



NJ Family Child Care Providers' Association
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The New Jersey Family Child Care Providers Association

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RENEW your membership now!! March 31, 2008 to April 1, 2009, for \$35 and receive a discounted rate to attend the conference. Membership application available in the Conference Brochure or at WWW.NJFCCPA.ORG

Professionals at the Heart of Child

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's exciting to be approaching the second-ever statewide FCC conference on March 29, '08. Many of the major NJ child care entities- FCCONJ, N.JACCRA, Professional Impact NJ, Children's Futures & EAFCC-have donated funds, time and efforts to make this remarkable event happen. It's going to be a wonderful and rewarding experience.

Those that attended last year described it as fun and informational: door prizes galore!, vendors, training, networking, new friends, old friends, exchanging of stories and ideas and so much more. This is THE day for all New Jersey Family Child Care providers.

So please come out, invite other providers, create phone chains, car pools. Make the of this event. All new NJFCCPA members that join now and old members that renew their membership receive discounted registration rate to attend.

NJFCCPA is now working with Research & Referral Agencies (R&Rs) to identify providers who have leadership potential. Our goal is to establish NJFCCPA county chapters in each o/the 21 counties. Recently, we've been delighted to welcome enhanced and new chapters in Morris, Bergen, Sussex and Union counties.

If you want to create change and realize your potential as a leader, join an existing NJFCCPA chapter or lead the effort to set up a new chapter in your county.

For more information, please contact your R&R or get in touch with me via email Tan5tlc@yahoo.com or phone 609-936-8991.

This business can be very isolating-living and working at home can sometimes make your world very small. The advantage of an Association is that it makes your world bigger. The larger our numbers, the stronger our voice.

As an association, we're ready to make room for new potential leaders to take NJFCCPA to greater heights!

The next move is yours...

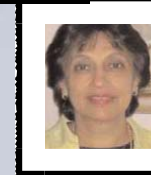
Thanks and looking forward to seeing you at the conference on March 29.

Sincerely,

Tan Coelho



2008 Conference Update...



Tan Coelho
President, NJFCCPA
Co-Chair,
FCC Conference 2008

☺ Special points of interest:

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- ☺ [Presidents message on the importance of becoming a member](#)
- ☺ [Julie's cool craft / game!](#)
- ☺ [An easy , smeasy recipe for St.Patrick's day](#)
- ☺ [County Rep. calendar for important dates- for future newsletters](#)
- ☺ [Taking Care of You Kit](#)
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Julies Junque by: Julie Payne

Hands on arts crafts and other experiences for those little hands!

Bowling for Bottles

The Plastic formula bottles need to be washed and dried thoroughly.. The children would color them and would also add colors, shapes, numbers, letters etc. on different bottles. For fine motor skills the children would stack them and balance them on the caps or the more solid base of the bottle. We would try to knock down the bottles with a soft ball or the infants would just stack and knock them down. What fun we had making them and playing!



Here is what you need:

- Plastic formula bottles
- Markers

This activity is great on many levels and for all age levels. It lets children express creativity, use motor skills, and learn about recycling. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!

Kids In the Kitchen!!

Shamrock Snack

Setting time aside to allow children to lend a helping hand in the kitchen provides great hands on activity. Lots of learning, fun, and conversation with your little ones can be found while in the kitchen/ Remember to follow safe guidelines for food preparation. Discuss the directions and encourage their involvement. Most of all, have fun and see what you discover together.

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| <u>Ingredients</u> | <u>Utensils and Supplies</u> |
| <u>Peanut butter</u> | Plastic knife |
| <u>1 slice of bread per child</u> | 1 paper plate per child |
| <u>Bananas</u> | |
| <u>Pretzel sticks broken in half</u> | |

Peel and slice bananas into round pieces. Break pretzel sticks in half. Spread peanut butter on the bread. Arrange banana slices in the shape of a shamrock. The pretzel is the stem. Shake on the green sprinkles. ENJOY!!

Recipe from the Mailbox. Feb/ Mar. 2001 edition

C O U N T Y N E W S P A C E

MARCH 2008

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<u>RENEW</u>	your	NJFCCPA	by April 1st	for \$35.00!!	Renew again March 31, 2009!	1
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In future newsletters, this section will be devoted to the representatives of each county. Any county upcoming events which you want posted or recognized can be listed here! Please email event dates to Lbrun1972@aol.com. Please make your subject line reads: Provider Newsletter. Thank you.

Being a provider is so much more than caring for children. In addition to working in that capacity we are cooks, artists, poets, musicians, EMT's, negotiations specialist and great at time management. We are all around special, creative people! This is your chance to share some of your tips, ideas, and knowledge that you have gained over the years in the Family Child Care business. Please send to Lbrun1972@aol.com - subject Provider Newsletter. Thank you!

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The "TAKING CARE OF YOU" kit*

- A MARBLE- in case someone says "you've lost your marbles"
- A rubber-band- to stretch yourself beyond your limits
- A STAR- to remind yourself that you are a shining star in the lives of children
- AN ERASER- so you can make your mistakes disappear
- A PENNY- to remind you that you are valuable and special
- A STRING- to tie things together when everything falls apart
- A PUZZLE PIECE- to remind you that you are a valuable member of a team
- A LIFESAVER- to remind you to call your team players for rescue and support
- A CHOCOLATE KISS- to remind you that others care about YOU!

BENEFITS OF A MULTI-AGE SETTING IN FAMILY DAYCARE

- >Children can stay with the same caregiver for several years. This allows for a trusting relationship to grow. The caregiver will have a deep understanding of the child's needs and strengths putting them in a better position to support the child in all areas of development.
- >Siblings can be together thus strengthening their family bond.
- >Children develop a sense of family with the other children in care. Typically, families are comprised of children varied in age. Through observation of the others in the group, children are exposed to a wide range of competencies that they may learn themselves in a natural way.
- >Caregivers do not expect all children to be in the same place at the same time developmentally.
- >Children are not labeled according to their ability. There is no fear of not moving forward to the next class. Children are given the time needed to master skills and are encouraged to try new things in an environment set up for learning.
- >Older children have the opportunity to take on leadership roles within the group, initiation a game, song or activity. They are also wonderful helpers and mentors to the younger children.
- >Because of the various ages there is generally less competition and more cooperation within the group. A mixed-age group can help teach children to understand behaviors they themselves recently had. It can also help older children appreciate their own progress.
- >Younger children can participate in activities that are set up by the older children even if they are unable to initiate the activity themselves.
- >Young children, who are nurtured, comforted and encouraged by older children will learn from them and be able to emulate them when they become the older children in the group.
- >Self-esteem, independence and confidence will rise in older children as they are helping younger children accomplish tasks they cannot do on their own.

