

Scott County
Licensed Family Child
Care Association

Member Update

Spring-Summer

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Points of Interest

- Variance Needed to Use Non-Bleach Products
- Need to comply with SIDS protocol
- Judge rules against executive order. No vote to unionize family child care workers

What Every Child Should Experience Do you offer these experiences?

I recently read an article entitled “What Every Child Should Experience” and reflected on the ideas as to how they might be implemented into a family child care curriculum. Family child creates relationships and memories in so many ways. Let’s explore how in Minnesota our four seasons can contribute to making memories for children in your care that will last a lifetime. Many do not cost money but are simply experiences we as family child care providers implement on a daily or seasonal basis.

Being part of a team

“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.” - Babe Ruth

The children in our family child care make up a team

also. When children’s personalities mesh, we can have a group of children that make each of our days totally a gift. “Working” is not ‘let’s get the day done’ but a reflection on all the interactions that make a difference in both the children’s lives and ours. We enjoy our accomplishments with the children and our interactions with their parents. Think of all the social and life skills learned in your childcare from greetings at the door in the morning with a smile, to the accomplishment of potty training, choosing the toy the child wants to play with from the selection you provided, everyone picking up toys when done playing, to enjoying reading a book together or creating an awesome structure with blocks. Many skills are done in a group settings such as busing dishes to the kitchen

after lunch together and all the conversation interactions that happen at our lunch tables! The important point learned is that everyone in the family child care is valuable and has skills that contribute to the success of the childcare.

Camping

“The human spirit needs places where nature has not been rearranged by the hand of man.” – Author Unknown.

I recently attended a talk by Don Shelby on the book Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louv. Mr. Shelby talked about “Nature Deficit Disorder”. He shared that our children average 46 hours a week screen time between I-Pods, Smart Phones, Television, Computers and Other Electronic Media. Nature reverses the educational process used in our schools where children get information and memorize it for the test. Nature’s way of learning is to ask “why”,

observe what is happening and concluding the answer. Retention is much longer with this type of “hands on” learning experience. Mrs. Shelby shared to let the children teach themselves.

Connecting to nature is a natural for humans. Mr. Shelby quoted the book Pilgrims at Tinkers Creek. He shared there are 136 atoms of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and oxygen arranged in a complex structure with one atom of iron in the structure. He asked if anyone knew what this was? He shared it was hemoglobin, the blood in our body. He said there are 136 units of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and oxygen in the exact nature and structure as our blood but with one atom difference. The one atom is magnesium instead of iron. Mr. Shelby asked if we knew what that was. It is chloroplast which is the “blood” of plants. He ended by saying we are in a sense “cousins” to the green world. We are all one.

Have you watched a toddler’s face when they walk through a puddle after a rain? The joy of picking up worms? Digging in the dirt? Finding crystal rocks in your pea gravel under the swing set? We may not be able to give children the full camping experience but they may remember the naps in a tent on the lawn or reading in the tree fort outdoors. Get the children outside and let him experience learning naturally and benefit from the exercise of being outdoors. If it is an indoor day due to cold or storms, consider throwing a blanket over the table and camping indoors! Supervision is needed but memories are made.

Chores

“All life demands struggle. Those who have everything given to them become lazy, selfish, and insensitive to the real values of life. The very striving and hard work that we so constantly try to avoid is the major building block in the person we are today.” – Ralph Ransom

Maybe they are not considered “chores” but picking up toys before transitioning to another activity, washing hands before meals and after using the bathroom or petting animals, and helping set the table are life skills and develop a sense of accomplishment when done.



Snow

We will need a winter in Minnesota with a little more snow for children to enjoy this outdoor activity. Is there a special memory building the snowman at child care or sledding down that special hill? Sometimes children don’t even seem to feel the cold when properly dressed and active in a Minnesota winter. Something as simple as shoveling the first snowfall and making snow trails to run in all create a time to practice social skills and get physical activity!

