

# WCFCCA Newsletter

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## Dear Providers

Summer sun = summer fun! While we normally take a “break” from our regular trainings during the summer, we have a few events in June that we hope you can take advantage of. Our monthly trainings start in September. Our association is doing great and we want to thank you for your continued support! We currently have 75 members and have \$1600 in our account. Please encourage your fellow providers to join so that we can continue to offer free trainings and a reasonably-priced conference every year ☺

## Upcoming Events

*All trainings are held on Tuesday nights from 7-9PM at the St. Michael Community Education Building (unless noted). Trainings are FREE for members, \$15 for non-members. Reserve space by calling or e-mailing us; non-members must register through CCR&R at 1-877-311-2244.*

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#### Saturday, June 5, 3:00 p.m. BBQ Party & Childcare Tour

Come join us for food and fun at Hollee Saville’s home in St. Michael (10134 44<sup>th</sup> Court NE). We’ll be barbecuing, touring her childcare, sharing ideas, and simply hanging out with fellow providers. Please bring an appetizer to share. RSVP to Hollee at 763-463-5909 or via e-mail at [hollee@wcfcca.org](mailto:hollee@wcfcca.org).

#### Tuesday, June 15 7:00 p.m. Registry training

**\*\*Monticello Community Center\*\*  
Free for all Wright County Providers so spread the word!**  
Learn more about registering for free on the Minnesota Center for Professional Development Registry. The Registry is a “voluntary statewide program to document and recognize the professional achievements of people who work in the early childhood education and school-age care professions.” By completing this free training or signing up with the Registry before June 30, each participant is eligible for a free one year membership or renewal with MLFCCA!

#### Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. Provider Party & Childcare Tour

Carol Wolff is hosting a childcare tour at 4565 Medley Lane in St. Michael! Join your fellow providers for fun, food, and friends as we tour her childcare home, share ideas, and simply relax with adults (for a change). Please bring an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Hollee at 763-463-5909 or via e-mail at [hollee@wcfcca.org](mailto:hollee@wcfcca.org).

#### Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. Provider Party & Childcare Tour

Holly Bernatz is hosting a childcare tour at 301 5<sup>th</sup> St NW in St. Michael! Join your fellow providers for fun, food, and friends as we tour her childcare home, share ideas, and simply relax with adults (for a change). Please bring an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Hollee at 763-463-5909 or via e-mail at [hollee@wcfcca.org](mailto:hollee@wcfcca.org).

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## MLFCCA Report

2009 NAFCC Annual Conference will be held June 25-27 at the Marriot Baltimore Waterfront, Baltimore, Maryland. For more information regarding the national conference, please visit [www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org).



## NAFCC Accreditation Facilitation Project (AFP)

Get help and support in attaining the NAFCC Accreditation for your program. To learn more, contact Amy Loechler Dimmler-Project Coordinator at 651-646-8689, ext. 38.

## T.E.A.C.H. Grants

The T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Project was developed to upgrade the level of education of those working with young children by making the educational process affordable, increasing wages and reducing turnover. T.E.A.C.H. can pay for college tuition and books, travel, substitute services, and a bonus. T.E.A.C.H. also has a program to offset much of the cost of the CDA (Child Development Associate) assessment fee. (Another program offering financial support and guidance with an advisor to earn the CDA credential is also offered by CCR&R and is called the Minnesota CDA Support Project, call 651-641-6653 for more information). For more information, please visit <http://www.mnchildcare.org/TEACH/index.php>

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## R.E.E.T.A.I.N. Grants

R.E.E.T.A.I.N (Retaining Early Educators Through Attaining Incentives Now) is a workforce retention program that strives to reduce the turnover rates among child care providers who work with young children. Grant recipients are free to use grant dollars as they choose. Grant dollars are considered additional salary and may be used to pay bills, reinvest in your in your child care setting, or cover personal expenses. The grants range from \$1000 to \$3500 depending upon the level of education attained. The grant application period is June 1 through July 31. REETAIN offers grants to providers who:

- Are licensed or work for a licensed program
- Work at least 30 hours per week directly with the same 1 or 2 groups of children
- Have been working in their current position for at least one year
- Have earned a CDA, Associate Degree, Bachelors degree or higher
- Are willing to commit to staying in their position for one year.

Applications will be available at [www.mnstreams.org](http://www.mnstreams.org). For more information, contact Linda Magel at [lindam@mnchildcare.org](mailto:lindam@mnchildcare.org) or (651) 290-9704 ext. 108.

## New Members

We welcome the following new members to WCFCCA:

*Jena Ketchum, Monticello*

*Heidi Paumen, Monticello*

*Karina Heald, Maple Lake*

*Joyce Arends, Otsego*

*Cheryl Vergara, Monticello*

*April Vedders, Monticello*

*Sheri Shelstad, Buffalo*

*Mary Edgren, Albertville*

*Patrice Milless, Albertville*

*New members can join online at <http://www.wcfcca.org/register.php>*



*“There will always be dreams grander or humbler than your own, but there will never be a dream exactly like your own... for you are unique and more wondrous than you know!”*  
-Linda Staten

## Save the Date for the Next Conference!

Mark your calendars for the conference next year - Saturday, April 16, 2011. It will be at the Monticello Community Center. Trainings will be two hours each, and there will be much more time for shopping! Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering for the conference such as being on the conference planning committee, helping set up that morning, stuffing conference folders, etc.

## Board Elections and Other Volunteer Opportunities

The positions of President and Secretary will be open for election at the end of this year. Please contact us if you are interested in running for those positions. The position of Treasurer is still open. We are looking for someone who is organized and good with finances. Experience with ledger/Quicken/MS Money preferred, willing to teach the right candidate.

