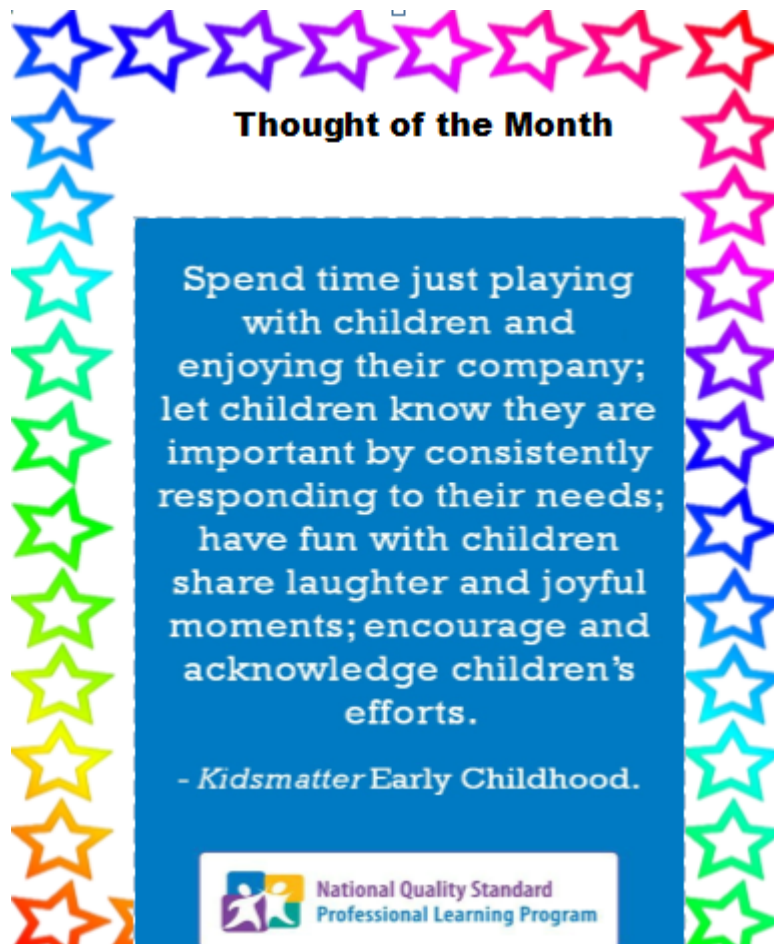


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Board of Directors

Provider Resources

<https://howardcountyfamilychildcareassociation.createsend.com/t/ViewEmail/j/785B9A4802F78EF22540EF23F30FEDED/C67FD2F38AC4859C/?tx=...> 3/23



From Rhonda (President)

Happy March members, our association is all about Springing forward. During our last meeting you were provided with a lot of information and decisions to make for our association. I have provided a comparison chart so you can see what other organizations offer to their members. We don't have to choose another association at the March meeting. We only need to decide if we will continue to be a part of MSFCCA. MDAEYC and NAFCC are National Associations and MSFCCA is local. Out of the three MAEYC cost more but offers the most and seems more directly connected to the members.

I would like to thank everyone for completing the survey. It helped us as we decided on the classes for the upcoming year

Eight volunteers are needed on March 28th to represent HCFCCA at the Howard County Food Bank. This is strictly volunteer there will be no PAU's given for this event. Please contact me if you are interested at creativelittleminds@gmail.com

We are also in need of volunteers for the Provider Appreciation Event on May 30th. Help is needed for setup, games, music, food and giveaways.

We have so many gifted and talented people in our association. If you are interested in any position on the board(all board positions are open), please put your hat in the ring and run for any position. People have stepped up for some positions and for that we are thankful. We are in need of a Treasurer for our 2020/2021 session. If you are interested in this position, or any other I will be here

to help assist you in the process. please contact me at creativelittleminds@gmail.com.

On 3/5, we will learn about Making Connections between Nurturing Experiences & Toxic Stress. What occurs during “the serve and return” interaction between child and adult? Examine how adverse childhood experiences can result in toxic stress, the effect of toxic stress, and your role in combat this growing concern.

