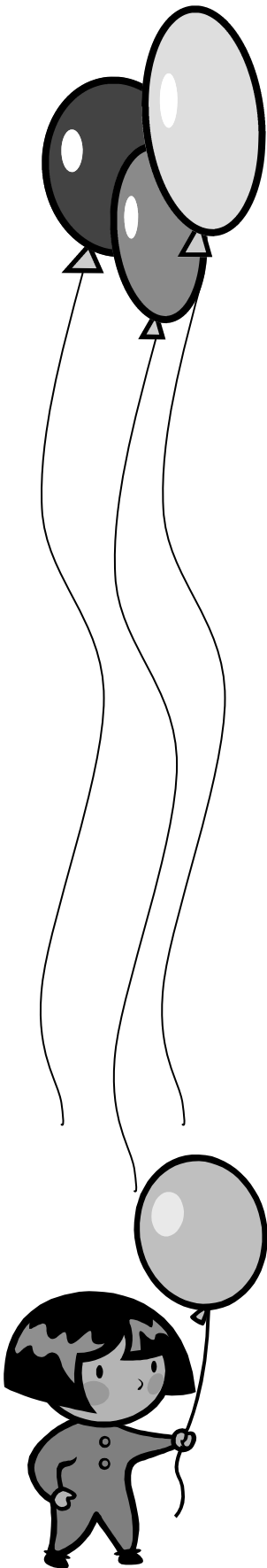
Vassar College-Wimpfheimer Nursery School - Justine Bastian
Half Pint - Michelle Leonard
Blooming Buddies - Alison Ugarte

Ten Years

Northern Dutchess Day Care Center - Renee Caporaletti-Coons
Over the Rainbow Learning Center - Sheila Durkin
Country Grove Children's Center - Sue Mock
Vassar College-Wimpfheimer Nursery School - Heidi Parks
Country Grove Children's Center - Nina Robinson
Northern Dutchess Day Care Center - Gary Taylor

Five Years

Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Laura Azzone
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Joseph Azzone
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Kayla Batista
Catharine Street Community Center, Inc. - Felicia Brown
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Ginette Colon
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Kari delPuerto Vitti
Poughkeepsie Day Nursery - Deidre Folger
Country Grove Children's Center - Eileen Hansom
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Maria Ocasio
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Amanda O'Connor
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Christine Osterhoudt
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Linda Rodriguez
Kiddie Academy of Fishkill - Stephanie Salch
Country Grove Children's Center - Karen Sinclair
Kidz Country Learning Day Care Center - Maggie Zabel



Congratulations to our Award Winners!

Putnam County

Putnam County Preschool of the Year: Meeting Special Needs and Learning Differences: P.A.R.C.
Unique Curriculum: Learning Through Nature: Green Chimney's Children's Services, Inc. - Natures Nursery
Putnam County Staff of the Year: Stage III Daycare, Inc.
Putnam County Center of the Year: Over the Rainbow Learning Center
Professional Development Award: Supporting Child Care Providers:
Putnam County Family Child Care Providers' Group



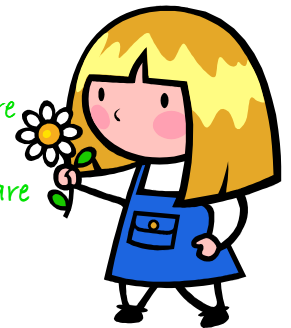
Dutchess County

Family Day Care Programs

Home Away From Home: Brook Schimmel, Brook's Family Day Care, LTD
Growing Together: Nancy House, Grammy's Country Daycare
Staying in Touch: Cris Lemieux, Inspire Daycare

