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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We are about to embark on the joys of warm sunny days with plenty of time to let our little ones enjoy the fresh air and the much needed sunshine. We are blessed to live in a part of the country where we get so many perfect weather days. This is a great time to regroup and refresh as we take a break from structured curriculum and prepare for another fun-filled year to come. I hope you all take the time to give your self a break which will improve the quality of care you provide by giving yourself time for yourself and refresh your outlook. It works, trust me. Have a happy summer. Mary

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

It is Election Time Again!!

The positions that are up in this election are:

- * Vice President
- * Secretary
- * Referral Coordinator
- * Membership Coordinator
- * State Representative #2

If you are interested in any of these positions, would like to nominate someone else or would like to get more information please contact Dottie Trimpe 303-766-0949

Child Care Community Dialogues 2007

The Colorado Dept of Human Services is sponsoring three community dialogues to discuss the state plan that will be submitted to the federal government, directly related to the spending of the federal child care and development funds and state federal funds on the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program, Child Care Licensing, as well as a number of statewide and community-based quality initiatives.

State and local representatives will be on hand to talk about how the funds are currently spent within the context of an integrated early childhood system. We want your ideas and suggestions in order to help us identify priority areas in child care from the community perspective.

In preparation for the meeting, you may access the current state plan, which is the draft for FFY 2008-2009 at: http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/co_state_plan.htm.

The community dialogues will be held from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the following locations and will include a light supper. Please RSVP to Leslie Bulicz at 303-866-4453 to we can plan accordingly.

TELEPHONE & EMAIL CONTACTS



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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
 Metro Denver Resource & Referrals 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
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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
 United American Insurance (health, life) 303-933-4043

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.

LOCATION: Medical Center Aurora South, 1501 S. Potomac Street, Meeting room #2, Aurora, Colorado 80012.

⇒ **June 21, 2007**, 7:00-8:00 pm.

SIDS

Speaker: Susan Bacus from SIDS Foundation
Credit: 1.5 hours continuing education credit in Health

Location: Medical Center Aurora South, 1501 S. Potomac Street Meeting Room #2

⇒ **August 16, 2007**, 7:00-8:00 pm.

CDHS Credentials

Speaker: J Katrina Boykin from Smart Start CO
Credit: 1.5 hours continuing education in Professionalism

Location: Medical Center Aurora South, 1501 S. Potomac Street, Meeting room #2

Description: What is the CDHS Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential and how to qualify for it.

REFERRAL INFORMATION

The referral inquiry information for the months of April and May are as follows:

April: 28 email , 41 phone requests

May: 48 emails, 63 calls

- 80010 1
- 80011 2
- 80012 1
- 80013 7
- 80014 1
- 80015 4
- 80016 3
- 80017 2
- 80018 1
- 80237 2



- 80011 3
- 80012 2
- 80013 4
- 80014 0
- 80015 5
- 80016 1
- 80017 3
- 80018 2
- 80121 1
- 80231 1
- 80237 2



All other calls were referred to other agencies or counties.

Other Training Opportunities

See page 8

Part-Time Substitute Provider:
Teresa Sitterding
(720) 233-4648
Aurora and Centennial Area Only

***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:

July 15
September 15
November 15

Please email your advertisement to newsletter@caregivernetwork.org

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION COURSES

These courses are held at the Medical Center Aurora South, 1501 S. Potomac, meeting room 2, 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

2007 Classes:

June 9
Aug 11
Oct 13

Medication Forms Online:

www.caregivernetwork.org/8

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

Medical Center Aurora South, 1501 South Potomac, meeting room 2, from 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

2007 Dates:

June 9 Sep 8
July 14 Oct 13
Aug 11 Nov 10

Only \$15 per person

Call Dawn to register at 303-690-7684

FIRST AID & CPR COURSES

Medical Center Aurora South, 1501 S. Potomac, Meeting room 2, from 8:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Only \$35.00

2007 Dates:

June 16 Sep 15
July 21 Oct 20
Aug 18 Nov 17

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.