Farm Life

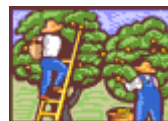
When children say “Why do we need so many farms when there are grocery stores for food” we know children have lost a reality of life. Do the children in your care have the opportunity to see a real cow or real animals? The Scott County Fair gives this life experience of petting an animal, seeing how big or small they are, smelling what the animal smells like, and seeing how the animal lives and what it eats. (See the flier on the fair activity planned for the 2012 Scott County Fair.) The last Saturday in September is a City to Farm Tour in Scott County. The tour consists of 3 farms which included an apple farm, a dairy farm, and an alpaca farm last year. Look for information this fall.

Some ideas:

Curriculum unit on farm animals.

Field Trip to a farm or a dairy such as Minars near New Prague or an apple orchard by your home— Prior Lake, Jordan, Belle Plaine, New Market.

The children can help care for the pets at your family child care home.



A Lemonade Stand

How many of us as providers remember a lemonade stand we did? “Once you decide to work for yourself, you never go back to work for somebody else” – Alan Sugar.

This might have been our start as providers to being independent business people!!!! Encourage your young entrepreneurs. Think of all the planning and processing of information that goes into a lemonade stand. Creating and designing the stand, planning and preparing the advertising, pricing of the lemonade (numbers!!!), working with money and identifying coins, learning how to measure to prepare the lemonade, marketing, clean up after the stand comes down and maybe even a trip to the store to buy the supplies.

Flying a Kite

“Don’t be afraid of opposition. Remember, a kite rises against, not with the wind.” – Hamilton Wright Mabie.

Is there anything more perfect than flying a kite on a beautiful day? You can incorporate weather, wind, shapes, colors and imagination as you fly the kite. Bubbles might be another ideas similar to flying a kite. When blowing bubbles children exhale carbon dioxide thus causing a more calming effect on the body. The cost is the kite, unless you design a kite yourself as part of the learning experience.

Bowling

“Bowling is like a metaphor for life, there are lessons to be learned from the gutter.” Maybe a better quote for adults than children! Bowling is not an activity for young preschoolers but certainly an activity for school-age children. Many bowling alleys will cater to your child care putting in the gutter guards. What an opportunity to open the door to a sport they could enjoy their entire life. They can learn how to score, there is exercise involved in bowling and the companionship of doing the activity in a social setting with friends. Yes, this one isn’t cheap but remember, it is a business expense for your taxes.

Article by Deloris Friske

UNIVERSITY OF MN EXTENSION

4-H SUMMER ADVENTURE PRESENTS

“2012 4-H Camp Fair”

This fun min-daycamp is open to all K-5th grade students. Younger children are welcome with help from daycare supervision!

Cost: \$10/youth. Groups of three or more paying youth will receive one free day parking pass to the fair (\$10 value).

Open Dates:

- Wednesday, July 25 from 12:30 - 3 pm
- Thursday, July 26 from 12:30 – 3 p.m.

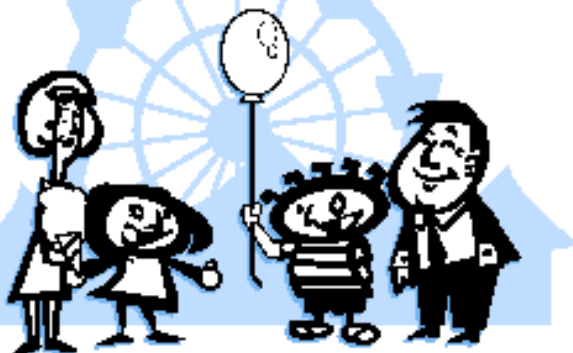
Activities include:

Animal Activity
Animal Craft
Scott County Fair Tour
4-H Malt



Children will take home an animal craft, goodie bag and enjoy a mini 4-H Malt.

Interested in other 4-H Adventures?



Contact:
University of MN Extension
Scott County 4-H
952) 492-5410

“Spring” into Action! Try One Idea That Is “New” to You!

Scuffed Linoleum

Rub the spot with white toothpaste and a dry cloth or with an eraser. Or spray WD-40 on a towel and rub lightly, making sure to degrease the area afterward with liquid dishwashing soap and water.

Stuck Sliding Windows

A little silicone spray lubricant (sold at hardware stores) will grease the skids. Spray it onto a rag, then wipe along the tracks, whether they're metal, wood, or plastic.