Group Family Day Care Programs

Life Line Award: Bella's Group Family Daycare
Dutchess County Group Family Day Care of the Year: Victorian Teddy Bears/Cedar Tree Preschool
Meeting Family Needs: The Children's Playhouse, Inc.
Child Care Provider of the Year: Marisol Hoffmann, Feels Like Home Childcare, Inc.
Coming to the Rescue: Cedar Street Day Care
Quest for Excellence: Gwen Freeman, Little Peoples Daycare
Hope for the Future: Sweet Dreams and Friends Day Care
Dynamic Duo: Karen Isidori and Sarah Elmashad, Karen's Kiddie Care
Best Kept Secret: Wish upon a Star Childcare, Inc.
Strengthening Families One Child at a Time: Teddy Bear Playhouse Day Care
Job Well Done: Peek A Boo Day Care



School Age Child Care Programs

Exceptional School Age Child Care Director: Marcia Smoot, The YMCA of Newburgh, NY @ Gayhead

Nursery School Program

Dutchess County Nursery School of the Year: Abigail Lundquist Botstein Nursery School @ Bard College

Day Care Centers

Dutchess County Center of the Year: Infant Toddler Center @ Vassar College
Dutchess County Staff of the Year: "Soup to Nuts—Awesome": Saint Francis Hospital Day Care Center
Right From the Start: Milene Olmo and Jennifer Kingman, Poughkeepsie Child Development Center, Inc.
Beyond the Call of Duty: Gary Taylor, Northern Dutchess Day Care Center
Creative Team: Ms. Danielle, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Monika, Ms. Regina, Creative Kids Childcare
Going the Extra Mile: Neighborhood Day Care Services
Teacher Extraordinaire: Learning Through Play: Tiffany Cratty, Child Care by Valerie
Warming Our Hearts: Young Hearts Day Care, LLC
Peace of Mind: Tots-N-US



2010 Education Awards

Congratulations to the following persons who have achieved an Education Milestone during 2010. We salute your efforts to further your education to enhance what you offer to children and their families.

Danielle Armstrong

Northern Dutchess Day Care Center
Master's Degree in Early Childhood
Literacy Education (B-E)

Jessica Fulton

Young Hearts Day Care & Preschool
Master's Degree in Education

Kristen McKinley

Over the Rainbow Learning Center
Master's Degree in Early Childhood and Special Education

Amanda O'Connor

Kiddie Academy of Fishkill
Associates Degree in Science and Childhood Education

Heather Stinson

Honeybee Child Care
Associates in Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education

Danielle Place

Creative Kids Childcare
NYSAEYC Children's Program Administrator Credential

Tracey Burger

Small World Child Care
New York State School-Age Care Credential

Yolanda Coleman

Green Chimneys Children's Services
New York State School-Age Care Credential

Bonnie Conklin

YMCA of Central & Northern Westchester After School Programs in
Westchester
New York State School-Age Care Credential

Kimberly Faison

Martin Luther King Cultural Center
New York State School-Age Care Credential

Suzanne Roe

Family Services, Inc.
New York State School-Age Care Credential

Cassandra Sands

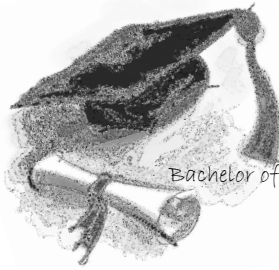
Green Chimneys Children's Services
New York State School-Age Care Credential

Annmarie Santaniello

Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation
New York State School-Age Care Credential

Marcie Smoot

YMCA of Newburgh, Dutchess Site
New York State School-Age Care Credential



Jill Acerno

Over the Rainbow Learning Center
Bachelor's Degree in Social Work

Valerie L. Andrews

Child Care By Valerie, Inc.
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership & Communication

Kristina Mang

Creative Kids Childcare
Bachelor of Arts in English Teaching Grades 1-6 Special Education

Ann McKinley

Over the Rainbow Learning Center
Bachelor's Degree in Early Education

Erica Saxton

Kiddie Academy of Fishkill
Bachelor's Degree
Child & Society with a Concentration in Education

Jennifer Strang

Honeybee Child Care
Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Special Education