If you signed up for the Financial Training offered by Better Futures: The specifics are as follows:

Branch: Central

Room: Collage Conference Room (Back), HCLS

Address: Central Branch 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy Columbia MD 21044

Meeting Date: Saturday, March 07, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM-1:30PM

If you have any questions please contact

Jahi B. Davis, MBA

Senior Consultant

Better Futures, LLC

1775 Eye Street NW

Suite 1150

Washington, DC 20006

office: 202-587-5638

cell: 202-340-6115pm

MSFCCA (current)	NAEYC/MDAEYC	NAFCC
<p>MSFCCA is a greatly respected family child care association in Maryland. Over the years we have built and maintained partnerships with child advocacy groups, state agencies and legislators, giving our members a voice in all facets of issues relating to family child care and the children in their care. MSFCCA, through their partnerships, is one of the few state associations nationwide that has consistently been asked to provide input regarding regulatory review and changes.</p> <p>To support the local associations and associates which make up the membership of the MSFCCA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To represent family child care providers by educating and advising legislators, regulators, and the general public on child care issues. •To encourage all providers to be knowledgeable of and comply with the laws governing child care in Maryland. •To promote quality training to enhance the professional skills of providers. •To collaborate with other organizations to advocate for the benefit of child care providers and children. <p>\$10.00 per member annually</p>	<p>Entry Level membership is a digitally based introduction to NAEYC and its diverse professional resources.</p> <p>Benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to content you can use right away—such as ideas for implementing developmentally appropriate practice, fostering strong family engagement, and more—through NAEYC digital resources. • Access to NAEYC's Interest Forums, where you can connect with members who share your specific passion. • Discounted insurance offerings, including professional liability insurance. • 20 percent discount on all orders from NAEYC's online store, as well as access to exclusive member-only resource sales during the year. • Exclusive access to member-only sessions at NAEYC events, including the member-only VIP area at Annual Conference and the member-only hour in the exhibit hall. • Registration opportunities for member-only events, including our Public Policy Forum, which brings members together in Washington, DC, to advance federal and state early childhood policy. • Discounted subscription rates for additional publications and resources: Early Childhood Research Quarterly, Exchange Magazine, Highlights High Five, Highlights Hello, and Education Week. <p>In addition, MDAEYC provide an in addition, MAEYC provide a welcome training to go over all the NAEYC/MDAEYC resources and how to navigate the member portal. We are currently offering COK hours for screening of the film No Small Matter and PAU's for training on Power to the Profession. They can offer training to any of the NAEYC publications.</p> <p>\$27.00 pp annually (\$17.00 increase)</p>	<p>Their Association membership is being realigned, it will be updated no later than the day of their conference 7/15/20. This is how is as of today their association membership reads</p> <p>Professional Development Monthly e-newsletters inclusive of public policy updates and important industry updates Access to social media sites specifically focused on family child care, where dialogue about best practices and leadership are common</p> <p>Connections and Discounts Opportunities to serve on NAFCC councils and committees Networking and support from family child care leaders across the country Discounted registrations for NAFCC's Family Child Care Conference (two) Member rates for webinars (two)</p> <p>\$90.00 a year per Association (not sure if the price will change with realignment)</p>



From Uyen (VP of Education)

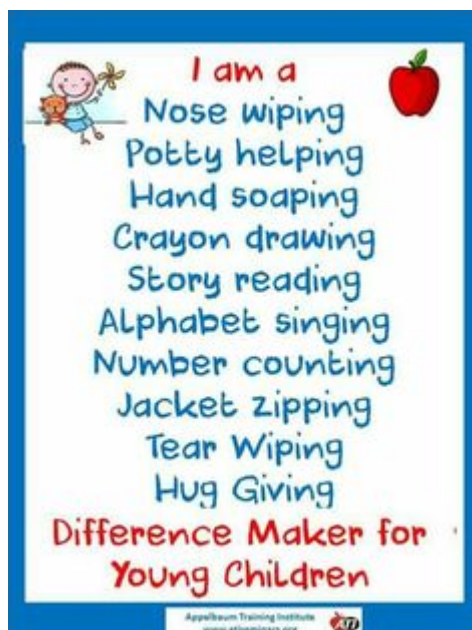
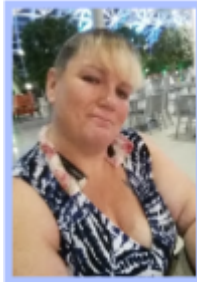
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From Aisha (Vice President of Membership)

