



A CAREGIVER NETWORK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Week of the Young Child is upon us. The purpose of this week is to make Early Childhood Education more visible in our communities and to show what great things we do for the children we care for. We have tried to line up a couple of fun events and hope you can come to both or at least one of them. I am sure they both will be worth the effort it takes to come. The trike-a-thon is a nationally sponsored event that we have expanded upon to make it bigger and better. Our location is very visible and hopefully will have people stopping to see what it is all about. The music performance should be lots of fun as well. Please come and join us for both (they are part of your membership benefits) if you can. I hope to see you there. Mary

THANK YOU:

ACGN would like to thank ACECC for the donation of the sand buckets for the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt. They were the perfect size and the children will even get to play with them all summer long!

ACGN would like to extend our biggest and warmest thank you to John Crotty for donating his time of hiding the eggs and being our Easter Bunny. He did a terrific job.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Music and More Fun!!

Please come and bring your children to a fun filled children's music sing-a-long. Verne Bullock will lead the children in singing lots of their favorites songs and yours too. His wife Valerie, will bring along her miniature horses for the children to pet and experience. They also will bring along Lacy, an Old English Sheepdog, plus Priscilla and Scooter their Dachshunds. All the animals will be available for petting. The event will be at 10:30am on Friday, April 11th at St. Martin in the fields Episcopal Church 4740 South Buckley Road Aurora 80015. Please RSVP via E-mail mllambs@aol.com or by phone 303-699-2681 with your number of children. Please see the flyer on page for more exciting activities to celebrate the Week of the Young Child.

SUBSTITUTE PROVIDER

Do you have an appointment or need to run some errands? Do you sometimes just need an extra person there to get things done? Hi, my name is Debi and I am the person that you are looking for. I am licensed and looking to be a backup for anyone that needs help. I have over ten years experience with children including raising my own two. Just recently made the decision to pursue getting a license. I have references available for the in home day care that I am currently backup and for the couple that I watch off track. Please give me a call at 303-667-0120 if you are in need of any extra help. Debi Spurlock 303-699-6189 or 303-667-0120 short_cake@comcast.net

TELEPHONE & EMAIL CONTACTS



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Keesha Minor x 3026	

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Denver Childcare Licensing 303-285-4075

Food Programs:

A Child's Choice	303-627-9207
Child Care Sponsors	303-745-1358
Kid's Nutrition	303-987-4852
Wildwood	303-730-0460

Adjacent County Association Referrals:

A CareGiver Network	720-870-1161
Adams	303-451-1061
Arapahoe	303-246-5146
Boulder	303-494-0404
Broomfield	303-464-8307
Denver	303-756-8901
North Denver	303-371-7650
Douglas/Elbert	303-841-7718
Jefferson	303-969-8772
Longmont	303-651-1539
Lafayette	303-828-4617

Resource and Referral Agencies:

Qualistar, www.qualistar.org	303-290-9088
Child Care Innovations	303-969-9666
Families First	303-745-0327
Family Support Line	303-695-7996
Consejos Para Familias	1 866-527-3264
Family Resources	303-969-9500
Care Connection	303-604-0030
Colorado Childcare Association	303-860-7174
Colo. Assoc. of Family Childcare, www.coloradochildcare.com	
Colo. Assoc. for the Education of Young Children www.coloradoaeyc.org	303-791-2772

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Medication Administration, Maria C.	303-690-5836
Pre-licensing Training, Dawn R.	303-690-7684
Universal Precautions, Dawn R.	303-690-7684

Miscellaneous:

Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council	303-991-2220
Colorado Dept. of Health (immunization cards)	303-692-2650
ECE Resource Centers:	
Arapahoe Community College	303-797-5678
Comm. College Aurora	303-340-7564

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

NOTE: As of May 1, 2007, Home Child Care Providers will need 15 credit hours to renew their license and Experienced Providers will need 18.

⇒ **April 17, 7:00-8:30 pm**

⇒ **Going Green**

Speaker: Sandy Bryan from Melaluca

Credit: 1.5 Health and Safety

Location: 6860 S. Yosemite Court, Suite 2000, Centennial, CO 80112

Description: Learn more about what is "IN" the products in your home, how they affect your family, and the alternatives that are available. Learn how to SAVE TIME AND MONEY in various areas of your life. In the least, please come for an experience that will enlighten you on the chemicals in the home.