Flattened Down Cushions

Put them outside in the sun for a few hours, flipping them halfway through. (Be careful—leaving them out too long may fade the fabric.) The sun will help evaporate the moisture that gets into the filling over time, and the cushions should plump up nicely.

Tangled Extension Cords

Cowgirls and sailors alike know the benefits of storing ropes neatly coiled. Follow their lead and keep extension cords tangle-free and contained inside a large plastic bucket when they're not in use.



Peeling Wallpaper

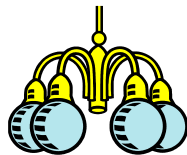
With a knife, smear wallpaper paste onto a piece of writing paper. Rub the paper against the underside of the peeling section. Press the wallpaper against the wall. Slide the writing paper out and smooth away bubbles with a clean cloth.

Hard-to-Remove Decals

Spray the decals and the surrounding areas with WD-40, lifting the edges to get underneath, if possible. Let sit, then gently scrape away the decal with the edge of a credit card. Degrease the tub with liquid dishwashing soap.

Dusty Chandelier

Allow the fixture to cool. Wear a pair of white cotton gloves—one dry, one dampened with glass cleaner. (For crystal, use one part rubbing alcohol to three parts distilled water.) Wipe each prism with the damp glove, then the dry one.



Hard-to-Remove Light Bulb

Press the center of a foot-long strip of duct tape onto the middle of the bulb. Fold each loose end in half so it sticks onto itself. Gripping each end between your thumb and index finger, give a counterclockwise twist to loosen the bulb.

Stained Tub

Combine equal amounts of cream of tartar and baking soda with enough lemon juice to make a paste. Rub the mixture into the stain with your fingers or a soft cloth. Let sit for a half hour, then rinse well with water.

Have you tried your hair dryer for these ideas?



1. Detach a photo from an album. To work a delicate photograph off one of those sticky pages, blow warm air onto the back of the page while gently tugging the photo free.

2. Dust tough-to-reach places. Set the dryer on cool and point it at dusty shelves or intricate knickknacks to blow the debris right off. (Start from the highest shelf to make gravity work for you.)

3. Dewrinkle plastic shower curtains or table-cloths. Blow hot air onto fresh-out-of-the-bag material to "iron" out wrinkles—just keep the dryer 12 inches from the surface so it won't melt.

4. Perfect frosting or icing. To harden frosting on cakes or cookies, blow cool air directly on it. To brighten a dull finish, give the icing a hit of hot air.

5. Erase crayon marks or wax spills. Kids gone wild? Blow-dry the stain on high until the wax melts, then wipe with a soapy sponge.



Family Child Care Pathways to Success Class—Spring 2012



Sibley County
Juliana Winter
Arlington



LeSueur County
Wendy Claffey
LeCenter



Scott County
Tina Carnley & Becky Johnson with
Carter Belle Plaine



Scott County
Elyse Beeson and Brianna Newman
Shakopee



Scott County
Lindsay Jenner
Prior Lake



Scott County
Mary Tschimperle
Prior Lake

Did you know?

Family Child Care Pathways to Success just completed the 21st training of the 16 hour class. The series class began as Essential Elements of Family Child Care. 357 providers have been trained in the program.



Carver County
Emily Wasson & Fontine Matzke
Chaska

Domains of Development

PILES Initials	Domain	Developmental Characteristics
P	Physical Development	<p>Large Muscle Skills (jumping, running)</p> <p>Small Muscle Skills (working clay, finger painting)</p> <p>Hand-Eye Coordination (lacing cards, stringing beads)</p> <p>Directionality (up, down, behind, side to side, over)</p> <p>Physical Coordination (climbing stairs, hopping on one foot)</p>
I	Intellectual Development (Cognitive)	<p>Creativity (collage, inventing a story)</p> <p>Solving Problems (seeking alternate solutions)</p> <p>Developing Planning Skills (creating a timeline, next, before, after)</p> <p>Compare and Contrast (sorting shapes and sizes)</p> <p>Cause & Effect Relationships (predicting the outcome of a story)</p>
L	Language Development (Literacy)	<p>Names for the Materials (labeling items in the home/room)</p> <p>Talking About Art Works (words to describe pictures)</p> <p>Expressing Feelings (using words to describe feelings and emotions)</p>
E	Emotional Development	<p>Express Feeling/Understand Other's Feelings (empathy)</p> <p>Channel Anger/Frustration in an Acceptable Way (words, physical activity, art)</p> <p>Assert Individuality (express/appreciate diversity)</p>
S	Social Development	<p>Pride and Self-Esteem (display artwork, celebrate cultures, share family)</p> <p>Share and Cooperate (learning areas, playing games)</p> <p>Explore Social Roles (dramatic play)</p>

Credit: Ann Catlin, Rasmussen College Child Care Program

A suggestion is to include as many domains in an activity as you can. Focus on 2 per activity when beginning.

