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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I hope every one has had an enjoyable summer, and has managed to stay cool; I know I am am looking forward to some cool crisp Autumn days.

This has been an exciting summer for providers of Alabama. In June we had the Auburn Focus on Family Child Care Conference 2010- Building Firm Foundations. I firmly believe this was the best conference provided by our Family Child Care Partnerships. The workshops were insightful and the Keynote speakers--- Lisa Murphy, "the Ooey Gooey Lady" and Debbie Clement, "Rainbows Within Reach" EXCELLENT.

July brought us the National Association For Family Child Care Conference in Nashville, TN. Creating Harmony: Tuning in to Children Through Partnerships and Professionalism. Again only one word to describe this conference----WOW. There were over 100 workshops to choose from!! What difficult choices to make! Thank you to the city of Nashville for hosting this Conference and to the Renaissance Nashville Hotel for providing the conference arena and rooms—which were very nice, by the way I would also like to thank Dr. Calvin Moore, for his help in bringing the conference close so we could attend.

I am So very grateful to Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) for providing funding to make possible this opportunity for so many of our Providers of Alabama to attend this absolutely amazing event. I, for one, came away from this conference (well actually, both conferences) recharged with new insights; ready to get started on a plan to move this State and our wonderful childcare providers forward.

With your help, as always, we will be the voice in this state for the children we care for; the children of tomorrow. Let us stand up, be harmonious and build firm foundations needed for their future!!

Last, but by far not least, Thank YOU, for being part of the ALFCCA and allowing me (and my staff) the opportunity to serve you.

Marg Peterson:

Quote from Kay Gillock at the NAFCC:

“ I wanted to be the best and offer the best practices. Only in the beginning, I had no idea what that was. Today it is what I offer and what I give. In return, I get the best rewards everyday- smiling faces from little children who think I am the best and daily thank you’s from parents who know I am striving to do only the best things with their children each day.

Looking back, I was offering a service to parents. Today, I am giving an experience to children. The focus shifted along the way. Now children are the center of this program and I wouldn’t have it any other way.

Accreditation is not something to achieve; instead it is a process to help all of us be the best providers available. When you begin to understand that, you see why accreditation is so important and why it makes me a different kind of provider.”

Kay Gillock, NAFCC Accredited Provider
Gillock Gang’s Home Child Care
Opelika. AL.

“Not a babysitter. As a professional; I prefer not to SIT on babies.” Lisa Murphy, the Ooey Gooey Lady

ALFCCA BOARD MEETING:

**Place: Cindy Kelly’s House
2525 Huntington Park Ct.
Birmingham, AL.**

Date: October 2nd, 2010

Time: 11:00- 3:00

Bring or pick-up your lunch. It will be a working lunch.

ALFCCA members are welcome to attend.

ALFCCA MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Kay Gillock- Lee County
Sherry Hughes- Tuscaloosa County
Luella Riley

Renewed Members:

Earlene Mitchell - Madison County
Brenae Dunaway- Shelby County
Misty Chambers- Cullman County
Cindy Kelly- Jefferson County
Patricia Upton- Jefferson County

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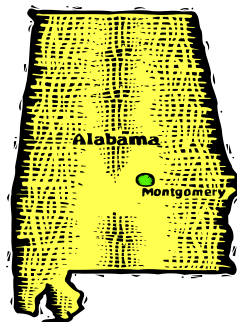
Local Associations: \$175.00

Licensed Family Child Care Provider: \$35.00

Advocate: (No Voting) \$10.00

Payment Plan Available

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SUPPORT ALFCCA**



Upcoming Conferences and Workshops



**2010 9th Annual North West Regional
Childcare Conference**

February 4th and 5th

Huntsville Marriott

More Details Coming!!

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FOCAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 12th and 13th, 2010

Montgomery, Alabama

To get more details you can call FOCAL at 1-800-300-0232
Or www.focalfocal.org



PROVIDER TIPS:

Shootings Hoops:

A large plastic trashcan on wheels makes a great storage place for balls. When it is time to go in, have the children try to make a basket by throwing the balls in the can.

Table Cover:

A twin size sheet makes the perfect cover for a picnic table.

Lace a Placemat:

If you have some old vinyl placemats use them to make some durable lacing cards. Cut onto different shapes and punch holes around the edges. Jill Beattle- Mailbox

Childcare Websites:

www.humsci.auburn.edu/fccp- Family Child Care Partnership- Assisting family childcare providers with raising the quality of child care services they deliver.

www.focalfocal.org- FOCAL provides advocacy on behalf of low- income children and families of Alabama, and also advocates for quality in the childcare field.

