



CCFCCA Newsletter

Message From the President, Lari Piel



Hi, I'm Lari, your new President!

I've been on the board as Treasurer for four years and had a lot of fun doing it. So, when a new president was needed, I figured, "I can do that!!". The CCFCCA board has been a group of great ladies that have worked well together for a number of years and have accomplished quite a few opportunities for the association as well as the community.

Having done childcare alone for several years, I was very glad to have found this Association. It has empowered me to be a much better daycare operator and the friends I have made are awesome. I look forward to the next two years making more friends, helping out in the community and having fun taking care of children!

CCFCCA September 8th Meeting & Membership Drive

Who: Calling all Clark County Providers

When: Tuesday, September 8th 2015, Dinner 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Business meeting at 6:30 PM, Q & A Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Where: La Costa Mexican Restaurant, 4708 Thurston Way, Vancouver

Anyone joining CCFCCA for the October 1, 2015—October 30, 2016 year In September will receive a **\$5 discount**. Membership will continue to be \$45 per year for providers and \$35 per year for associate members for those signing up **after** September 30, 2015.

- We will have our September birthday celebrations and raffle prizes
- There will be important announcements about our up-coming events.
- Our yearly coat drive begins and will end November 10th. Please bring coats, sweaters, hats and gloves in good condition to go to Open House Ministries.
- At the Q & A Meeting please feel free to give feedback on what training topics you would like this coming year, any provider related concerns, and situations you may need help with, or topics you need more information on.

This is YOUR association. Please bring your ideas and have some fun!

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CCFCCA October 24th Workshop—3 STARS Hours

Curious Minds Investigate STEM by Ronnie Drinkward

Please join us on Saturday, October 24th for a 3 STARS Hour Workshop entitled “Curious Minds Investigate STEM” presented by Ronnie Drinkward, Early Learning Advanced Trainer, ESD 112. All early learning professionals are welcome.

Description: Preschoolers are natural explorers, designers, and scientists which makes preschool the perfect time to cultivate positive attitudes around STEM learning. As an educator of young children, this class will give you the whats, whys, and hows of STEM and how it paves the path for brain building. You'll be able to expand kids' learning and lead them toward discovery by encouraging their natural curiosity. Leave with a fresh look at STEM as well as new curriculum and lesson planning ideas for hands on learning to take back to use with children.

Workshop Schedule

8:00AM - Doors Open

8:15AM- 8:45AM

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45– Noon

Training with a 15 minute break

Cost:

CCFCCA Members - FREE

Non-Members \$30.00

Groups of 4 or more \$25.00 ea

Location

ESD 112, 2500 NE 65th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98661

If you are a CCFCCA member please register online, www.ccfcca.net, or complete the registration below and mail it to the address listed. There is no charge for members.

If you are a non-member you can either register and pay online or print out the registration form below and mail it along with your check to the address listed.

October 24, 2015 Workshop Registration Form

If you are CCFCCA member and are planning on attending this class please fill out the registration form online, www.ccfcca.net, or email tekla.frederick@gmail.com.

We need a headcount for food and space.

There is no charge for members.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

STARS # _____ CCFCCA Member _____

COST: CCFCCA Member—FREE

Non-MEMBER—\$30.00 GROUPS OF 4 OR MORE—\$25.00

Send registration and check to Tekla Frederick, 12801 SE Angus St, Vancouver 98683
Make check payable to CCFCCA or register and pay online www.ccfcca.net

Updates SEIU 925 by Melba Halgren



Dear Providers: Here are some important things to know.

Our new contract is up on the www.SEIU925.org website. It started July 1, 2015 and goes until June 30, 2016. Read it and see what we have won!

The next Regional meeting will be held at our union hall at 505 E 22nd St from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on October 14th. Two hour STARS for attending. Refreshments. There will be information on:

- Our new contract with higher rates
- The Members Benefits Program keeps expanding
- Early Achievers Bill and bonuses. **Note:** You must be signed up with Early Achievers by June 2016 and reach a Level 3 by December 2019 to get subsidized children in 2020.
- ECAP positions open to providers
- New Professional Training Institute created
- Needs Based Grants of \$500 to help get to Early Achievers Level 3
- Enhanced Subsidy rates and awards for FFN and Licensed Providers
- New Substitute Pool with Merit-approved substitutes

Providers: I love our union! It was the Washington State Family Child Care Association that sought out a good union to represent childcare providers. They chose SEIU 925. Our union has won so much for us. I hope you all become members and help keep our union strong. Don't be misled by flyers coming in the mail telling you to Opt Out. The organization behind this is trying to destroy our union. Ask yourself: Where would we be today without a strong union?

--Melba Halgren

Proud SEIU 925 member

Printed copies of our new 2015-2017 contract will be available after the legislative session once it is funded and approved.

CCFCCA 2015 Coat Drive



It's time for us to gear up for our Coat Drive again!

Please let your families know that we collect coats and warm clothes for Open House Ministries! We will be collecting now through November. A representative from Open House Ministries will be picking them up at our meeting in November!

Membership in CCFCCA



The Clark County Family Child Care Association has been serving local child care providers in our community for 40 years. The Board and Committees of CCFCCA are proud to remind our membership and all local child care providers that we will continue to work at keeping CCFCCA the best child care association that it can be. We are committed to offering support and high quality training to our members.

Because we are an independent child care association, we have been able to keep our yearly dues at a low cost per year and still provide a long list of membership benefits. We invite all early learning professionals, their staff, trainers, and provider advocates to join us at our monthly meetings. Please visit our website for locations as it may change occasionally. www.cfcca.net. You do not have to be a member to sit in on our monthly meetings and non-members are welcome to attend our STARS training at the cost of \$10.00 per STAR hour. Please see our Meetings and Events page on our website for a list of trainings and meetings.

The yearly membership dues are \$45.00 (\$35.00 for associate membership) with the fiscal year going from October 1st to September 30th of each year. Join online, at our website, www.cfcca.net, by mail or at a meeting.

CPR/First Aid Training for CCFCCA Members

Time to renew CPR/First Aid?

CCFCCA will be hosting a CPR/First Aid training for members on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Teri Vik, owner of Moxie CPR, will be instructing the class which will be held in the Resource Room of the Firstenburg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver 98684.

The class will begin at 9 AM and end at approximately 1 PM. This training will be valid for 2 years at a cost of \$45.00.

Space is limited so sign up now.

Contact Robin Hefely to register.
Phone: 360-574-5747
Email: robinhefely@comcast.net



Susan G. Komen

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is Sept. 20th this year. The cost is \$35 until Sept. 13th. Then it goes up to \$40. In the past we have had several members attend, it has been a lot of fun!

Please find the link at

http://race.komenoregon.org/site/TR?team_id=67775&fr_id=1260&pg=team

You can race, walk or even sleep-in for the cure! If you just want to donate, you may also do that! I hope to see you there!!



Be In-The-Know About Emergencies in Your Area Child Care Aware Spring 2015 Newsletter

Do you know if your local school is on lock down? How about if there is police activity in your neighborhood? These are important things all child cares need to be aware of.

Clark County: <http://cresa911.org/>

Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania Counties: <http://www.flashalert.net/>

Watch for upcoming trainings offered through Child Care Aware that will cover information on how to prepare for emergencies, school lockdown procedures, and local resources available to you.

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