If you need to change your name, address, phone number, email address or you are missing a certificate please contact the VP of Membership at hcfccavpmembership@gmail.com

Please check your email for renewal information. Be sure to pick up your receipt and new cards after you have renewed.

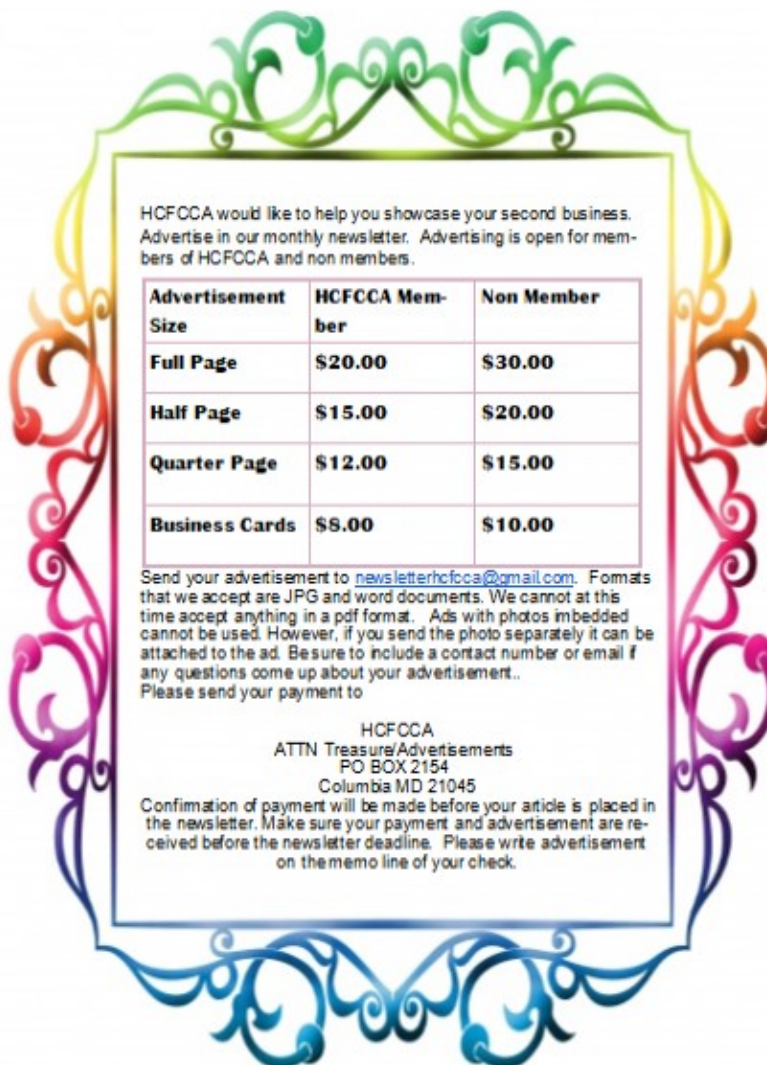


From Melissa (Newsletter Editor)

Newsletter Deadlines

Due Date	Newsletter Month
March 15th	April
April 12th	May
May 17th	June
July 15th	Summer Newsletter

Please send your newsletter contributions to newsletterhcfcca@gmail.com. Any contributions to the newsletter are eligible for a PAU.



