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**CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF DUTCHESS AND PUTNAM INC. TO HOLD CLUSTER MEETING ON  
NOVEMBER 16 FOR FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS**

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Poughkeepsie, New York, November 4, 2011 — The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam Inc. (The Council) will host its quarterly Cluster Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 6:30PM - 8:00PM. This free training event will be held at Council headquarters, located at 70 Overocker Road in Poughkeepsie, New York, and is open to all registered Family Day Care Providers in Dutchess County.

The November 16 Cluster Meeting will give family day care providers 1.5 training hours on the topic of Child Day Care Program Development. New York State Office of Children & Family Services requires that registered family day care providers complete at least 15 hours of training during the first six months of registration; thirty hours of training are required every two years. Training hours must include nine predetermined topics.

Council Executive Director Jeanne Wagner notes, “While these cluster meetings have been developed and are being offered to meet family day care providers training requirements, they are also a unique opportunity for providers to network and brainstorm with other providers.”

Attendees are asked to bring a finished craft or activity, along with copies of its directions, to share with the group. Holiday themes are encouraged.

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam is a non-profit organization that 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.

To register for the Cluster Meeting, contact the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam at 845.473.4141. Additional information about the Council, its services, and benefits of membership is available online at [childcaredutchess.org](http://childcaredutchess.org).

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