



SCLFCCA Monthly Update

April 2016 – SPECIAL EDITION

Legislation Updates

Did You Know? Visit:

<http://childcareawaremn.org/bill-tracker-2016>
to see how Child Care Aware of MN is tracking all bills introduced this session dealing with children, families, child care providers and administration. (HF = House; SF = Senate)

- HF 2670/SF 2411 has early learning scholarships, home visiting program and Parent Aware activities increased funding and modifications in the language of the bill. This bill is moving forward.
- Governor Dayton's push for a 4 year old in a school setting is still being considered. It states "voluntary" but you may want to let your legislators know that developmentally appropriate learning for young children is not a structured classroom. SF 3095
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) has some language regarding providers not being able to charge a client the difference between the CCAP rate and the provider's normal rate.
- HF 3433 and 3434 both have language about licensors writing up violations before leaving a home visit, training county licensing staff, having a child care liaison on staff at the Department of Human Services, and assistance to start-up of family child care homes as the number is constantly decreasing.



Networking Update

Belle Plaine: Thank you for coming out for our Provider Parade of Homes Tour in early April! We had 8 providers who attended and toured a total of 4 homes. A lot of great organizing ideas were shared. We are looking forward to our next tour in the fall! – Shara H.

Shakopee: On April 16th, we toured 4 homes in the Shakopee area. Thank you to the 15 or so guests who joined us! We are also looking forward to our next tour in the fall. – Roz A.

Celebrate the Week of the Family Child Care Provider May 1-7



Don't miss the 29th Annual MLFCCA Conference on Friday, April 29th & Saturday, April 30th, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza West Hotel in Plymouth, MN!

To Register: Go to www.mlfcca.org

This is MLFCCA'S 29th annual Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference & Recognition Banquet.

Our very own **Deloris Friske** is going to be presented with an award for the **2016 Child Care Advocate of the Year** at the conference! Congratulations Deloris! You have done and continue to do so much for this profession!



Licensing Update



Licensors Notes: We are partnering with licensing to hopefully increase the number of nominations for Provider of the Year. We are currently seeing a decline in nominations submitted. Together we analyzed a few possible hurdles as to why parents aren't filling out the nomination form and ways in which we could increase awareness of this opportunity & make completing it more convenient:

Licensors: The licensing staff has agreed to add a link to SCLFCCA's Parent Page at the end of their online survey in the parent email they send out. This will make for a one-step process for parents to nominate their provider.

Providers: Let your families know that there are TWO surveys to fill out during the re-licensing process. Share with client families that they should be on the lookout for the county email and it may be in their spam folder.

SCLFCCA Training Corner

Upcoming trainings:

- April 25 – Developing a Marketing Plan for Your Child Care Business for Family Providers
- May 2 – First Aid
- May 3 – Magical Moments *Note: This class meets DHS Licensing annual training requirement for both Child Development & Behavior Guidance
- May 10 – Child & Restraint Safety
- May 16 – Infant and Child CPR
- May 19 – SUID/AHT *Note: This class meets DHS Licensing annual training requirement for both Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) & Abusive Head Trauma (AHT).
- May 23 – Curriculum & Care – A Balancing Act

For more information and to register, go to:
www.sclfcca.com/trainings

Parent Aware/CAP Agency Update

PARENT AWARE: Interested in learning more about Parent Aware? Free information sessions at the CAP Agency: April 25 6:30 – 8pm or May 24 6:30 – 8pm. Call Linda to register or to set up your own personal meeting (612) 254-3717.

develop MNSTREAMS CONVERTING TO DEVELOP:

The MNStreams will no longer be available after June 30, 2016, which means your training record will no longer be available unless you convert your files to DEVELOP. If you have ever taken a training through Child Care Aware/Think Small, you have a training record on MNStreams.

Here are a few easy steps to make this conversion to DEVELOP a success:

1. Create a DEVELOP account
2. Go to www.developmn.org – log in and click "Create Individual Account"
3. Enter the DEVELOP ID account # into your MNStreams account (www.mnstream.org) to create the automatic transfer of your data.

Contact Kyle Harris for assistance:
kharris@thinksmall.org



Is Your SCLFCCA Webpage Current?

A friendly reminder to keep your business page as accurate as possible in regards to openings. Our goal is to make the SCLFCCA's website a sound resource for parents searching for family child care. Thank you!

Jordan & Savage: Ashley -
ashley.j.secord@gmail.com

Prior Lake, Belle Plaine, Elko-New Market, and New Prague: Deloris - friske@frontiernet.net

Shakopee: Roz - rozaddler1@yahoo.com

Please remember, these contacts are providers who volunteer through SCLFCCA and are committed to helping you. Please allow time for your changes to be made.

2016 Provider of the Year Nominee: Tracy Jasken, Shakopee

Tracy M. Jasken, owner of 'Alphabet Soup' has been providing licensed care to children for 7 years. She is supported by her husband and best friend, Jon Jasken for 14 ½ years. They have two daughters, Grace (11) and Olivia (7).