Editors Note: Rasmussen College offers free two hour workshops every quarter at their Bloomington location. To get on their mailing list contact **Ann Catlin** / Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator

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What is SIDS Protocol?

MN Statute 245A.1435 Reduction of Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Licensed Programs states: When putting an infant to sleep, the license holder must place the infant on the infant's back, unless the license holder has documentation from the infant's parent directing an alternative sleeping position for the infant. Even with a sleep directive you cannot have an infant in a car seat, swing, floor or bouncy seat.

Providers may have heard on a newscast or read in a newspaper about the increased number of deaths in family child care licensed homes. The Department of Human services is very concerned about these statistics as are we, your Scott County Licensed Family Child Care Association. Addressing and refamiliarizing SIDS protocol might help decrease these startling statistics.

Approved Sleeping Areas: Crib, portacrib, playpen

Infants can be placed ONLY in an approved sleeping area, which are: a crib, portacrib or play pen only with a tight/snug fitting crib sheet that cannot be dislodged by pulling on it. If an infant falls asleep in a swing, bouncy seat, car seat or on the floor; anywhere other than the approved sleeping area, they need to be moved immediately to an approved sleeping area.

Nothing in the crib with the infant

There should be nothing placed in the crib with any infant. They should be put in a sleep sack and have nothing else in there with them. So absolutely no pillow, No quilts, No tie blanks or fleese blankets of any kind, no comforters, no sheepskin, No soft products such as stuffed animals or similar items. Please don't worry about how you will keep the infant warm while sleeping: Infants at 6 weeks of age can maintain their own body temperature.

Possible Policy Change:

Note: Consider adding to your policy "Infants in my care are put to sleep ONLY on their back in an approved sleeping area. Parents will provide a sleep sack for their infant." Encourage parents to sleep the child in the child care/SIDS recommended protocol before starting the child in child care which includes sleep position, sleeping in an approved crib, portacrib, or pack n play, and sleeping with nothing in the crib. You may want to consider making this information part of your interview process.

A licenser spoke to our SCLFCCA meeting in April regarding this matter. Board members reviewed the information you received and offered several suggestions for making the SIDS protocol easier to use and remember. Remember, you are always welcome to come to a board meeting. Board meetings are held the second Monday of the following months: September, October, November, January, February, March, April, and May starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Prior Lake State Bank Main Building at 16677 Duluth Ave SE in Prior Lake.

2012 Scott County Provider of the Year Honoree

Roz Addler



Roz Addler has been a licensed family child care provider in Shakopee for the past 6 years. Roz has a degree in speech therapy and worked for Best Buy Corporation after moving to Shakopee from Duluth. She opened her family child care business shortly after their first son was born in the fall of 2005.

Roz's family child care home is dedicated to communicating with the families who have children enrolled in her program to help alleviate any anxieties that may be associated with entrusting another adult to care for your child while parents are away at work. Roz believes that "Play is a Child's Work" ...and offers both structured and unstructured exploration time within each day. These opportunities help prepare each preschooler socially, emotionally, creatively and intellectually for kindergarten. Three simple "rules" are imbedded in each day: respect yourself, respect others and respect the things around you. "If you expect great things from a child, you will get a child who can do great things" is a key attitude in working with children that makes both children and the childcare successful.

Parents share, "Amazing preschool curriculum with great projects that gets the kids involved", "Honest, loving, friendly, warm, patient and kind", "Offers service projects for the kids to get involved in the community", "She plans special days for the kids along with visits from fire fighters, police officers and more...", "Whenever I talk about my kids' daycare, people comment on how lucky I am that I have such a great daycare. Most people can't believe how much my kids do and learn there. My husband and I have never had a moment of doubt or worry leaving our kids in Roz's care. We know how very lucky we are to have such a great person in our children's life." One parents adds, "Roz is great at communicating with parents...she takes the time to send out an individual daily email...reading that email is the highlight of my day because it makes me feel like I was there and gives me cues of what to ask my kids about."

