



Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.

Connecting Communities and Children

March 21, 2025

Dear Child Care Provider,

The Child Care Council will host its 19th Annual Champions of Child Care Celebration on Thursday, May 8, 2025 as a prelude to Provider Appreciation Day on May 9th.

It is fitting that we publicly recognize child care providers and programs for significant educational achievements, milestone years of service, and outstanding contributions in the early care and education field. In order to do that, we ask that you **complete the form on the back of this letter** for **ANY** individual in your program that has earned an education degree and/or reached a five-year anniversary milestone since 2024, as well as list your program if you have earned accreditation.

We also ask that you post the enclosed flyer for parents and staff to see. Please distribute copies of the flyer to parents in your program. We would like to invite ALL parents to have the opportunity to tell us how special you are. In past years almost all of our special awards resulted from nominations that were submitted by grateful and devoted parents. We would be thrilled to receive many more words of praise from parents this year! We know how hard ALL of you work to help our young learners.

All submissions must be received by April 14, 2025 in writing to the Child Care Council or online at www.childcaredutchess.org.

Thank you for helping the Council to make this year's Champions Celebration a wonderful event to honor our childcare providers' everyday dedication to the children in their care.

Sincerely,

Champions of Child Care Committee Chairs

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Award Information Form 2025 Champions of Child Care



Education Award

The following **current** employee(s) has earned the following Certificate or Degree during the period of April 2024 through May 2025

Employee Name: _____ Title: _____

Program Name: _____ Telephone #: _____ License #: _____

You are: _____ Family Day Care _____ Group Family Day Care _____ Day Care Center _____ School Age Child Care

How should the **TITLE OF THE DEGREE** earned be worded on the certificate?

(ex: Associates in Applied Science, Early Childhood; School Age Child Care Credential; Child Development Associate, Infant/Toddler; etc.)

_____ CDA (Child Development Associate)

_____ AA or AS or AAS in Early Childhood or a related field

_____ One Year Certificate in Early Childhood

_____ BA or BS in Early Childhood or a related field

Milestone Anniversaries

The following **current** employee(s) has achieved a milestone in employment **at our program** during the period of April 2024 through April 2025

Employee Name: _____ Title: _____

Program Name: _____ Telephone #: _____ License #: _____

Accreditation Recognition

Program Name: _____

Telephone #: _____ License #: _____

During the period of April 2024 through April 2025, the program named above has been granted:

_____ National Association for Family Day Care Accreditation or Reaccreditation (circle one)

_____ National Early Childhood Program Accreditation or Reaccreditation (circle one)

_____ National Academy of Early Childhood Program, Division of National Association for the Education of Young Children
Accreditation or Reaccreditation (circle one)

To be included in the 2025 Champions of Child Care Recognition, please submit this form **no later than April 14, 2025:**

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