Jennifer Anderson

Over the Rainbow Learning Center
Child Development Associate

Patricia Bretti

Kidz Country Learning Day Care Center
Child Development Associate

Alicia Canfield

Kidz Country Learning Day Care Center
Child Development Associate

Albert Cuomo

Over the Rainbow Learning Center
Child Development Associate

Kelly Rose

Young Hearts Day Care & Preschool
Child Development Associate

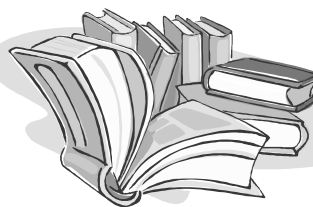
Jessica Woelfle

Over the Rainbow Learning Center
Child Development Associate

Hollie Morse

Saint Francis Hospital Learning Links Day Care Center
Child Development Associate Recertification

The Children's Corner Group Family Day Care
Reaccreditation



THANK YOU

to the staff of the
Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.



Alice Jetto, Parent Counselor, 24 years

Marion Eagen, Assistant Director, 23 years

Judy Maser, Secretary, 19 years

Nancy Owen, Clerk, 19 years

Peggy Paparone, School Age Registrar, 17 years

Jeanne Wagner, Executive Director, 13 years

Pat Isbirian, Parent Counselor, 11 years

Nancy Maffia, Family Day Care Registration Supervisor, 11 years

Liz Hargraves, Health Care Consultant, 7 years

Karen Walsh, Legally Exempt Enrollment Coordinator, 5 years

Barbara Garbarino, Putnam County Family Day Care/School Age Registrar, 5 years

Melinda Cirillo, Financial Manager, 5 years

Lorraine Scuccimarra, CACFP Coordinator, 5 years

Stacey Rosborough, Family Day Care Registrar, 5 years

Rosemarie Dehn, Training Coordinator, 5 years

Kim Wolfe, Putnam County Day Care Services Administrator, 5 years

Dawn Haecker, Putnam County Day Care Services Assistant, 4 years

Carol Taylor, Family Day Care Registrar, 4 years

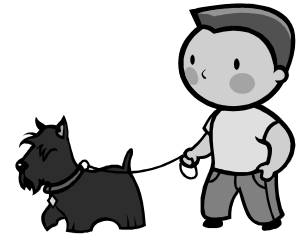
Telma Almeida, Early Intervention Office Manager, 4 years

Mary Schreiber, Putnam County Community Outreach, 3 years

Donna Thomas, Infant Toddler Specialist, 2 years

Elizabeth Spratley, Early Intervention Administrative Assistant, 1 year

Larae Fasano, Family Day Care Registrar, 1 year



Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.

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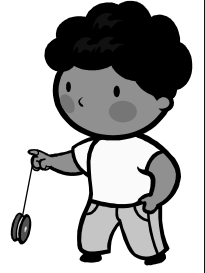
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The Champions of Child Care committee!
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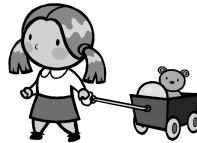
THE POUGHKEEPSIE



Tara Kaywork and the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel Staff!

The Day Care Centers who have provided us with the beautiful centerpieces!

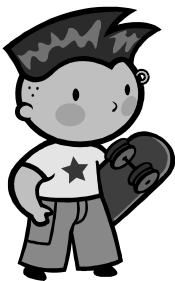
Abigail Lundquist Botstein Nursery School
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The local businesses who donated items to be raffled!



Dream Catcher Farm
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Nancy Owen
Hudson Plaza Wines and Spirits
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Karen Walsh for making the chocolate lollipops!



The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. Board of Directors and the staff for donating the items for the raffle baskets.

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. and child care providers of Dutchess and Putnam counties working together to make an impact on the child care community.