⇒ **May 15, 2008, 7:00-8:30 pm**

⇒ **Children as Passengers**

Speaker: Vera Fullaway from State Child Passenger Safety Team

Credit: 1.5 Health and Safety

Location: 6860 S. Yosemite Court, Suite 2000, Centennial, CO 80112

Description: Topic will cover car seat safety and laws .

Other Training Opportunities

See page 8

Substitute Care Provider:
Becky
720-870-2185



REFERRAL INFORMATION

The referral inquiry information for the months of **February** and **March** are as follows All other calls were referred to other agencies or counties.)

February	March	
80010	1	
80011	2	
80012	1	
80013	3	
80014	1	
80015	4	
80016	5	
80017	1	
80018	3	
80018	3	
80018	1	
80121	1	
80122	1	
80237	1	
	80010	1
	80011	1
	80012	2
	80013	6
	80014	1
	80015	4
	80016	1
	80017	3
	80018	1
	80231	1
	80237	1
	80022	1

Call Maria with your openings!
720-870-1161
mariaconrad@comcast.net



ADVERTISING RATES

36 characters or Less
 Member \$8 month
 Non Member \$10 mo.

Business Card
 Member \$16 mo.
 Non Member \$20 mo.

Quarter Page
 Member \$32 mo.
 Non Member \$40 mo.

Half Page
 Member \$48 mo.
 Non Member \$60 mo.

Full Page or Flyer
 Member \$80 mo.
 Non Member \$100 mo.

All newsletters and flyers are printed on white paper with black ink. Advertisers who pay for a flyer insert may provide their own flyers at their own expense.

Advertisements should be print ready in a tiff, jpeg, bmp, gif or psp format.

Newsletters are printed bimonthly. Deadline for submissions are:

- January 15
- March 15
- May 15
- July 15
- September 15
- November 15

Please email your advertisement to newsletter@caregivernetwork.org

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION COURSES

These courses are held at the Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council (ACECC), 6860 S. Yosemite Court, Suite 2000 Centennial, CO 80112, from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Limited to 15 students per class. Cost \$35 per person. All classes are non-refundable. If the class you're scheduled for is cancelled, you will be notified if you have supplied us with your telephone number. There is a \$30.00

charge on all returned checks.

No refunds.

Purchase classes online at www.caregivernetwork.org

Call 720-870-1161

2008 Classes:

April 12 October 11
 June 14 November 8
 August 9

Medication Forms Online:

www.caregivernetwork.org/8

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council (ACECC), 6860 S. Yosemite Court, Suite 2000 Centennial, CO 80112, from 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

2008 Dates:

April 12 October 11
 June 14 November 8
 August 9

Only \$15 per person

FIRST AID & CPR COURSES

Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council (ACECC), 6860 S. Yosemite Court, Suite 2000 Centennial, CO 80112, from 8:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Only \$35.00

2008 Dates:

April 19 Sept 20
 May 17 Oct 18
 June 21 Nov 15
 July 20 Nov 15
 Aug 16

Pay online with debit/credit card or call Jay at 303-690-8267.

All classes non-refundable. If the class is cancelled and you've provided your telephone number, you will be called.



Pre-Licensing Training Course

ACGN offers pre-licensing toward opening a family childcare home license. If you know of anyone starting a child care, have them call 303-690-7684.

2008 classes:

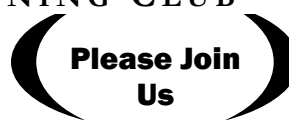
Apr 5 Oct 4
May 3 Nov 1
June 7
Jul 12
Aug 2
Sep 6

PRESCHOOL PLANNING CLUB

Join us for fun and a minimum of 1 hour credit in the area of Early Childhood Education at Dawn's home, 5543 S. Himalaya Way, Centennial, CO 80015 at 7:00 p.m.

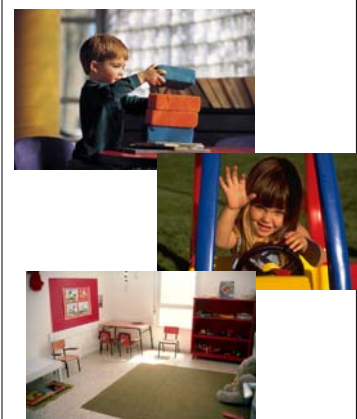
Many curriculum resources available in the library. \$3.00 fee for copies.

