



SCOTT COUNTY LICENSED FAMILY  
CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION - MN

# SCLFCCA Newsletter

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## BUILT JUST FOR YOU...

Each year we look to find ways to improve the services we provide to our members!

Our association is one of the strongest in the state and we have our members and board members to thank for that! With this strength has come growth and we are looking for better ways to manage training registrations and memberships.

We have recently reached out for help from some extremely tech savvy people and are excited to let you know that our **website will soon have a fresh look that includes features such as online registration and membership login/renewal.**

We are working to make this transition as seamless as possible but ask for your patience as we work diligently to add convenience to the training registration and membership process. You can look forward to:

- Creating your own membership profile
- Updating your child care openings
- Renewing your membership online
- Registering for training online
- ....and more!

We are excited about this change and look forward to sharing it with you all!

## SCLFCCA TRAINING CORNER

Have you registered?

### SCOTT COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE -CAREGIVING TODAY-

Saturday, February 18, 2017  
7:15 am- 3:30 pm

\*\*Shakopee West Jr. High School\*\*  
200 East 10 th Ave Shakopee, MN 55379

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB 10<sup>TH</sup>**

### KEYNOTE: "TEACHER TOM"

We are so excited to welcome Teacher Tom to our 2017 Conference! Here's a sneak peek of his keynote...

*Tom speaks on the topic of bringing the habits and principles of democracy into early years classrooms. He will begin by discussing the purpose of education in a democracy and how and why we have managed to veer so far from the original intent of education in America. He will then explain how a play-based curriculum works and, in fact, demonstrate how it is an ideal model of democracy in action. Participants will learn the benefits of introducing democratic principles into their classroom, the hallmarks of what makes a good citizen in a democracy, the traits and habits required for self-governance, and some practical tips on how to implement these ideas in their own classrooms.*



**Print your registration form and find more great trainings offered by your association this Spring at <http://www.sclfcca.com/Training.htm>**

# mem•ber•ship

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*Noun*

noun: **membership**; plural noun: **memberships**

1. the state or status of being a **member**
2. a body of **members**
3. the relation between an element of a set or class and the set or class

Regardless of how the Merriam-Webster dictionary describes membership, we know our members are at the heart of what we do and why we do it. The SCLFCCA is committed to the development of child care programs and activities, educational classes, mentoring and support networks.

**We wanted to let you know of a change to our membership: As of March 1, 2017, we will implement a flat fee of \$25 for a yearly membership.**

We have worked hard to keep our fees the same price for almost 20 years. This slight change in your membership fee will allow you to register online, renew your membership and update your own webpage all through our new & improved website.

Your membership fee allows our association to continue to **hire quality trainers** who will offer courses at **convenient locations**.

We are so grateful for your commitment and involvement in the SCLFCCA.



A special thank you to the following board members as we say farewell!

Thank you for making a positive contribution to the association and to enhancing the careers for family child care providers in Scott County.

We wish you the best!

- Mia Schultz – 13 years
- Holly Stier – 1 year



We would also like to welcome the following providers to the board!

- Carmen Scherman – Elko, New Market, Webster, Lakeville Support Rep
- Netta Hodgkins – Shakopee Support Rep
- Nicole Blackford – Secretary
- Julie Smith – Prior Lake Support Rep

## SCLFCCA'S: WHY FAMILY CHILD CARE?

### Component #4 HEALTHY MEALS, HEALTHY KIDS



Many family child care programs participate in a food program, which encourages balanced and healthy options for the children in care. Regardless of participation in a food program, family child care programs are known for the healthy and wonderful meals served. Why is that? We get to be flexible. We can set our own menus, utilize our gardens to bring in fresh produce, buy foods in season and involve children in meal prep and serving practices. When children are engaged in the process of what it means to put their food on the table, they learn about how to make healthy choices and are more curious about new foods they may not have tried.