

InterCounty Childcare Connection

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ICCC NOW PROVIDING VENDOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO REGION

ICCC is now managing vendor requirements for local DSS offices. If you need help accessing and meeting requirements to become a vendor, let us provide training, resources and technical assistance to help you meet your requirements.

LOCAL CONTACT FOR VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION and FOOD PROGRAM

Tired of having to struggle with vendor paperwork. Becoming Voluntarily Registered cuts your paperwork in half, and lasts for two years. AND, you qualify to enroll in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program which offers you additional education, support, training and reimbursement of food expenses. "I love my food program monitor" and "It's like getting paid for an extra child, without the extra work!" providers report. Contact Gayle Dunn for more info: 804-443-4993

AL'S CARING PALS REPORTS QUALITY OF CARE IMPROVED...MORE AHEAD

The research is IN! ACP final project report shows significant improvement in child care as a result of the training. We had over half of our 54 participants at our end of year celebration in June. 40 hours of training were delivered, 37 kits distributed, and 63 site visits made for technical assistance. Funding through VACCRRN, state and local DSS was a great investment showing significant outcomes. And it was so much fun! Look for more ACP training next spring. Thank you Betsy and Sara for a great year of training.

RCC WORKFORCE EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING

Visit Rappahannock Community College and click on workforce to learn about our training partnership classes. Fall classes are monthly, Saturday mornings 9-11am for a quick burst of fun and resources. To register, call the Glens campus at 804-758-6750 or the Warsaw Campus at 804-333-6828. Call ICCC at 1-800-650-2128 for info on scholarship availability.

SPICE UP YOUR PROGRAM SERIES

Tired of the same old approaches, looking for new activities, want to explore new ways to teach the basics? Join us for our monthly class where caregivers/educators will add to their toolbox of ideas, share from their own experience, and take home some terrific new strategies, activities, and sample materials for their programs. Resource boxes will be circulated in this hands-on approach supporting learning. All trainings are \$15 each and are based on VDSS publications: Professional Competencies and Milestones of Child Development.

9/10 WA 9-11am All the World's a Stage—Support creative expression and role play using prop boxes, acting out stories, and community themes; includes samples and role plays

10/8 GL 9-11am Melody, Motion and Play—Living and learning through music, how music helps children to express their feelings, supports learning and enhances activity

11/5 WA 9-11am From Trash to Treasures—Use low cost supplies and throw away items to support literacy and learning from early infancy through preschool. Includes take home resources to use with children and families.

12/3 GL 9-11am Art Explosion--Ditch the Worksheets, and allow art to be an expression of the heart; It's about the process, not the product. Fun for all!

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**LOOK AHEAD: ONLINE TRAINING
AVAILABLE THROUGH ICCC**

ICCC already provides online renewals for CPR/FA training in a blended environment. Soon we will partner with NACCRRRA and VACCRRN to offer additional online training which will qualify to meet annual hours and CDA requirements.

RESOURCE TIDBITS

www.ifoster.org now has refurbished computers including laptops to support foster children/families at greatly reduced rates

www.groupon.com offers discounts to everything. Get emailed deals of the day where you can get huge discounts, e.g. half price Virginia State Fair tickets which is coming up Sept. 29-October 9.

www.smartbeginnings.org and learn about Quality Rating and Improvement Systems across our state.

LOOK AHEAD: BETTER KID CARE

ICCC will offer two 2-hour trainings in Gloucester to programs currently serving or willing to serve off installation military families. Through a partnership with NACCRRRA, ICCC will participate in this statewide grant funded project to support quality options for families using the evidenced based curriculum Better Kid Care. With videos, handouts and group interaction, this will be a great opportunity to gain training hours. Limited stipends will be available for qualified programs. Look for more info to come.

**NEW REFERRAL SYSTEM, NEW PHONE
NUMBERS AND NEW BROCHURES**

Child care referrals are now routed to a central referral specialist at 1-866-KIDS TLC. Our office phone/fax has changed to 804-693-7027. And new brochures will be distributed throughout the region in the next months. As always you can find us at our toll free 1-800-650-2128 or on the website www.iccc-va.org

QRIS AND SMART BEGINNINGS

ICCC participates in the Smart Beginnings Initiative and ensures that all trainings are aligned with the state's Professional Competencies and Milestones of Child Development.

**FREE--LET'S MOVE CHILD CARE TRAINING
OPPORTUNITY**

First Lady Michele Obama has promoted this initiative to get children up and moving and address the epidemic obesity in the US. Visit <http://www.healthykidshealthyfuture.org/welcome.html> and click on Let's Move Child Care now and sign up. On top of all of these must-see resources already available to get you started right now (including our Let's Move! Child Care Checklist), once you sign up we'll send you an email when the online version of the Let's Move! Checklist is available.

You'll be able to fill out that checklist online and receive a customized Action Plan designed exclusively for you to help you reach your goals. In addition to finding out when the interactive checklist launches, you'll get updates about providers like you who are participating in the program, as well as new tools when they become available and online one hour training that will count toward your requirements. Contact ICCC for more info!

**LOOK AHEAD: QUALITY INITIATIVE
TRAINING CALENDAR**

ICCC is preparing to offer two professional summits and HAND IN HAND, a mentorship training to support family child care. More to follow in the months ahead.

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