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Advertisement Size	HCFCCA Member	Non Member
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Business Cards	\$5.00	\$10.00

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HCFCCA ADVERTISEMENTS



Application For Letter of Volunteerism

From Anita (Volunteer Committee)

MEMBERS, we need your help, ideas, and talents. Even if it is only to help in some capacity at the general meetings. Please see any Board or Committee member to see what you can do to help us keep this ship afloat.



From Deena and Angela

(Marketing and Public Relations)

PAU OPPORTUNITY and opportunity to attend two awesome events.

Just wanted to remind everyone that we will have Howard County Discovery Fair - MOVE, GROOVE & DISCOVER on Saturday, April 18th 10 am -1 pm ages 3 - 5, with adult. North Laurel Community Center.

We are looking for volunteers at least 4 for each of 2 shifts 9:30 -11:30 and

11:30 - 1:30. Please see me at the meeting to volunteer or email me at dloveshearts@aol.com.

We also have Nearly New Spring Sale at Howard County Fairground on the same day. We are looking for someone to chair this event. Which means to just be there to set up and take down our table at beginning and end of the event. We are looking for at least 3 additional volunteers. Times needed are from 7:30 - 10:30 and 10:30 - 1:00. Please see me at the meeting to volunteer or email me at dloveshearts@aol.com.

Thank you in advance!



**From Virginia (Mentoring/Networking,
Accreditation and Credentialing)**

Credentialing Workshop

Thursday March 19th 7:00 PM

La Madeleine's

RSVP to abcdeeschildcare@gmail.com

CACFP REMINDERS

Provider Number:

Field Monitor Name & Number: FERNANDA BRITO

Field Monitor Phone Number: 443.850.1056

Field Monitor E- Mail:
fabrito@theplanningcouncil.org

**Every Month, by the 1ST of the month,
enrollments & enrollment renewals to:**

FERNANDA BRITO, FIELD MONITOR

THE PLANNING COUNCIL - CACFP

672 OLD MILL ROAD, #310

MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108C

Web Address: www.kidkare.com Login: 019
Password: [lower case only]

**Your Field Monitor is available as the “first”
point of contact for your customer service needs,
in the event that you are unable to reach your
Field Monitor, you may contact our offices @:**

Maryland/DC Office: Phone: 410.967.5848

VA Toll Free: 1.800.410.9774

Fax #: 410.510.1024

**Program Manager, Systems & Compliance: Lisa
Lyons – Cell: 410.967.5848**

**Program Manager, Monitor & Provider Serv.:
Vicki Reece – 1.800.410.9774, ext. 3036**

Virginia Office: Phone: 757.622.9268

Address: The Planning Council

2531 Eltham Avenue, Suite I

Norfolk, VA 23513

**By the 1st (but no later than the 3rd) the
following items should be complete:**

- **Claims should be reviewed for accuracy and
submitted in KidKare.**
 - **Reports > Meals and Attendance > Food
Served > Month > Run, and/or**
 - **Reports > Meals and Attendance > Claimed
Food and Attendance > Run, then submit**
 - **Food Program > Send to Sponsor > Read
and Agree to Terms of Submission > Send**
- **Enrollments for “Pending” & “Expiring or
Expired” children should have been mailed to
your Field Monitor at the address listed above
– *NOTE: Infant Enrollments with incomplete
Infant Waivers will not be processed and may
cause result in loss of reimbursement for that
infant’s meals.**

**After your Claim is submitted and processed,
remember to:**

- **After the 15th of each month, Review your
Claim Summary and Error Report in KidKare
under: Reports > Claim Statements > Claim
Summary & Error > Select Month.**
- **You must report any errors or claim
reductions to your Field Monitor within five**

(5) days of receipt of your claim reimbursement.

- **Look for Claim Payment Updates via your “kidkare” message box.**

***PLEASE READ - IMPORTANT: Per TPC/CACFP General Policies, Section 6 - You must call the absence hotline in our VA office @ 1-800-477-3993, ext. 3070 when you are planning to be out of your home during a meal service period, are closed for the day and/or have no children in attendance. At the tone leave your name, provider number, and the state in which you live, and the dates and times you will be away.**

Welcome to the Child & Adult Care Food Program

“Where healthy eating becomes a habit”

In addition to the nutrition education offered by your individual Field Monitor, here are some helpful links to resources and educational materials:

- **The Planning Council’s Website – Children’s Services:**

<http://www.theplanningcouncil.org>

- **Entering claim data, enrolling children, reviewing reports, etc.**

www.kidkare.com

<https://help.kidkare.com/help>

Like KidKare on Facebook for news and updates.