2007 classes:

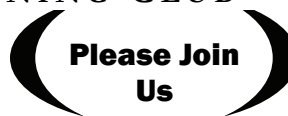
- June 2 & 9
- July 7 & 14
- Aug 4 & 11
- Sep 1 & 8

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.

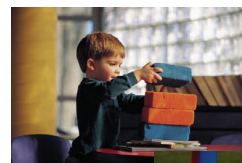
\$3.00 fee for copies.



2007 Dates:

- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12

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.

- ⇒ Marketing Workshop, Saturday, April 21, 2007, 10am-3pm, \$10 or \$12 at the door. Hosted by Rosemarie Regan, 303-280-9765, 11135 Clermont Dr., Thornton, CO 80233, near 112th/Colorado
- ⇒ Training to Improve marketing, Interviewing Skills, Policies, and Contracts.

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: Planting Seeds for Tomorrow's Future Leaders

2007 Conference, Keynote Speaker: Barbara Sawyer

- ⇒ Saturday, April 14, 2007 7:30am-4:00pm.
 - ⇒ Eternal Savior Lutheran Church, 2688 E. Park Dr., Lafayette, CO 80027
- Contact Nila Keeler 303-828-4617 or [n.keeler@comcast.net] or for inquiries and to register.

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

- ⇒ **Tour of Homes: Saturday, May 5, 10am-3pm**
- ⇒ \$10 (pre-register) or \$12 at door, 6 homes, 3 Crdts Registration and Maps @ 1st house: 1587 Dexter St., Broomfield CO 80020, Cinco de Mayo lunch served @ 3rd house, light dessert and certificates @ final house.
- ⇒ Contact Cathy Moyer 303-451-7453 or Joyce Espinoza 720-929-1232

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.

Conferences:

Childhood Matters! The culture of Childhood Summer Symposium. July 15-17, Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, CO. This symposium brings a diverse group of early childhood providers and families together for a variety of workshops, facilitated by national and local experts and designed to share current research and preferred practices. The two-day intensive workshop format of the symposium makes it different from many conferences! Registrants choose a session topic and participate in that session, usually with the same presenter for the entire conference, affording an opportunity for in-depth exploration of a topic.

The choices of intensive two-day workshop topics are:

- Using Relationship to Build Relationship: Promoting Resourceful Practice through Reflective Supervision
- Rhythm and Movement: Laying the Developmental Groundwork for Building Math and Reading Skills
- Using The *Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum* to Support and Inclusive Program
- Making Meaning of Behavior: How Early Relationships Shape Social-Emotional Development
- Leadership in Action
- Boys and Girls Learn Differently! Gender and the Brain
- Early Intervention with Vulnerable Families: Making the Bridge from Theory to Best Practices

If you would like your association's training schedule listed here, please email your event information to dstolzenberger@comcast.net.

CAFCC State Representative News by Dawn Rhods:

Homeowner's Insurance:

Jeanne Cronbaugh reported that she had been contacted by a provider in her county inquiring into homeowner's liability insurance. The provider stated that her insurance had been cancelled because she operates a family child care business out of her home. Jeanne contacted Safeco, Travelers, Allstate, Farmers, State Farm, and American Family Insurance Companies to inquire as to their specific requirements. All Agencies responded by saying that they do not accept child care businesses with more than six children in the home on their policy. A State Farm agent had stated that their homeowners must hold all insurance policies with their company only or their policy will be revoked. Jeanne contacted the Colorado State Insurance Division of Complaints (1-800-930-3745) and was told that each insurance agent uses has his or her own discretion regarding this type of coverage and that the state does not mandate any specific number.