There are other opportunities to volunteer with WCFCCA. As mentioned above, we welcome volunteers to help plan and prepare for the conference next year. Any help is appreciated! If you have a special talent or area of interest, a desire to serve in a leadership or committee role, let us know what you'd like to do!

## Project Play Day

In celebration of Provider Appreciation Day Child Care WORKS is announcing "Project Play Day." Back in 2009 the staff from Child Care WORKS helped a family childcare provider in Mankato fill her sandbox with 3 tons of sand, and we are ready to help another provider or program with their project!

In honor of 2010 Provider Appreciation Day we want to help you add a fresh coat of paint, landscaping improvements, spruce up the playground, help with small repairs and organizing the play area! Maybe you have a few other ideas or projects that you could use a few extra hands? Well, let Child Care WORKS come and do the labor for you.

If you have a project in mind, please apply. Applications are due June 30th. If your program is chosen, Child Care WORKS will work with you to find a date sometime in July or August to complete the work.

Please note Child Care WORKS and Project Play Day is not able to work on any projects that will violate Rule 2 or 3, would need a licensed technician to complete the project (i.e. plumbing, heating/cooling, electrical), or be unsafe to staff (i.e. roofing). Child Care WORKS and Project Play Day is able to help with the labor and NOT the financial responsibility of the project.

For more information or questions, contact Alicia Frosch, [alicia@childcareworks.org](mailto:alicia@childcareworks.org), 612-455-1055, ext 17. To apply, please go to <http://projectplayday.catsone.com/careers/index.php?m=portal>.



## FREE CDA Training still available

Child Care Resource & Referral is offering up to 90 hours of free training toward your National Child Development Associate Credential.

YOU may be eligible if you care for infants and toddlers and have completed at least 30 hours of CDA training. All Eager-to-Learn courses count toward CDA training hours.

Apply now! This scholarship is only available through June 30. To learn more and apply: contact Linda Magel at 651.290.9704 ext. 108 or email her at [lindam@mncildcare.org](mailto:lindam@mncildcare.org).

## July 4th Ideas

### Fruit Flag Recipe by Family Fun Magazine

#### Ingredients:

29 large strawberries  
30 large blackberries  
7 or so large bananas  
Lemon juice

#### Instructions:

Hull and halve 29 large strawberries and set them aside.

Arrange 30 large blackberries in the upper left corner of a serving tray or cutting board (it should be at least 8 by 13 inches).

Cut 58 banana slices, 3/4-inch-thick, into a bowl. Sprinkle on lemon juice and toss the slices gently with a rubber spatula to keep them from browning.

Assemble the banana slices in rows as shown and top each slice with a strawberry half.

### Patriotic Shirt or Painting by Family Fun Magazine

<http://familyfun.go.com/4th-of-july/4th-of-july-crafts/hand-some-tee-895365/> for a picture!

#### Materials:

Fabric paint in brown, white, black, and yellow  
T-shirt

Piece of cardboard

Paintbrush

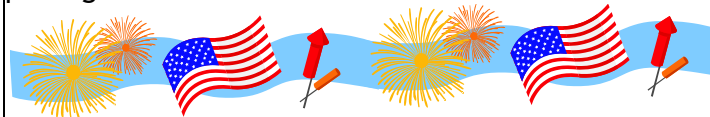
#### Instructions:

To keep the paint from bleeding through the shirt, place the cardboard inside. With the brush, paint your child's right palm and fingers (not the thumb) brown. Have her press her hand onto the shirt to form the eagle's left wing. Repeat with the left hand for the other wing, overlapping the palm prints, as shown. Have your child clean her hands. Tip: Depending upon the thickness of the paint, you may need to let one color dry before adding another. Use a hair dryer to speed up the drying.

To make the tail feathers, paint the index, middle, and ring fingers of one hand white. Turn the shirt upside down, then have your child press her fingers onto the shirt where shown.

For the head, have your child make a fist with her left hand, then paint the pinkie side white. Press down on the shirt and slightly smudge the print to give the eagle's head a feathery look.

Use a finger to make a black dot for the eye, then dab on a yellow beak. Set the paint according to the package directions.



## Water Fun

### Sprinklers

Let children run through a sprinkler spraying on the lawn. If it's a rotating sprinkler, challenge them to run ahead or behind the water spray, if it's an arching sprinkler, see if the children can predict the pattern of the water to run underneath the arch. And of course just have lots of fun getting wet! Don't forget to have children bring a swimsuit or extra outfit, and put on plenty of sunscreen!

### Measuring and Pouring

With several inches of water in a water table or bin or sink, give the children a variety of measuring cups and spoons and scoops. Talk about how long it takes to fill up a measuring cup with a small spoon like a teaspoon and how quick it fills up when using a smaller measuring cup. Include funnels to show how it takes longer to fit through a smaller opening like the bottom of the funnel. Try a sieve too! Children also enjoy watering plants and watching color changes when things get wet, such as fabric or the siding or the fence.

### What Floats?

Have the children help select a variety of toys and objects. Ask if they think the object will float or sink, then test the theory by trying to float it in a water table or bin or sink with several inches of water in it. Be creative, you can get a paper clip to "float" on the surface tension of the water by slowly lowering it using a fork!

### Safety Tips around the Lake

Many Minnesotans head out to the lake on weekends so it's important to teach kids to be safe around water. Never go near the water without an adult supervising. Always wear a life jacket on a boat or while skiing or tubing even if you know how to swim. Get out of the water if there is a storm coming. Be careful to watch for waves.

### Safety Tips around Pools and Hot Tubs

Visit <http://www.splashzoneusa.com/home.html> for a cute song, printable coloring book, online interactive activities, and water game ideas such as Marco Polo.



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