- **Nutrition and Wellness Tips for Young Children – Provider Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (Team Nutrition Resource Library):**

http://www.teamnutrition.usda.gov/Resources/nutritionandwellness.html?goback=.gmp_1807282.gde_1807282_member_204783361

- Feeding Infants – A Guide for Use in the Child Nutrition Programs

http://teamnutrition.usda.gov/Resources/feeding_infants.pdf

- Redleaf Institute – Early Child Care Resources & Publications:

www.redleafpress.org

- Tom Copeland - the nation's leading expert on family child care business issues and former director of Redleaf National Institute.

www.tomcopeland.net

- Maryland Family Network

http://www.mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/for_providers/childcare.html

- IRS Website – Publication 587 – Business Use of Your Home:

www.irs.gov

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Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.
State Superintendent of Schools

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New Year, New Interactive Tool Encourages Parent/Educator Partnerships

BALTIMORE (January 21, 2020) – The Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) Division of Early Childhood has launched a new interactive tool on the Maryland Families Engage website, the virtual Maryland Early Childhood Family Engagement Toolkit. The goal of the new and improved Toolkit is to help teachers, providers, parents, and families build a network of community support and share best practices.

The MSDE Division of Early Childhood, in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University Institute for Innovation in Development, Engagement, and Learning Systems (IDEALS) Institute, designed the new and improved online version of the Toolkit to guide educators through the state's Family Engagement Framework. The Toolkit features a variety of updated content with navigational tabs that provide easy access to family engagement strategies, topics, and success stories in the form of articles, videos, infographics, and downloadable resources.

Originally created in 2016 as a colorful box set with large informational cards, the online version of the Toolkit was developed based on feedback from the state's early learning community. During focus groups conducted last year, educators requested a more user-friendly Toolkit. Educators requested a toolkit that would be less text-driven and highlight family engagement strategies "in action" with success stories featuring families and educators on the Maryland Families Engage website.

In July 2018, the MSDE Division of Early Childhood launched the state's family engagement community hub, MarylandFamiliesEngage.org. Through funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the website serves as a "one-stop shop" for parents, families, providers, teachers, and other stakeholders to share resources that promote school readiness, positive parent-child relationships, and the benefits of family engagement.

For more information about the virtual Maryland Early Childhood Family Engagement Toolkit, please visit marylandfamiliesengage.org.

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**Tuesday Tidbits: December 31, 2019 - Happy
New Year!**

Tuesday Tidbits: January 14, 2020

RECIPES

CRAFT

Dot Painting Lesson Plan

Book to read: The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds-Read the story to the children.

Explain to the children what inside and outside means – teaching positional words and opposites.

Have children trace a circle onto a piece of paper – I used an open circle from a stacking puzzle.

Explain that they can either paint their dots inside the circle or outside the circle.

Provide a pallet with different color paints and Q-tips to paint with. Explain that they will need to change their Q-tip with each new color they dot with, if they don't they will create brown, which is ok. Provide a paper plate for the discarded Q-tips. Show children how to make a dot using the Q-tip and then let them go. My kids spent about 20 minutes working on these. Ages 2 ½ - 5. The one-year old made brown!



