

SCLFCCA Monthly Update

October 2016



IT'S ELECTION TIME!

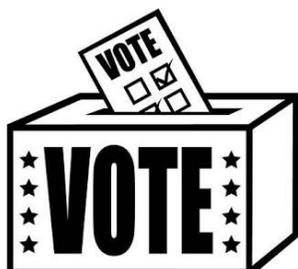
As a member of the SCLFCCA, it's time to let your voice be heard! We value your input and look forward to sharing the results with you!

Our Mission: The SCLFCCA is an organization of licensed family child care providers committed to the development of child care programs and activities, educational classes, mentoring and support network.

Here's How to Vote!

- **Fall Conference** – Members of the association who attend our fall conference will be given a ballot. Please cast your vote and place it in the ballot box.
- **Email** – Members who do not attend the conference will be emailed a ballot.
- **Mail** – Members who do not have an email address will receive a ballot by mail.

All ballots must be returned by
November 10, 2016.



SCLFCCA TRAINING CORNER

SCLFCCA FALL CONFERENCE

October 29th, 2016

Location: Jordan, MN

Licensing Required Trainings
8:00am – 10:00am: SUID/AHT

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10:15am – 12:15pm:

Active Supervision: Children with Special
Needs

**NOTE: Registration Deadline was 10-20-16; Sorry!
No Walk-Ins Allowed.**

NOVEMBER 2016 TRAININGS

- Oct 26 – Active Supervision - FULL
- Nov 1 – Get It Together {Life Without Clutter} – Location: New Prague City Hall (Members: \$8)
- Nov 7 – First Aid; Location: Shakopee
- Nov 21 – CPR; Location: Shakopee
- Nov 10 – Healthy Homes for Child Care – Location: Savage City Hall (Cost: Free)
- Nov 15 – Early Childhood Mental Health: Why Your Role Matters – Location: Jordan High School (Members: \$8)
- Nov 21 – SUID/AHT – Location: Belle Plaine District Center (Members: \$8)
- Nov 28 – 8 Core Strategies To Calm Challenging Behavior – Location: Savage City Hall (Members: \$8)

<http://www.sclfcca.com/Training.htm>



MLFCCA UPDATE

MLFCCA is offering you an opportunity to do early Christmas shopping for your childcare (Usborne books) or personal gifts. All options are open through October 31st.

- www.pamperedchef.com/go/MLFCCAFundraiser
- <http://www.tupperware.com/?fundraiser=57dc4c46b4a637bd32e0ec1d> Tupperware Brochure
- <http://angeliquebruggeman.norwex.biz/>
- <https://shop.bydesign.com/UsborneBooksAndMore/#/shop/fromParty/cb971f45-401e-48fe-92fc-d609a4dd86f5/byRep/F4271>
- Kids Cash (email: friske@frontiernet.net)



The R.E.E.T.A.I.N grant application is now available online for family child care professionals. The Application deadline is November 30th.

R.E.E.T.A.I.N. (*Retaining Early Educators Through Attaining Incentives Now*) awards financial bonuses to keep strong, well-trained child care professionals in the field and working with the same group of children over time. Here is a link to the application:

http://childcareawaremn.org/reetai_application



SCLFCCA'S: WHY FAMILY CHILD CARE?

Component #2

SCHOOL READINESS & FAMILY CHILD CARE

There is intense pressure right now to bring younger children into the school system. The picture of early learning is changing so quickly and it's snowballing faster and faster away from what research, experts in child development, pediatricians and educators know to be best for young children. You've undoubtedly seen strong marketing from every level of office, from your school districts to the governor's office and beyond, pushing to place 4-year olds into school-based preschool settings. While this can be frustrating and intimidating, understand your consumer base, what you know about child development, and consider what you bring to the table for school-readiness.

Every family child care offers curriculum, whether it be formal or informal. Consider the structure of your day. The schedule you offer is a curriculum. What do you offer in your environment? By offering a variety of materials and the freedom to engage with them, you're providing kids with the tools they need to use their imaginations, experience success and failure in their design and practice risk-taking in their play. Do you have a library where your books are easily-accessed by the children in your care? Where are the writing materials? Are they available for the children to explore? By celebrating literacy and exposing the children in your program to the materials they see you using, their natural curiosity will lead them to seek more information and their learning will unfold in an organic way that worksheets and seat time can never match.

In the article, *The New Preschool is Crushing Kids* (featured in *The Atlantic*), the author interviewed preschool teachers who said that while preschoolers are learning more pre-academic skills at earlier ages, the children themselves seem to be less inquisitive and less engaged than children from earlier generations. It's also important to note how the article outlines that while children who attend formal preschools may show more "school-readiness" skills when entering kindergarten, "by the time those same students are in first grade many have begun to lose excitement for school and by second grade, are performing worse on tests measuring literacy, language and math skills."

Promote this mentality in your program to your clients. Take photos, share videos with parents and in doing so, outline the work that is taking place so that someone without a background in early childhood development can begin to understand the precious opportunities you are providing for their preschooler.