Check out Roz's web site at <http://www.addlerdaycare.com/index.html>

Roz was elected to the SCLFCCA board as a liaison and was recently elected to the position of Shakopee Community Support Representative. In this capacity Roz is the contact person for over 154 licensed providers in Shakopee. Her role is to communicate with Shakopee providers and be a resource person for information, issues, and successes in Shakopee. Roz represents the SCLFCCA at Shakopee events the Association attends.

Roz's family includes her husband Sam and children Ben (6), Lucien (4), Monica (2.5) and Olivia (3 months).

You can find Roz volunteering at Sweeney Elementary and in the preschool classroom of her church. Roz has also served on the Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Board for Shakopee Schools. To have a family child care link is extremely valuable for ECFE to recognize the important role family child care providers have in the early education of children.

2012 Scott County Provider of the Year Honoree

Carrie Speikers



Carrie Speikers has been a licensed family child care provider in Jordan for the past nine years. She came to family child care with both a love and dedication to this profession, but also with several years' experience working as a teacher and manager at Playworks child care center.

Recently Carrie was accepted as a professional early childhood trainer for the Minnesota Center for Professional Development. She shares with other providers how to incorporate activities for a multiage, family child care environment and strongly promotes professionalism and pride in the field of family child care. Carrie is a trainer for Family Child Care Pathways to Success and was the keynote speaker at this spring's SCLFCCA conference. When you leave one of her classes you will have laughed a little and been provided with very useable skills and ideas for building your own child care.

Carrie was also elected to be the Jordan Community Support Representative for the Scott County Licensed Family Child Care Association (SCLFCCA). In this capacity she is a contact person for all providers in Jordan. She is a trained mentor and helps to guide providers experiencing challenges in their business or to be the sounding block for the success of a providers business.

Her new venture is Treasured Learners llc. This has been developed with her family child care peer, Mary Mikonowicz. Together they have written a family child care curriculum that providers can incorporate into their own programs and will be available fall of 2012. Along with the curriculum, there are training and bookkeeping components. The bookkeeping will be especially helpful to providers that are looking to ease the recordkeeping aspect of their business.

Carrie has a strong commitment to her family and her faith. Her husband Michael and her have been married for twenty years and are blessed with their children: Anisah 16, Aliyah 12, Dominick 9, Emmalisa 6, and Josiah 5. Her family strongly supports her business and on any day you may find Michael or her "big kids" helping by playing and interacting with the daycare children. Anisah and Aliyah are both walking in their mothers footsteps being in-demand babysitters for evening care.

You can find Carrie involved with many ages of children as she volunteers with Girl Scouts, is a faith formation teacher and Sr. High youth group volunteer at St John the Baptist-Jordan, helps with many of her children's activities and more. She loves being outdoors, watching and supporting her kids sports and other activities, scrapbooking, listening to music and reading.

She believes that all children are special and deserve a loving and nurturing environment that supports their growth and development. The children in her care know that hugs and conversation is the cornerstone of each day at 'Carries House.' She provides teachable moments, child focused curriculum that enhances kindergarten preparedness in a comfortable, loving home environment. The families she has been privileged to serve over the past years are a part of her heart and will always be part of the family!

2012 Week of the Provider

Congratulations to all nominated providers!