- ✿ In 2010 the following groups of consumers were served in Dutchess and Putnam Counties:
 - ♥ 1,236 families received referrals to child care programs.
 - ♥ 1,581 children were referred to child care programs.
 - ♥ There were a total of 10,093 slots for child care in day care centers, group family day care homes, family day care homes, and school age programs.
 - ♥ 1216 child care providers received training from the Child Care Council.
- ✿ Approximately 700 volunteer hours annually support the work of the Child Care Council.
- ✿ In 2010, the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. spent \$129,560 on goods and services in Dutchess County.

Economic Impact:

- ✿ There are approximately 1,465 employed in Dutchess County in the early care and education workforce.
- ✿ 73% of Child Care Council staff reside in Dutchess County, 14% in Putnam County, and 13% in Ulster County.
- ✿ Regulated early care and education programs (day care centers, family and group family child care, school age child care, Head Start, and Universal Pre-Kindergarten) provide care for a minimum of 16,000 children in Dutchess and Putnam Counties so that parents can work or go to school.

Our Mission Statement:

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. works to promote affordable and quality child care, provide information and support to families, and strengthen the early childhood workforce in Dutchess and Putnam Counties.

OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS

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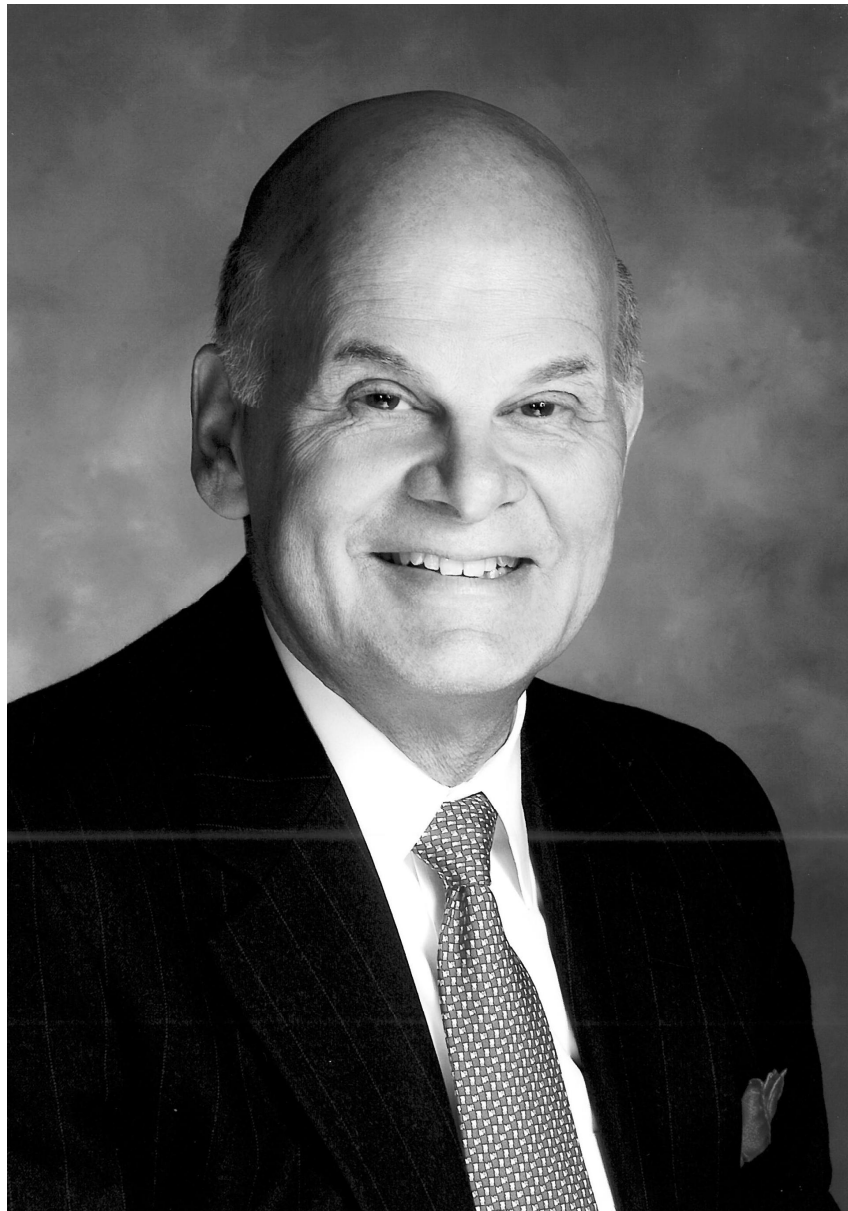
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April 14, 2011



OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR AN ENJOYABLE AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

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Nancy and Lee Miringoff

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Child Care Council of Dutchess
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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the Eighth Annual Champions of Child Care Celebration hosted by the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. Since 1970, the Child Care Council has been promoting high quality, affordable care for the children and families of Dutchess and Putnam counties.

Special congratulations are due to the recipients of the *2011 Champions of Child Care Awards*. Their outstanding service and accomplishments are truly worthy of your recognition.

As a State-designated child care resource agency, the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam provides parents with information and referrals covering over 400 programs in the area. The Council strives to ensure that children receive the best care possible, training and registering providers, regulating and monitoring programs, and administering a healthy food program. The dedicated board, staff and members of the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam are helping our young people learn and grow to their fullest potentials, and creating a happier, healthier future in the Hudson Valley.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Tom DiNapoli'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas P. DiNapoli
State Comptroller

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TO
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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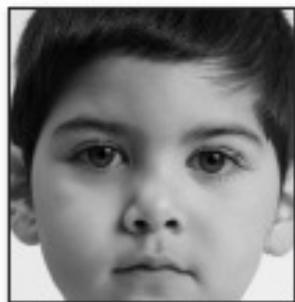
Chan, Tana, Celine, Connie & Krissy!

I am honored each day to be in your company and to be part of the amazing work you do for the children and families at ITC. I am so incredibly proud!!

Xoxo Nicole



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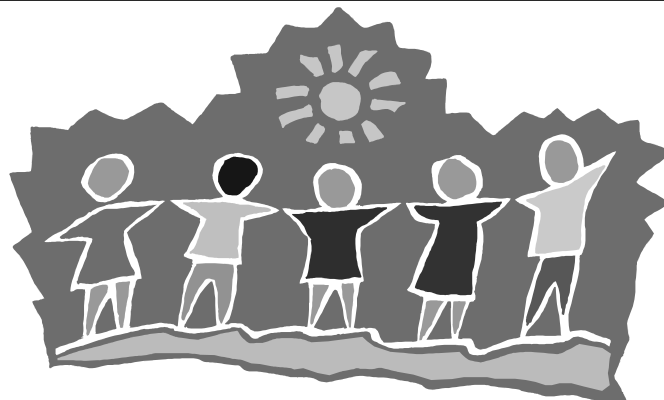


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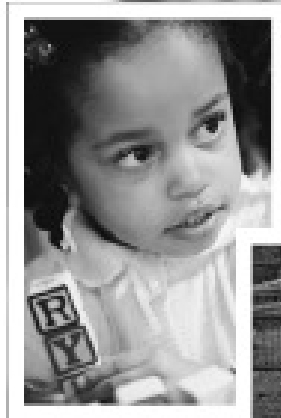
Little children come to me for hugs and books and such.
I care for all their special needs, and also fix them lunch.
I pick up toys, mop up spills, and often dry their tears.
I change their diapers, settle fights, and kiss away their fears.
I tie their shoes, button coats, and push them on the swing.
I really love these kids, you see, but there is just one thing.
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They proudly show their work to me,
I give the loudest cheers!

No, I am not their mother,
But my role is just as strong.
I nurture them and keep them safe,
Though maybe not for long.



I know someday the time may come,
When we will have to part,
But I know each child I've cared for
Is forever in my heart!

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