Prior to opening her own family child care business, Tracy was an elementary classroom teacher for 12 years and also worked in an early childhood center for 6 years (2 years as co-director). She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education along with a Master's degree in Education.

Tracy provides care for the children of Shakopee teachers, so she follows the school calendar and is open on all days that the teachers are required to work. When asked about how her services in family child care are unique, Tracy shares, "Although my childcare license allows me to have up to 12 children in my care, I purposely maintain a lower enrollment.... Maintaining a low enrollment ensures that the children will get the best possible care, better supervision, allows me to spend more quality time with each of them, and helps us to get the most out of our learning time."

Tracy is active in the child care community. She attends the yearly SCLFCCA child care conference, participates in the Shakopee



HERE IS WHAT TRACY'S CLIENTS ARE SAYING...

"A clear second mom to all the children, they just adore her (as we do)!"

"She is organized, flexible, provides a wide variety of activities and she cares about my child."

child care provider "Parade of Homes," and belongs to the Shakopee Child Care Providers Facebook group. She hopes to participate in more Shakopee providers' events in the future.

Outside of her role as an early childhood professional, she is active in her church. Tracy also volunteers for Feed MY Starving Children, the Salvation Army, National Night Out, Girl Scouts and the PTO. In October 2014, she ran the Twin Cities Marathon and raised over \$1,800.00 in donations for the National Parkinson Foundation and hopes to run Grandma's Marathon in June to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

Tracy says, "I am truly grateful that it is my job to spend my days with the amazing children in my care. I have the opportunity to watch them grow and change, experience and enjoy life, and I get to love them all!! Since I opened my own child care, I have gotten to know and love many wonderful children and families, made lasting friendships, and have been able to spend more time with my own children as a huge added bonus. I also feel very honored to be recognized among so many other incredible child care providers in Scott County."

2016 Provider of the Year Nominee: Tabytha Luikens, Savage

Tabytha Luikens, owner of 'Tabytha's Tots' has been providing licensed care to children for 17 years. She is supported by her husband Bob and her two sons Jayden (17) and Kyran (12).

Before opening her own business, Tabytha studied Studio Art at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. She was also a Licensed Practical Nurse.

When asked about her family child care business, Tabytha says, "We are truly a family style childcare. The big kids help the little ones learn and thereby learn compassion, kindness and even earn a little hero worship! I take joy in using everyday activities to help my kiddos learn. We often go out into the community to visit the library and local parks. We have visited nursing homes, apple orchards, pumpkin patches and attended concerts."



Her involvement in the Child Care Community is vast! She is active in the local professional training/networking association (SCLFCCA) for more than 10 years. She also worked to help prevent the passage/approval of childcare union through protesting and legal means.

Tabytha recently began training area providers with a new class on Food Budgeting/Recipes.

Outside of her role as an early childhood professional, she is active in her church, Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Savage, where she has been involved in the music ministry for over 12 years and is a choir member and regular cantor. She has also helped run the Religious Education Nursery on Wednesday evenings for over 10 years.

She participates in the Shakopee High School Drama Boosters Club and is the President of the Knights of Columbus Father John Deere Chapter Ladies Auxiliary.

HERE IS WHAT TABYTHA'S CLIENTS ARE SAYING ...

"I'm certain she loves the kids as much as her own." – Megan

" She genuinely cares about each child."

"(My son) is so excited to go to daycare and is always happy and excited at her house!" - Stephanie

Scott County Licensed Family Child Care Association

2016 Provider of the Year

Congratulations to all nominated providers!

Roz Addler*
Cindy Anderson
Kerrie Bester
Shari Bendel
Anna Bryndeson
Cathy Burns
Sandy Breeggemann
Tricia Burmeister
Tracy Caskey
Amanda Congdon
Laurie Cornelius*
Bobby DeYoung
Katie Degross
Christina Dolaram
Joyce Dueffert
Rhonda Dircks
Shirley Eide
Julie Eddy
Jessica Felten*
Laurie Gregor
Nancy Hames
Rebecca Howard
Heather Hirsch
Brittany Hare
Cindy Jackson
Tammy Johnson
Tracy Jasken

Julie Kirchgasler
Sharon Klingberg
Wendy Keimig
Kristy Konppaki
Judy Lambert
Tabytha Luikens
Tami Madsen
Jill Martin
Roxann Menden
Darlene Marte
Cheryl Nelson
Jane Osterberg
Kris Otto
Mazie Pauly
Kara Puterbaugh
Faye Radanke
Paula Rodriguez*
Patty Seaver
Donna Silverness
Shannon Steinhoff
Holly Stier
Jami Tetzloff*
Linda Thorne
Danyelle Thorson
Amy Varab*
Sue Weiers

*Not eligible for selection – Received award in the past 10 years, has been licensed for less than 3 years, or is closed.