April 9 June 11
 May 14 July 9



Aug 13 Sept 10
 Oct 8 Nov 12
 Dec 10

RSVP to Dawn 303-690-7684



Other Trainings:

Other Denver Area Organization Meetings/Workshops:

Adams County Association of Family Child Care

Meetings are usually held at the Thornton Civic Center unless otherwise noted, 9500 Civic Center Drive. I-25 to Thornton Parkway. Then East on Thornton Parkway to the Civic Center. Turn and go north to the civic center building. Contact Natasha Heronema (303)484-8486 to verify location before attending. Snacks and refreshments at 6:30 pm with social time before the workshop begins.

Arapahoe County Family Child Care Association

Meets the 2nd & 3rd Tues of the month. @2nd Tues mtg place is the Castlewood Library in Centennial. The 3rd Tues meeting place is the Medical Center of Aurora So. Campus. For More information contact Patty at (303)745-6558

Boulder County Family Child Care Association:

.Meets the 2nd Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-8:45pm at 1950 Mountain View, Longmont (Matisse Room). Contact Sue Stevens at 303-666-8774 for information.

Broomfield Child Care Association

Meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of every month 6:30-8:30pm at First Baptist Church, 90 Emerald St., Broomfield. For more information contact Cathy at (303) 451-7453

Aug. 14, 2007 Topic: Collection Agency

Colorado Association of Family Child Care

Meets at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1420 S. Holly St., Denver on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 9-12.

Denver Association of Family Child Care

Meets the second Thursday of each month at the Salem United Church of Christ, 5300 E. Florida from 7:00—9:00 p.m. Child care available \$2/child. Price for workshop/meeting without membership card is \$5 Contact: Betty 303-758-1289

Douglas County Child Care Association

Meeting dates and locations vary per month. Please call Paula (720)344-2931 or Shelley (303) 346-9779 for monthly information.

Jefferson County Child Care Association

Meetings are held at the Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow Street in Lakewood from 6:45—9:00 p.m. Bring a dish if you wish to join the potluck meal. No children, breastfeeding infants only.

NE Denver Child Care Network

Meets the last Monday of the month at Environmental Tech Institute, 11801 E. 33rd Ave, Unit C, Denver 7-9 pm. Contact Emma at (303)618-9887 for more information.

Child Care Innovations

www.rccc.edu/childcareinnovations

Conferences:

Broomfield will host a conference “The Many Hats of the Provider” on September 13 from 7 am – 4:30 at the Adams County District 12 Conference Center with Keynote Speaker Tom Copeland. \$57 if registered by August 24 or \$67 thereafter. Contact Cathy at 303-451-7453.

Eagle county will have a conference at Miller Ranch in Edwards, Colorado on May 17th. 5 hours credit. Contact Carol.

Colorado Springs, contact Eudora 719-391-1227 or Laura 719-391-0639:

Tour of Homes on April 12. Tour 7 homes.

Conference featuring Jim Gill on October 11th. 6 hours credit.

Denver county will have a conference April 26th from 8 am – 4:30 pm at the Salem United Church of Christ, 5300 E. Florida Avenue. \$30 for DAFCC member and \$50 for nonmembers. 6 hours credit. Contact: Karen 303-504-0123.

Correspondence Courses

ACE—Alternative Continuing Education 720-436-9367

Wildwood—www.Wildwoodkidstuff.com 800-539-9453

CARE Course— www.carecourse.com 800-685-7610

Advanced Care—303-384-3696

The Learning Bug –Sue Cometto 303-460-1954

Childcare Educational Opportunities—Judy Eggleston
303-469-5596

Medication Class & Universal Precautions Class

Date: May 17, 2008

Time: 9:00 am.- 1:00 pm 1:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Price: Med. \$50.00 Universal \$20.00

Place: Rosemarie Regan’s Home

11135 Clermont Dr. Thornton Co. 80233

RSVP 303-280-9765

Coffee, Water, Bagels & Lite lunch Included

CAFCC State Representative Report – March 2008

Affiliate Trainings:

Adams county will have a Tour of Homes on April 26th from 10 am – 2 pm. 12 houses will be shown and 5 hours of continuing education credits will be given. Cost is \$15 for ACAFCC members and \$20 for nonmembers. Contact: Dawn Benson at 720-933-9325.

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Legislative:

Colorado Early Childhood Report:

House Bill 1229 regarding substitutes was amended to apply for more than 14 calendar days a year.