Roz Addler

Cindy Anderson
Jane Armstrong-Wick
Amy Barnett**
Shari Bendel
Desiree & Jeff Bernatz**
Jessica Bohnsack
Lisa Boys
Sandra Brastad*
Amy Breggemann
Lisa Brown*
Shara Buesgens
Macy Bulau
Tricia Burmeister**
Tracy Caskey
Venessa Cerini
Tina Christianson
Lisa Christopherson
Amanda Congdon**
Joan Corman
Tami Croy
Beth DeSart
Rhonda Dircks
Anita Donahue
Kara Downer
Christy Dressel
Laurie Duff
Courtney Dukek
Laura Eismann
Kelly Elsenpeter*
Renee Erickson*
Sara Fahey
Peggy Ferrozso
Deloris Friske
Jessica Fussy
Janelle Gessner
Laurie Gregor
Susan Guggemos
Katie Hanson**
Peggy Heitkmap
Karen Hennen

Jeanne Hermanutz
Michelle Herzog
Melissa Hill
Heather Hirsch
Robinetta Hodgkins
Amanda Horejsi
Sue Hutson*
Michele Jabs**
Linda Johannes
Karen Johnson
Priya Kapoor**
Kelly Kasper
Desiree Keophothisane**
Susan King
Julie Kirchgasser
Chris Klingbeil
Sharon Klingberg
Kathy Koesters
Margaret Krampotich
Meg Krogfus-May
Tammy Langbehn
Karen Lebens
Staci Lee
Sarah Lund**
Bronwen Mackenthun
Margaret Malz
Elizabeth Martin
Jill Martin
Sharon Mattson
Kim McCullough
Mary Mikonowicz
Deb Mischke
Carrie & Mike Molash
Kristine Molgren**
Elizabeth Murvaritian De Cerda
Cheryl Nelson*
Ann Niebuhr
Kelly North
Debby Olson
Mary Pauly
Amy Pectorious**

Anita Peterson
Kara Puterbaugh
Mary & Dale Radanke
Alison Rahn
Susan Reef
Karen Riesgraf
Judith Roberts
Amber Ruhland
Jackie Sauber
Jennifer Schnieder
Sandy Schroers
Sally Schultz
Mia Schulz*
Lori Seifert
Denise Seykora
Donna Silverness
Michelle Sinkula
Emily Skahen
Mary Skluzacek
Karen Smith
Sarah Snell
Namon & Sidra Sokhom-Khou
Carrie Speikers
Rhonda St George
Michelle Stich
Lynda Sumpter
Jessi Swanson
Veronica Swenson
Deb Theis
Denise Theis
Danyelle Thorson
Carol Torvik
Karen VonBank*
Amy Vonbank**
Sue Weiers & Joan Lunde
Jennifer Welna
Joy Wilson
Cheryl Zager

Provider Appreciation Day May 11th

* Not eligible—Received the award in the past 10 years

** Not eligible—Licensed under 3 years

Dishwasher Has Multiple Uses

We all probably have used the dishwasher to wash Legos or mouthed toys in child care. Small plastic items such as baby toys, teething items and action figures can get dirty pretty fast. Toss them in a mesh bag or dishwasher basket and place on the top rack. "Wash these on a normal cycle along with your other dishes," says [Donna Smallin](#), author of *The One-Minute Cleaner*. **Plastic Toys**

Here are other uses of your dishwasher that might shorten your everyday or seasonal tasks

1. Glass Globes from Light Fixtures

It's amazing how much brighter a room will look after this cleaning task is checked off your to-do list. "Run these through on the top shelf and make sure there's space between them because the glass is more fragile than what's used for drinking glasses," says Trotter. **Use the delicate, china or crystal cycle if available, and skip the heated dry option.** And to be safe, avoid washing antique or hand-painted globes or those with gold-leaf trim in the dishwasher.

2. Shower Heads and Faucet Handles

If your shower head is spraying sporadically from clogged holes or your faucet handles aren't as shiny as they used to be, place these on the top rack and run the pots and pans cycle. It's fine to run cookware through at the same time, so you're not wasting a wash for these few items.

3. Plastic Hair Brushes, Combs, Clips and Barrettes

These personal care items get coated with hair products, but clean up well in the dishwasher. Remove all strands of hair, then corral everything in a mesh lingerie bag or dishwasher basket on the top rack. Run a normal cycle. One note: Don't try this trick with wood-handled or natural bristle brushes because the water and heat can damage them.

4. Baseball Hats and Visors

The dishwasher is a fantastic way to make sure hats keep their shapes. Put hats on the top rack, head opening down, on a separate wash cycle from dishes because you can't use dishwasher detergent (many contain bleaching agents). Instead, fill the detergent cup with borax, found in the supermarket laundry aisle. Run a regular cycle without the heated dry option, then place hat over a glass or jar to dry. Reshape brim while damp.