LION AND LAMB CRAFT

What You Need

- White paper plates, two per student
- 9- by 12-inch brown construction paper, one sheet per student
- 9- by 12-inch orange or yellow construction paper, one sheet per student
- 9- by 12-inch white construction paper, one sheet per 2 students
- 9- by 12-inch pink construction paper, one sheet per 2 students
- Scissors

- Glue

- Cotton balls

Craft sticks, two per student

What You Do

1. Cut the 9- by 12-inch white and pink construction paper into halves.
2. Have your students cut the centers out of their paper plates and discard them. You will have to cut out the paper plate centers for young students.
3. To make the lion mask, have your students cut or tear small pieces, approximately 1-inch squares, from the brown and orange or yellow construction paper.
4. Have your students glue the strips onto one of their paper plate rims to make the lion's mane. Set these aside to dry.
5. To make the lamb mask, have your students glue cotton balls to the second paper plate rim so the paper plate surface is completely covered. Set these aside to dry.
6. The students should cut two 2-inch wide circles from the brown construction paper.
7. Next, have the students cut two 1-inch wide circles from the orange or yellow construction paper.
8. Help your students glue the smaller circles onto the center of the larger circles. These will represent ears.
9. Have your students glue the ears to the back of the lion paper plate rim so they peek out from the top of the paper plate, as shown.
10. Have the students repeat steps 5 through 8 to create the lamb's ears, using the white construction paper for the larger circles and pink construction paper for the smaller circles.
11. Help your students glue craft sticks to the backs of their animal plates to create handles for the masks.

12. Your students can put on the mask to become like
spring: in like a lion or out like a lamb!



ACTIVITIES

HCFCCA FUNDRAISERS



2020 Fundraiser

Once again, the Association is making GROUP DISCOUNT RATE tickets available for purchase.

These are INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

WE DO NOT HAVE TO GO AS A GROUP

Regular Admission Price is \$74.80

Ask family, friends, and clients if they are interested in buying tickets. This group rate saves over 45% off regular admission!

Tickets are valid May 1, 2020 - September 27, 2020

ALL AGE ADMISSION (3 and up) ----> \$39.00

Checks should be made payable to HCFCCA (No Cash)

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY March 20, 2020

Bring your order form and check to the March 5th General Meeting or send to:

Angela Lamberti

6695 Possum Court

Columbia, MD 21045

Order Form **MUST** be submitted with Payment!

Name:	Phone #:		
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HCFCCA INFORMATION AND EVENTS



Spring 2020 School Readiness Series

A partnership between Howard County Public Schools (HCPSS) and the Howard County Office of Children and Families (OCF).

The Launch Into Learning School Readiness Series, facilitated by HCPSS staff, focuses on kindergarten readiness and how early care and education professionals can support families with young children ages 3-5. Each session takes an in-depth look at a specific learning domain which is aligned with current Maryland standards to ensure your program supports children in all areas of development. Participants will learn how to enhance their program by using effective strategies, activities and resources to support children and their families.



Participants must complete all 7 sessions to receive a Core of Knowledge Certificate.

Visit www.howardcountymd.gov/training to register online for **Launch Into Learning School Readiness Series** or call 410-313-1442

14 hours Core of Knowledge Training (7 CUR, 7 CD)
HCPSS Staff Instructors, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Cost: \$70.00 (includes materials)
Location: Running Brook Elementary School
5215 W. Running Brook Rd. Columbia 21044

February 19	Launch Into Learning - Classroom Environment, Fine Arts
February 26	Launch Into Learning - Social Foundations
March 4	Launch Into Learning - Language and Literacy
March 11	Launch Into Learning - Mathematics
March 18	Launch Into Learning - Physical Well Being/Motor Development
March 25	Launch Into Learning - Science
April 1	Launch Into Learning - Social Studies

Make-up date April 15th

2020 Training Needs Survey

The Howard County Child Care Resource Center (HCCCRC) is located within the Office of Children and Families/Department of Community Resources and Services. Our mission is to provide information and access to resources for families to ensure all children in our community thrive. The goal of the Office is to work in concert with the community to coordinate, develop, expand, and enhance children and family services in Howard County.

The HCCCRC provides educational training to the early care and education professionals within the county. To ensure providers receive support to provide high quality

care for children, we are asking you to complete this needs assessment. The survey should only take about 2 minutes to complete. Please complete by March 31. If you have trouble accessing the survey, please contact 410-313-1923 or email ocftraining@howardcountymd.gov.

Thank you.

Survey Link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S8H5857>

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