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Arapahoe County Family Child Care Association

LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

September 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tue Sep 13 Safe Sleep
- Tue Sep 20 Safe Sleep
- Tue Oct 11 Immunizations
- Tue Oct 18 Colfax Comm. Network
- Tue Nov 8 Make & Share
- Tue Nov 29 Autism Speaks

+Please note days and dates. Meetings no longer fall always on a 1st or 3rd Tuesday.

ALL MEETINGS ARE FROM
7:00–8:30

Children under age 18 will NOT be admitted to meetings.

We tend to the needs of children all day long. This time is just for you. Thank you for understanding.

Always check the website or call Patty (303-745-6558) for weather related cancellations!

Monthly Workshops

County Workshop

Koelbel Library
5955 S. Holly Street
Centennial, 80121

Tuesday, September 13
Safe Sleep (required)
Speaker Michelle Ewing
1.5 hrs Safe Sleep Guidelines

Tuesday, October 11
Immunizations (required)
Speaker: group online class
no computer necessary
1.5 hrs

Aurora Area Workshop

Smoky Hill Library
5430 S. Biscay Circle
Centennial, 80015

Tuesday, September 20
Safe Sleep (required)
Speaker Michelle Ewing
1.5 hrs Safe Sleep Guidelines

Tuesday, October 18
Colfax Community Network
Speaker: Tirzah Stein
1.5 hrs of training



We're on the web!
www.acfcca.org

Find meeting information and newsletters there each month.

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ACFCCA Board Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lori at 303-794-7278

Other Workshops/Training Information

<u>Other Area Association Workshops</u>	<u>CPR/First Aid/Universal Precautions Class Instructors</u>	<u>Medication Administration Class Instructors</u>
Denver County: Betty@ 303-758-1289	A Caregiver Network 720-870-1161	A Caregiver Network 720-870-1161
Jefferson County: Marilyn@ 303-979-5952	Buster Posey 303-870-8376	Debbie Bradley 303-359-9553
Adams County: Vickie@ 303-284-6038	Advanced Care 303-384-3696	Susan Bobka 303-693-2762
Douglas County: douglascountychildcare.com	Tammy Aaron 720-851-8983	Tammy Vigil 303-880-6488
CAFCC: Tricia@ 303-914-8687 www.coloradochildcare.com	Front range CPR/first aid Contact: Andrew 720-556-6742	

GIVE

HELP

DONATE

Formed to reach the transient motel population along Colorado's roughest stretch of avenue, Colfax Community Network seeks to not only provide needed services, but create a deep sense of community. In poverty, isolation and despair are the greatest obstacles to transformation. At CCN, we come alongside children, parents, and individuals to recognize their value and offer tangible resources to encourage stability.

For our October meeting, we will be coordinating a drive to help the Colfax Community Network with donations they need to provide for the children, parents, families, and people they serve. We are gathering a list right now and will send out an email of these needed items. Please be looking for this email and then help CCN by bringing some of these things to our October 18 meeting.

Meanwhile, check out CCN at www.colfaxcommunitynetwork.org

PROVIDE

ASSIST

President's Message

Hi everyone !

Welcome back to routines and schedules and a new preschool year. Are you ready?

Before it leaves my mind, let me give you a little bit of information about an email I received this morning from a trainer in Colorado Springs. Her name is Tammy Licano and she's have a series of classes in Colorado Springs called the Pyramid Plus. She suggests that some providers might be interested in the drive there on Saturday's between October 1st and November 19th to the trainings instead of attending the Denver area ones because of traffic and classes being held in the evenings. So if you'd like more information you can contact her at licanotammy@gmail.com

For those of you that have already sent your membership fees back in, thank you so much for your continued support of ACFCCA. You're awesome! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. You can find our contact information on the last page of the newsletter. The newsletter is always available to you on the website: www.acfcca.org. Just click on the newsletter tab and voila! There it is.

An easy way to check for our monthly meeting information is to check the website also. We try to get it posted as close to the 1st of each month as possible. Please be informed that in the past we have only been able to schedule our meeting rooms 3 months at a time. Well, now it's even harder. I have to bid for the rooms on the 1st of each month for the following month. This means we may not always be able to get that 2nd and 3rd Tuesday as we'd like to. Always check the website for the most up to date information about dates and speakers. With weather changes soon, always check the website before heading out to a meeting if we're having bad weather.

We have a new education coordinator! Barb Yurich has generously agreed to research and schedule our meetings for us. Welcome and thank you Barb.

Mark your calendars for Saturday February 25th. We have confirmed this as the date for our annual conference. More information will be coming in the following months as we plan our big day together.

That's it for this time. Thank you everyone for just being you!

Find peace and joy in your day,

Patty

LICENSING CHANGES?

Here is what we know (and don't know):

The Child Care Licensing Program for Arapahoe County has moved as of August 1, 2016 to the Institute for Racial Equity and Excellence. Please email Stefani Kniss at stefani.kniss@state.co.us or call 303-866-5948 with any questions.