Colorado Legislative Bills:

Senate Bill 26: "Concerning the Authorization of Additional School District Revenues to Fund Costs Associated with Full-Day Kindergarten Programs." Authorizes a school district, upon voter approval, to impose an additional mill levy for purposes of funding full-day kindergarten, and, with limitations, the capital construction needs associated with the school district's full-day kindergarten program. A district that imposes the additional full-day kindergarten mill levy may not participate in the full-day K component of the Colorado Preschool Program. Allows the district to charge tuition to students from outside the district who enroll in the locally funded portion of the full-day kindergarten program, but not in an amount that exceeds the actual costs of the program. **SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR 3/7/07.**

Senate Bill 151: A proposed bill to make failure to wear seat belts a PRIMARY offense, meaning a driver can be stopped for this offense only. Included in this bill are modifications to the booster seat law. This bill says a child must be restrained in a "child booster seat" or with a "child safety belt-positioning device" if the child is at least 4 years of age but less than EIGHT, *unless* he/she is at least 57 inches tall. The law would not apply if the car does not have "a seating position equipped with a child safety belt-positioning device". The 4 to 8-year old child can be restrained with just a two-point lap belt if that is all the car has. **LOST ON 2ND READING IN HOUSE.**

CCCAP Policy Forum, Dawn Rhods: After a review of February's meeting, primarily on the discussion of rates, the following solutions were suggested:



- 1) State to set the floor on rates (75th percentile) on the 4 market areas and counties can go higher, not lower. Also need a timeframe to look at rates
- 2) TANF transfers - shared burden between CCCAP County Allocations and TANF transfers
- 3) Keep counties informed at county supervisors' monthly meetings - related to what the county allocations/expenditures are during the course of a year
- 4) Higher rates for higher quality (credentials, accreditations)
- 5) More technical assistance on setting rates, making projections on budgets - # of children,

types of child care facilities included in the projections

6) Increase eligibility levels and make projections

7) Look at other blended funding - CCCAP, Head Start, CPKP, Title I, Tuition, Special Education. Need technical assistance.

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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.

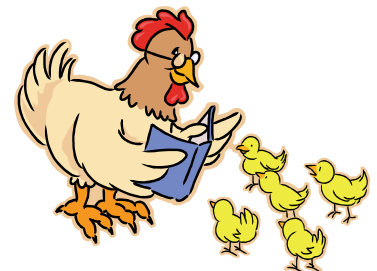
2007 Dates:

June 15,
July 20,
August 17,
September 21,
October 12
November 16,
December 14

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



CAFCC State Representative News (Continued)

- 8) Build quality discussions into the county departments
- 9) Change the 75th percentile - to a higher percentile
- 10) How is quality defined related to tiered reimbursement policies
- 11) Educate County Commissioners - "how does it make a difference for families and communities"

Provider's prospective - Issues and proposed solutions were the focus of the March meeting. Cathy Moyer from Broomfield gave a detailed list of issues family childcare providers have and several possible solutions. Some of the issues that were brought to light included the long wait to be paid, nonpayment from parents and CCCAP, expenses incurred without income coming in, differences in the program in other counties, authorizations not timely, difference in rates paid to centers and homes, errors in calculation and additional staff cost to monitor and correct them, manual submission system, nonpayment when parents bring children to childcare and don't go to work, and low pay rates affect staff wages and benefits. Some proposed solutions include: Bimonthly payments, Require state to get authorizations out in 7 days. (suggested comprise of 15 days to allow counties the time they would need), Suggested e-mail/faxing of authorizations to expedite, educating county commissioners, offer provider perks such as signing bonus/health insurance/retirement, and provide a grievance process.