5. Kitchen Dish Sponges and Brushes

Load these up at the same time you do the regular dishes. The top rack is usually the best place so you can stand them up or wedge between other items. Run through on a normal cycle.

6. Kitchen Appliance Parts

Once a week, load all of these into the dishwasher to make the whole kitchen seem shinier: chrome drip pans, enamel-coated gas grates and burner caps, fridge water dispenser grate, sink plugs, microwave tray and range hood grease filters. Use the normal washing cycle.

7. Butter Dishes, Sugar Bowls, Spoon Rests, and Salt and Pepper Shakers

We handle all of these things every day, so they collect lots of grease and grime, which you may not even notice. Periodically empty sugar, spice and condiments and wash these containers along with your regular loads. Once they are completely dry, you can refill them with the contents you set aside before washing.

8. Personal Care Items

Toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, goopy soap dishes, nail brushes, plastic makeup brushes and bathtub drain plugs all benefit from an occasional run through the dishwasher. Place on the top rack with smaller items tucked in a dishwasher basket, and wash on a normal cycle with your other dishes.

Adapted from Yahoo.com



Subd. 10. **Payment of funds.** All federal, state, and local child care funds must be paid directly to the parent when a provider cares for children in the children's own home. In all other cases, all federal, state, and local child care funds must be paid directly to the child care provider, either licensed or legal nonlicensed, on behalf of the eligible family. Funds distributed under this chapter must not be used for child care services that are provided for a child by a child care provider who resides in the same household or occupies the same residence as the child.

Union dues or fair share fees may not be deducted from funds distributed under this chapter.

The following products have been approved by Scott County Public Health to be used in the diapering area- in place of a bleach solution. **NOTE: A VARIANCE FROM LICENSING IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME TO SUBSTITUTE ONE OF THESE ITEMS. CALL LICENSING FOR THE VARIANCE FORM.**

1. Shaklee- Basic G
2. Melalucha – Sol – U – Guard Botanical 2x concentrate (EPA# 66251-2)
3. 7th Generation – Disinfecting Multi Surface Cleaner (in a spray bottle) – (EPA#8)
4. 7th Generation Bathroom Cleaner S pray (EPA# 84683-3-86066-same as above)
5. Professional Lysol Disinfecting Spray Brand III

A variance must be completed each year: 9502.0435Subp 13D



Earth Day—April 22nd

How might we share with children the concept of caring for the environment? Young children take our resources for granted because they live in the present and the future is too many “tomorrows” away. They see that we turn on a switch, and the light comes on. They turn on a faucet, and the water flows. What can we do?

Teach by Example. When we turn off lights, when we turn over paper to use the back of it and when we gather newspapers for recycling or put aluminum or pop cans in the recycle bins, we are sending clear messages to children that caring for our environment is important to us. The children will take in those messages because children want to be like the important adults in their lives. “Attitudes are caught, not taught.” Maybe have a new helper position entitled “light leader”. That child turns off the lights when everyone leaves the room.

Find New Uses for Throw-Aways. Offer throw-aways like boxes, tubes and trays and ask the children how they might use them. A cardboard box might become a garage for toy cars or a pretend airplane. Children are getting important ideas about resourcefulness, creativity and recycling.

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This and That News

Unionization Update

The decision by Judge Lindman April 6, 2012 ruled against Governor Dayton's Executive Order. This means there will be no vote to unionize family child care providers in MN. From the articles in the newspaper, the Judge stated in his ruling that the process needs to go through the legislative process which will probably not happen this year.

The bill passed the Senate and House and is being sent to Governor Dayton for his signature.

What is the Latest Union News?

Here are web sites on which you can get information from the Governor's perspective, the Union Perspective, an anti-union perspective and a group that states they are not anti-union.

<http://mn.gov/governor/>

<http://www.seiu284.org>

<http://www.ccptmn.org>

<http://childcarefreedom.com>

<http://childcareunioninfo.com>

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Please save the items listed below and bring to any SCLFCCA sponsored event.

Along with Milk Moola, we are saving the price ovals from boxes of Glazers.

We do not want to take away from any group you may already be saving for, but if you aren't saving, please consider saving for SCLFCCA.



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