Letter from Council:

Dear Council Partners,

The Child Care Licensing contract previously held between the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) and ACECC was awarded to the Institute for Racial Equity and Excellence (IREE), effective August 1.

All licensing staff who were employees of ACECC accepted positions with IREE.

Please contact Kathi Wagoner at CDHS or Niki Gill at IREE if you have any questions or need any licensing assistance. Kathi.wagoner@state.co.us Niki@IREEinc.com

Please forward this email to other providers in Arapahoe County and watch from more information to come from IREE.

Feel free to contact me or another ACECC staff member if you have questions about anything else.

Thank you-

Gretchen Davidson

Executive Director, Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council

Excerpts from the New Licensing Division:

Dear Providers,

The Institute for Racial Equity & Excellence is extremely excited to inform you that we have been awarded the State contract to provide licensing services in Arapahoe, El Paso, and Pueblo counties. As Founder and CEO of the Institute for Racial Equity and Excellence (IREE), I have more than 16 years of experience providing guidance, leadership, oversight, and direction to licensing programs. . . .

Community Based Licensing focuses on providing licensing services that are culturally responsive using four Cs:

Competence, Caring, and Compassion while ensuring Compliance.

IREE will ensure the needs of child care providers using Culturally Responsive practices that are:

Respectful - Reciprocal - Informative

This will be done by:

Building Authentic Relationships - Creating Connections with providers - Recognizing issues of power, privilege, and authority.

Community Based Licensing ensures the needs of providers, families, and children are met, while ensuring licensing compliance.

The licensing team will also provide the following services:

- monthly open forum/town hall meetings to discuss licensing rules, compliance issues, consistent interpretation of rules
- the ability to make an appointment with licensing specialists and the licensing director to discuss concerns, ask questions, etc.
- webinars on current issues and for licensing updates
- assistance with early childhood teacher letters
- follow-up customer satisfaction calls
- personalized information meetings with school districts/corporations
- personalized training on rules and regulations to facilities
- bi-monthly licensing 101 trainings to clarify rules and regulations
- annual customer service survey to ensure the licensing team is meeting its customer service goals

Rosemarie Allen

Founder and CEO,

Institute for Racial Equity and Excellence

LICENSING CHANGES? (cont.)

Here is what we know (and don't know):

We've heard that the providers will continue with the same licensing specialist they had previously. Specialists are currently working from their homes because they do not yet (as we last knew) have a physical building. As more information is obtained, it will be passed on. These are the known contacts so far:

Staff Name	Position	Email Address	Cell Phone	Office Phone
Rosemarie Allen	President & CEO	Rosemarie@ IREEinc.com	303-881-3220	303-403-2687
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Kelli Kennedy	Licensing Specialist	Kelli@IREEinc.com	720-217-2241	





FALL BEGINS THIS MONTH—SEPTEMBER 22

Create a leaf wreath this season... so easy to do! This is a wonderful craft project for any age. It is quick to put together and brings some of the outside in. This is an easy craft, so it works well as a childcare or preschool craft. Take a walk with the children and have them enjoy the color of the leaves and collect those that have fallen on the ground. Try to pick up the ones that are still fresh, and avoid the dry ones.

And for some, PRESCHOOL BEGINS THIS MONTH AS WELL

Teacher's Prayer
by James J. Metcalf

I want to teach my students how
To live this life on earth,
To face its struggles and its strife
And to improve their worth.

Not just the lesson in a book
Or how the rivers flow,
But to choose the proper path
Wherever they may go.

To understand eternal truth
And know right from wrong,
And gather all the beauty of
A flower and a song.

For if I help the world to grow
In wisdom and grace,
Then I feel that I have won
And I have filled my place.

And so I ask your guidance, God
That I may do my part,
For character and confidence
And happiness of heart.

ACFCCA Telephone Directory

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80016, 80017, 80018
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80120, 80123, 80125
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Zip Codes 80111, 80112, 80121
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RESOURCE AND RE- FERRAL:

Childcare Innovations:
(provider updating)
303-969-9666

HUMAN SERVICES
Main Line 303-866-5958
www.coloradoofficeofearlychild
hood.com

Arapahoe County
Early Childhood Council
6436 S. Racine Circle, Ste 100
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LICENSING:

Institute for Racial Equity and
Excellence
10208 Dunsford Drive
Lone Tree, CO 80134
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OTHER COUNTY REFERRALS:

A Caregiver Network: 720-870-1161

Adams: 303-451-1061

Denver: 303-756-8901 (Mary Jo)

Jefferson: 303-969-8772

Douglas: douglascountychildcare.com

+++ If you need any telephone numbers that are not listed on this page, please call Patty at 303-745-6558 for more information. Thank you +++

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ACFCCA Mission Statement

Our mission statement is to support childcare providers and the communities they serve by providing educational opportunities, outreach programs, and legislative support. In order to ensure that the association and its mission remain vital, financial stability, growth and continuous organizational improvements will be specifically targeted as part of what we do.

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are quality child-
care providers with
their community's
childcare needs at
heart***