Studies show that it costs \$60.00 a day to provide quality child care per child. A chart of current rates by county was distributed. The counties of Chaffee, Clear Creek, Elbert, Gilpin, Morgan, Phillips, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma, Logan all pay centers and family childcare homes the same rates. The best rates paid to family childcare are: Pitkin/-infants \$44 - over 2 yrs -\$44, Routt -\$45.00 any age, Boulder - \$31.45 under 1, \$30.42 1-2 years, \$24.82 over 2 years old, Eagle - \$32.00 infant to 2 - \$28 for 2-5 years - \$24 over 5 years, Garfield - \$40 all ages, Saguache special needs children - \$50 any age. A report was handed out showing the change in the number of licensed CCCAP facilities over an 8-year period. During this time the changes are as follows: School Age Child Care + 11.85%, Child Care Center + 7.60%, Family Childcare Home -29.72%, and Preschool + 31.93%. During this same time the change in slot capacity changes in licensed facilities were: School Age Child Care + 15.33%, Child Care Center + 15.74%, Family Childcare Home -32.52%, and Preschool +26.20%

Licensing Pilot Rule Revision Committee, Loretta Sampson: Loretta reported that on-going training hours that are acquired by correspondence courses will not be limited when renewing the child care license.

The new regulations (on-going training hours) that were just approved will go into effect on May 1, 2007 with providers having until May 0f 2008 to get them.

The Committee has completed its task of reviewing the State Rules & Regulations and is now in the process of "cleanup". The next step will be to present the proposed rules & regulations in public forums in order to gain input from providers. The information gathered at the forums will be reviewed prior to presented the final draft to the State Board.

There will be some new forms that will be required but State will be including samples. A list of resources will also be available when this project is completed.

Husbands who are listed on the providers Continuation Form must also sign off on the renewal form before submitting it.

Nominations & Elections, Leadean Dickerson: Terms for the positions of CAFCC 1st Vice-President and Secretary are up May 31, 2007. Leadean has received Charlotte Duerr's Letter of Intent for the position of CAFCC Secretary but has not received any for the office of 1st Vice-President.

Monthly Themes



Children's Awareness
 Fireworks Safety
 Learn French Month
 National Candy Month
 National Rose Month
 Potty Training Awareness
 National Sun Safety Week
 Superman Week
 Take A Kid Fishing Week
 Hug Your Cat Day
 Donut Day
 World Environment Day
 D-Day
 Daniel Boone Day
 Banana Split Day
 Croquet Day
 Raggedy Ann & Andy Day
 Write to Your Father Day
 Flag Day



Air-Conditioning Apprec.
 Blueberries Month
 Dog Days
 Family Reunion Month
 Nat'l Baked Bean Month
 Nat'l Hot Dog Month
 Make A Difference to
 Children Month
 Purposeful Parenting Mnth
 Rabbit Week
 I Forgot Day
 Independence Day
 Chocolate Day
 Shark Awareness Day
 Gummi Worm Day
 Nat'l Ice Cream Day
 Cow Appreciation Day
 Cousins Day
 Tell an Old Joke Day
 Walk On Stilts Day
 Nat'l Cowboy Day

Recalls

Name of product: Rainforest Open Top Take-Along Swings
Importer: Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, NY

Hazard: Infants can shift to one side of the swing and become caught between the frame and seat, posing an entrapment hazard.

Description: This recall involves Portable Rainforest Take Along Swings with a palm tree mobile and two hanging plush toys. The swings are approximately 23-inches-high and have two carry handles on the left and right sides. Model numbers K7203, K7192 and K7195 are included in the recall. Model numbers are located under the right handle on the swing.

No other collection of Rainforest swings or products are included in this recall.
Sold at: Discount department stores and toy stores nationwide from November 2006 to May 2007 for about \$65.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the swing and contact Fisher-Price for instructions on how to return it to receive a voucher for a replacement product.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, call Fisher-Price toll-free at (888) 303-5631 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.service.mattel.com



Evenflo Recall Hotline: (800) 490-7497

Name of product: Evenflo Embrace Infant Car Seat/Carriers

Hazard: When used as an infant carrier, the handle can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to rotate forward. When this happens, an infant inside the carrier can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries.