Senate Bill 210 regarding the CCAP program passed through Senate.

Senate Bill 1364 was dropped. This one would have taken \$3 million out of TANF funds that were slotted for the CCAP program plus the \$3 million federal match.

Elections:

Please send your letter of intent and biography for upcoming elections for board member vacancies.

NAFCC:

Membership Madness is underway to raise membership

Annual conference will be held in July in Chicago this year. See www.nafcc.org for info.

Call for presenters, exhibitors, and sponsors is out.

Accredited providers are encouraged to attend.

Attention NAFCC Accredited Providers: NAFCC would love to receive your letters about the accreditation process and benefits of being nationally accredited for their 25th Anniversary memories project.

Salt Lake colleges are offering continuing education courses for discounted fees to NAFCC members. See www.nafcc.org for more information.



STORYTIME SESSIONS

Join us for story time and a preschool activity. Space limited to 30 children. Held at the Smoky Hill Library at 5430 S. Biscay Circle, Meeting Room B, Centennial Colorado from 10:00 –11:00 a.m.

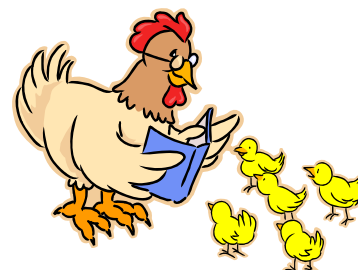
Dates:

Apr 4, May 16, June 13, July 11, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12

LIMIT 30 Children

To attend story time with your children, you **MUST R.S.V.P.**

By contacting Mary Ingleby 303-699-2681 or by email mllambs@aol.com



Trike-A-Thon

Time: 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Date: Tuesday, 04/15/08

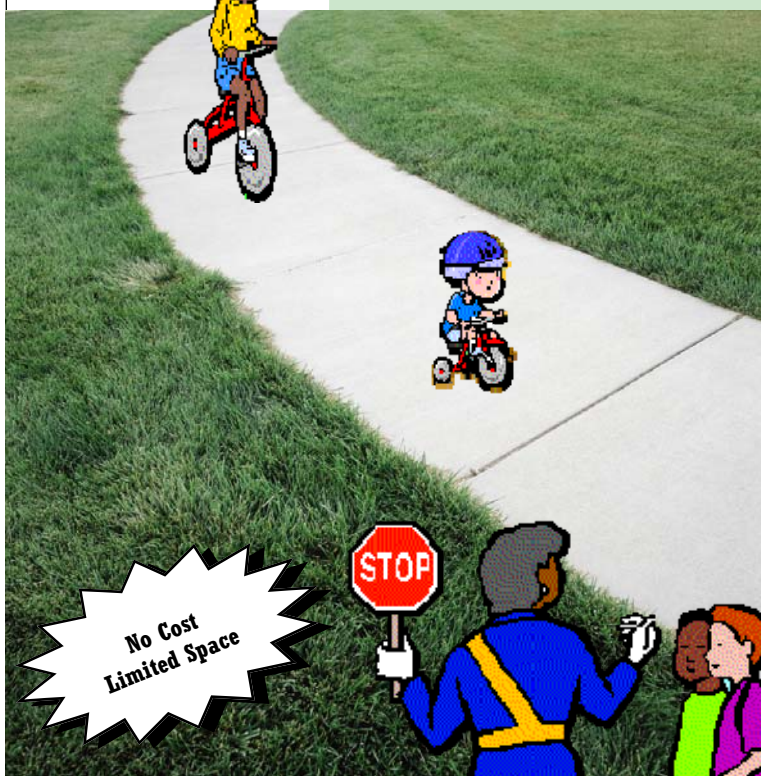
Fundraiser for St. Jude Research Center

Sponsored by: A Caregiver Network

Children in your care can learn tricycle safety while raising money for St. Jude's and earning prizes. A child raising \$35 in pledges will receive a t-shirt.

Other activity areas include community helpers; i.e. fire truck, police car, etc., a coloring area, trike safety video, snack station, and community helper board for photo opportunities. Bring a sack lunch.

Limited to 300 children. Please call Dawn to obtain pledge paperwork and to check out a safety book and DVD. Call to reserve space for your group today.



Contact Dawn: 303-690-7684

**St. Martin in the Field Episcopal Church,
4740 S. Buckley Road, Aurora, CO 80015**

Doorprizes. First 50 reserved will be placed in a drawing for free helmets. Must be present to win.