Alabama Association For Young Children- the AAYC is dedicated to improving educational opportunities for children birth through age 8 by offering professional development to the early childhood community. Melissa.werner@Athens.edu

National Child Care Information Center- www.nccic.acf.hhs.gov - Is a service of the Child Care Bureau and is a national clearinghouse and technical assistance (TA) center that provides comprehensive childcare information services and TA services to childcare and Development Fund (CCDF) Administrators and other key stakeholders.

www.RedleafPress.org- Resources for Child Caring

www.alavoices.org- Documents and tracks the well being of Alabama's children.

Consumer Product Safety Commission: www.cpsc.gov - Provides updates on defective products and recalls.

Southern Early Childcare Association: www.southernearlychildhood.org

Department of Human Resources: www.dhr.state.al.us



LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWS WITH MISTY CHAMBERS

Montgomery Home Child Care Association: **Takeisha Searcy**

The Montgomery HCCA is working on two fundraisers for their association. A candy bar sale and an ad book sale. Manuela Jenkins and Yolanda Green and her husband Darrien represented the Montgomery Association in Nashville, it was great having them there as ALFCCA members also.

Madison/ Morgan County Home Child Care Association: **Earlene Mitchell, President**

The Madison County HCCA has a very busy fall planned. We will be holding a Book Fair in September, Taste and Share with food and activities that go along with the food shared, November will bring a workshop on How to Reduce Stress and Child Care Burnout. December we will be holding our annual Christmas Dinner for our members.

The Auburn FCCP conference was great!!! Our members had a blast and the workshops were outstanding. Make plans to join us next year for some wonderful fellowship.

Our President and 10 members attended the National Conference in Nashville. It was a wonderful conference and we appreciate the scholarship help we all received in order to be able to attend this event.

Hope all of you have a nice fall, and a wonderful holiday season.

Jackson County:
Robin Taylor

The Jackson County HCCA will be holding meetings on September 11th, and October 9th. Meetings will be held at Holland Educational Center at 8:00.

Lee County:
Margaret Jackson

No report this month.

Jefferson County:
President: Patricia Upton

Thank you to the Jefferson County HCCA on helping with the ALFCCA Cookbook Fundraiser! All meetings (Unless indicated) are at Bruno's Grocery Store on the corner of Lorna Rd. and Hwy. 31 in Hoover

The Jefferson County Association focuses on the needs of family child care providers and is run by family child care providers.

Yearly dues are \$20.00 and the benefits include:

1. Monthly trainings to fulfill licensing requirements.
2. A chance to network with other providers.
3. A to be understood by your peers.
4. Share concerns, and get answers to your questions.
5. Monthly reminders about meetings.
6. Non-members can attend training for \$5.00 per session.

Shelby County:
President: Patsy Kendrick

The Shelby County HCCA are making plans for their Mini Marathon in January 2011.

Thought For the Quarter

“ Limits need to be set and explained with care so that children don't come to feel that we're trying to restrict their capacity to fall in love with life.”

Taken From Many Ways to Say I love You
Wisdom for Parents and Children
Fred Rogers



PROVIDER RECOGNITION AWARD

The ALFCCA would like to recognize Jeanie McWilliams as our quarterly provider. Jeanie has a family group daycare home in Elkmont, Alabama. She has had her child care business for five years and cares for toddlers and preschoolers.

She is married to Jimmy and they have three boys and two grandchildren. She was born in Huntsville, Alabama. Jeanie has 1 sister and 2 brothers. Jeanie graduated from the University of North Alabama in Florence. As a child she loved dance. She took tap, jazz and ballet and was also on the schools dance team.

I asked Jeanie why she chose child care as a business, “ She said she loved watching young children succeed.” She had worked as an office manager for 10 years before working in child care, and had loved talking and interacting with the children when they came in. The staff told her she needed to be in the child care business because she had such a great way with the children coming into the office. So she did!

Jeanie said one of the funniest projects she did with the children was a cookbook with recipes that the children recited to her. The kids gave her recipes from their parent’s meals it was hilarious! She took the recipes and made cookbooks for each of her parents.

She is a member of ALFCCA and NAFCC. She learned about the ALFCCA through the Northwest Alabama Child Care Resources. She is also active in the start up of the Limestone County Association. She also supports the Make a Wish Foundation.

The ALFCCA congratulates Jeanie on this recognition and is honored to have her as a member, and a supporter of quality care.



Congratulations

To:

Kimiya Ife Harris

On her Graduation

From

Troy University

with a

*Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology
and a Minor Concentration in Sociology*

*We are proud of you Kimiya and wish you continued
success in life!*



FALL ACTIVITIES:

September Activities:

Art Activity:

Leaf rubbings- Tape different shaped leaves (3 per child) and then tape a piece of copy paper over the leaves. Have children rub a crayon in fall colors over the leaves.