Description: The recall involves Evenflo Embrace Infant Car Seat/Carriers made before April 8, 2006. The recalled car seat/carriers have model numbers beginning with 317, 320, 397, 398, 540, 548, 549, 550, 556, 597, 598 or 599. The model number and production date information can be found on a white label on the bottom of the carrier and on the top of the convenience base. Models beginning with "5" are units sold with the travel system (compatible stroller). "Evenflo" is on the carrying handle and car seat base. Embrace infant car seat/carriers made on or after April 8, 2006 are not included in this recall.

Sold at: Department and juvenile products stores nationwide sold the car seat/carriers from December 2004 through September 2006 for between \$70 and \$100 when sold alone and between \$140 and \$200 when sold with a compatible stroller.

Remedy: Consumers should not use the handle until the repair kit has been installed. The product can continue to be used as a car seat when secured in a vehicle. Contact Evenflo to receive a free repair kit that strengthens the handle latch. Recall notice will be sent to all registered owners of the recalled product. The recalled units should not be returned to the retailer.



HUMOR ME

The dad in the supermarket clearly had a bad case of paternal burnout. His toddler would not sit down in the grocery cart, and finally he snapped. "If you fall and break your leg," he scolded her, "don't come running to me."

I see a sign that says, "Caution, Small Children Playing." I slow down, and then it occurs to me: I'm not afraid of small children.

The windshield wiper and the taillight had a staring contest. Who won? The windshield wiper—the taillight couldn't stop blinking!


Why is a room full of married people empty? Because there's not a single person in it!

Why did the frog wear a mask to the bank? He said he wanted to "rob-bit."

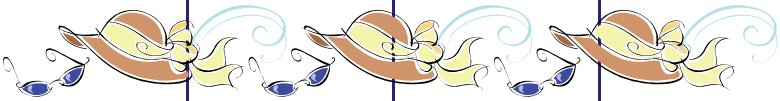
Why are frogs so happy? They eat whatever bugs them.

What do you call a frog that crosses the road, jumps in a puddle and crosses the road again? A dirty double-crosser!

June 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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July 2007

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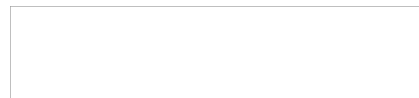
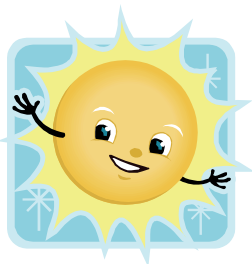
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We're on the Web...
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*Supporting All Early Childhood
Professionals*



Preschool Craft Ideas

COOL KOOL-AID CRAFT DOUGH

Fun, inexpensive craft dough can often be created using simple, low-cost, readily found ingredients. Try this recipe from the Just Kids Recipes website (www.justkidsrecipes.com) for dough that is made using a packet of unsweetened Kool-Aid drink mix.

You will need 2 1/2 cups flour, 1/2 cup salt, 1 tablespoon alum, or cream of tartar, 2 packages of unsweetened Kool Aid, 3 tablespoon cooking oil and 2 cups of boiling water.

Mix dry ingredients and then add oil and water. Stir quickly, mixing well. When cool enough to handle, knead with hands. The dough should be stored in an airtight container. The Just Kids Recipes website indicates that this dough keeps indefinitely.

RAISING RAISINS

You may want to try this short, fun experiment to explore how the energy in chemicals produces movement.

You will need tap water, a clear plastic cup, raisins, a spoon, 2 tablespoons of baking soda and 2 tablespoons of white vinegar.

Pour tap water into the plastic cup until it is three-quarters full. Drop the raisins into the cup. Stir in the baking soda until it dissolves. Add the vinegar and observe.

When the raisins are first added, they will sink to the bottom since they are heavier than the liquid. When the baking soda/vinegar mix is added, it makes carbon dioxide gas. The gas makes bubbles in the liquid which attach themselves to the outside of the raisins. The bubbles lift the raisins which makes them lighter than the liquid they are in, causing the raisins to float to the surface. When the raisins float to the top, the bubbles pop and the gas goes into the air. Without the bubbles, the raisins will become heavy and sink to the bottom to collect more bubbles