Monthly Themes



Celebrate Diversity Month
 Injury Prevention Month
 Keep America Beautiful
 Month of the Young Child
 National Humor Month
 National Kite Month
 National Poetry Month
 Straw Hat Month
 National Garden Week
 Egg Salad Week
 National Library Week
 National Dance Week
 National Wildlife Week
 National Karaoke Week
 Fish Fry Week
 National Sibling Day
 Licorice Day
 Earth Day
 Take Your Kid to Work Day



Clean Air Month
 Family Wellness Month
 Get Caught Reading
 Learn German Month
 National Bike Month
 National Hamburger Mnth
 Nat'l Military Appreciation
 Physical Fitness & Sports
 National Smile Month
 National Family Month
 Eat Dessert First Week
 Be Kind To Animals Week
 National Hug Week
 National Pet Week
 Teacher Appreciation Wk
 National Police Week
 Nat'l Backyard Games Wk
 Stepmother's Day
 School Principals' Day
 Cinco de Mayo
 No socks Day

Recalls

Plush Rocker Toys Recalled By Tek Nek Toys Due to Fall Hazard

Name of Product: Rock 'N Ride Plush Rocker Toys

Units: About 122,000

Manufacturer: Tek Nek Toys Int'l L.P., of Southlake, Texas



Hazard: The base of the rocker can become unstable and allow the rocker to tip forward or backward, posing a fall hazard to children.

Incidents/Injuries: Tek Nek Toys has received 35 reports of the rockers tipping over, including ten reports of injuries such as bumps, bruises and lacerations.

Description: This recall involves Rock 'N Ride plush rocker toys sold in eight models: brown pony, pink pony, pink unicorn, deluxe pony, deluxe bull, lil' penguin, lil' propeller plane and Clifford big red rocker. The toys have molded plastic rocker bases and were sold for children at least 18 months old and up to 65 lbs. A button on the toy's ear, hat or dash activates songs and phrases when pressed. Rockers included in this recall have a date code from July 26, 2007 through December 29, 2007. The date codes are printed on a sticker inside the battery compartment.

Sold at: Wal-Mart, Toys "R" Us, Kmart, Target, Atwoods, and Pamida stores nationwide and Internet retailers from September 2007 through March 2008 for about \$30.

Manufactured in: China



Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the rocker toys away from young children and contact Tek Nek Toys for a free replacement base.

HUMOR ME



One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

April 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Story Time	5 Pre-Licensing
6	7	8	9 Preschool Plan	10	11 Verne Bullock Sing Along	12 Meds Class Univ. Precaut
13	14	15	16	17 ACGN Member Meeting	18	19 First Aid/CPR
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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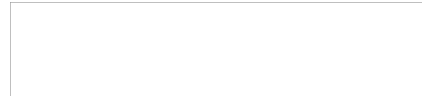
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Preschool Snack Ideas

Popcorn Banana Munch Mix

Do the children in your afterschool program enjoy trail mix, gorp or popcorn for a snack? Add variety to these munching favorites by creating (or having children mix up a batch of) Popcorn Banana Munch Mix with a recipe adapted from the Family Fun [website](#).

To make 5-6 cups of this mix, start with 2 cups of cheese flavored popcorn, ½-1 cup of banana chips broken into pieces, 1 cup dry roasted peanuts (omit if food allergies are an issue), and ½ to 1 cup of sweetened dry cranberries. Measure all ingredients into a large bowl and mix. Feel free to substitute or add in other healthy favorites as desired.

Banana Crunch Pops

Looking for a delicious, nutritious, healthy snack to serve (or make with) the children in your afterschool program? A variety of healthy snack recipes are included in the [CanFit Healthy Snack Guide for Your Afterschool Program](#) which is available for download at no charge. The following recipe for Banana Crunch Pops comes from the CanFit guide:

Gather 8 ounces of non-fat yogurt in desired flavor, ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon, 6 wooden sticks, 3 bananas and 1 and ½ cups granola or crisp rice cereal. Peel bananas and then cut in half crosswise. Pour yogurt into a shallow dish. Stir in cinnamon. Insert a wooden stick into each banana piece and roll in yogurt. Place cereal into a small, shallow dish, and roll the banana pieces in the cereal. Place on a baking sheet lined with waxed paper. Freeze. Bring to room temperature before serving.