Math Activity:

Make doughnuts out of tag board, color different colors. Cover with clear contact paper and glue tongue depressor on for handle. Have one for each child. Make circle with doughnuts on the floor in center. Hold hands and walk around the circle saying verse.

Bakery Shop

Down around the corner at the bakery shop
There were 10 little doughnuts with sugar on top.
Along came (child's name) all alone.
And she took a red one home.

Finger plays- Songs

Objective: To improve memory skills through repetition.

Evaluations: During the following weeks observe the children to see if most remembered the words and actions and are able to repeat them.

Wiggle your fingers, wiggle your toes.
Wiggle your shoulders, wiggle your nose.
Now all the wiggles are out of me.
And I'm as quiet as I can be.

Books:

Alligator Arrived with Apples

By: Crescent Dragonwagon

The Fall of Freddie Leaf

A story about the life of the leaf.

October Activities:**Books:**

It's Time to Call 911

What to do in an Emergency

By: Penton Overseas

Big Franks Fire Truck

By: Leslie Mcguire

Song: In Case of Fire

Tune: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

When you see a fire, call 9-1-1!

When you see a fire, call 9-1-1!

9-1-1!

The fire truck will come!

When you see a fire, call 9-1-1!

Block Center Play:

For fire safety week add fire trucks to your block center as well as red Lego's so the children can build a firehouse.

Dramatic Play:

Make a fire truck out of a cardboard box. Make 2 straps so the children can take turns driving the fire truck. Use a piece of a water hose so they can pretend they are

putting out a fire. A house made out of a box to look like it is on fire. Have children practice Stop, Drop, and Roll.

November Activities:

Finger Play:

Turkey in the barnyard
What does he say?
Gobble, gobble, gobble all day.

Turkey on the table
What do you say?
Yummy, yummy, yummy, yummy all day.

Turkey in my tummy
What do you say?
I ate too much turkey
On Thanksgiving Day!

Art Activity:

Thankful Book:
Have children do one or more pages each day. Adult can put book together with a cover.

I'm glad for hands that clap for fun.
(Child's handprints.)
I'm glad for feet to jump and run.
(Draw around the child's and have them color.)
I'm glad for my mommy who cooks for me.
(Photo of mom or magazine picture.)
I'm glad for my father who is tall as can be.
(Photo of father or magazine picture.)
I'm glad for this baby that sleeps all day.
(Draw or cut out picture.)
I'm glad for the children who laugh and play.
(Pictures of children.)
I'm glad for the trees that stand up tall.

(Sponge paint trees or paste on cut out pieces for the trees.)
That shakes their leaves and let them fall.
(Sponge paint or paste leaves falling.)
I'm glad for the birds that fly up high.
Up in the trees and up in the sky.
(Use stickers of birds.)

Cooking Activity:

Banana Bobs

Cut bananas into chunks
Have children dip them in honey and roll in wheat germ.
Serve with toothpicks. (Carefully monitor use of the toothpicks)

Science Activity:

Objective: To be aware of the different types of clothing and fabrics that are worn through the year.
Evaluations; Children were able to arrange clothes according to the season.

Thanksgiving Game:

Pin the Feather on the Turkey
Draw a large turkey. Blindfold the child. Have them pin on a feather. Take off the blindfold and have child tell you what color feather they put on.



Books:

Pilgrims First Thanksgiving
By Ann McGowen
A large picture book about the voyage of the Pilgrims.

Silly Tillys Thanksgiving Dinner

Lillian Hoban

QRIS UPDATE:

President Marg Peterson and Secretary Fran Clappitt attended the August 23rd Alabama's Quality Rating and Improvement System Steering Committee.

The development of the QRIS is coming along and all committee representatives have been working hard. We have our categories of quality standards they are:

1. Management and Administrative Practices
2. Family Involvement and Community Partnerships
3. Learning, Environment/ Curriculum
4. Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

We have preliminary standards for each star level. These are not set in stone at this time, so they may change as further work is done on the program. There will be 5 star levels in the ALQRIS. This program will be voluntary on the provider's part. The Eligibility requirements are still being worked on, but we do know you will have to hold a DHR license or possibly hold accreditation through a well-known accreditation program. As we continue our work we will try to keep you abreast of the progress being made.

The ALFCCA would like to thank the Department of Human Resources for their continued support of quality care in the child care field of Alabama.

What you as a licensed provider can do is to continue to advocate for all child care facilities to be licensed in the state of Alabama. This needs to be done through your local representatives. We will be calling on all our members to work with us on this during the legislative session with the Alabama Child Care Alliance out of Montgomery. If you need information contact Teumbay Barnes at FOCAL at 1-800-300-0232 or Deborah Thomas at the same number. Linda Tilly of VOICES for Alabama Children can be reached at www.alavoices.org.

