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From Rhonda (President)

Good morning Members, I hope everyone and their family is well. I do appreciate all of you and I'm sending out hugs to those that need one. Remember ladies don't kill yourself with the fumes of the cleaning products, we need you. lol I want to reassure you, I have been silent but have not abandoned my position and trust me, I thought about it. lol I will remain open but only to my current essential personnel parents.

Just like you I have been trying to make sense of all of this confusion. I am one that likes to gather all the facts so I don't provide false information. Since things are changing everyday I have no choice but to wait. I have only posted things that would help members, like where you can find products. Class Information that would help you stay up to date until Howard Community College gives me the status of our classes. If you need credits at this time I would suggest take online classes. If you stay open, please follow all the guidelines sent to you by your licensing specialist. If you have any questions send them to your licensing specialist. You keep asking questions until you understand. At the end they are the ones that control if you will stay open or close. Telling them you read this or that on Facebook is not going to save you. Please be patient and give them time to respond.

Please understand licensing is still open, they may not be doing inspections but let a parent call with a complaint and see how fast someone shows up at your door.

You should still send in your information to your licensing specialist that is required to stay in compliance if you have an inspection due or they requested information from you.

Breath we will make it through this.

At this time I see so many acts of kindness it melts my heart. Thanks to all of you who reached out to keep me focused. If you are in need of something post it on our Facebook page, maybe another provider can help or

advise you where it be found.

Again thank you for all you are doing even though many don't mention us we know we are making a difference.



From Uylen (VP of Education)

Better Futures has offered to give all HCFCCA members a basic 6 month membership to CRAFT.

MSDE APPROVED TRAINING
2 HOURS COK IN HSN

TOXIC AWARENESS IN CHILDCARE

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vJ
UsdO2rrzgrjW4y2hB9mrn-
ze2MLOYYaw](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vJUsdO2rrzgrjW4y2hB9mrn-ze2MLOYYaw)

**AFTER YOU REGISTER THEN YOU WILL
RECEIVE A EMAIL TO PAY.
CERTIFICATES WILL BE EMAILED TO
YOU, AFTER ALL FORMS ARE
COMPLETED.
(POST TEST & EVALUATION)
COST IS 10.00**

**March 31, 2020
7:00pm to 9:00pm**

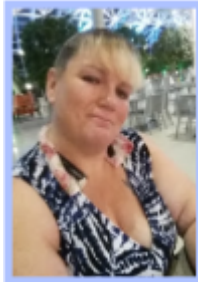




From Aisha (Vice President of Membership)

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.

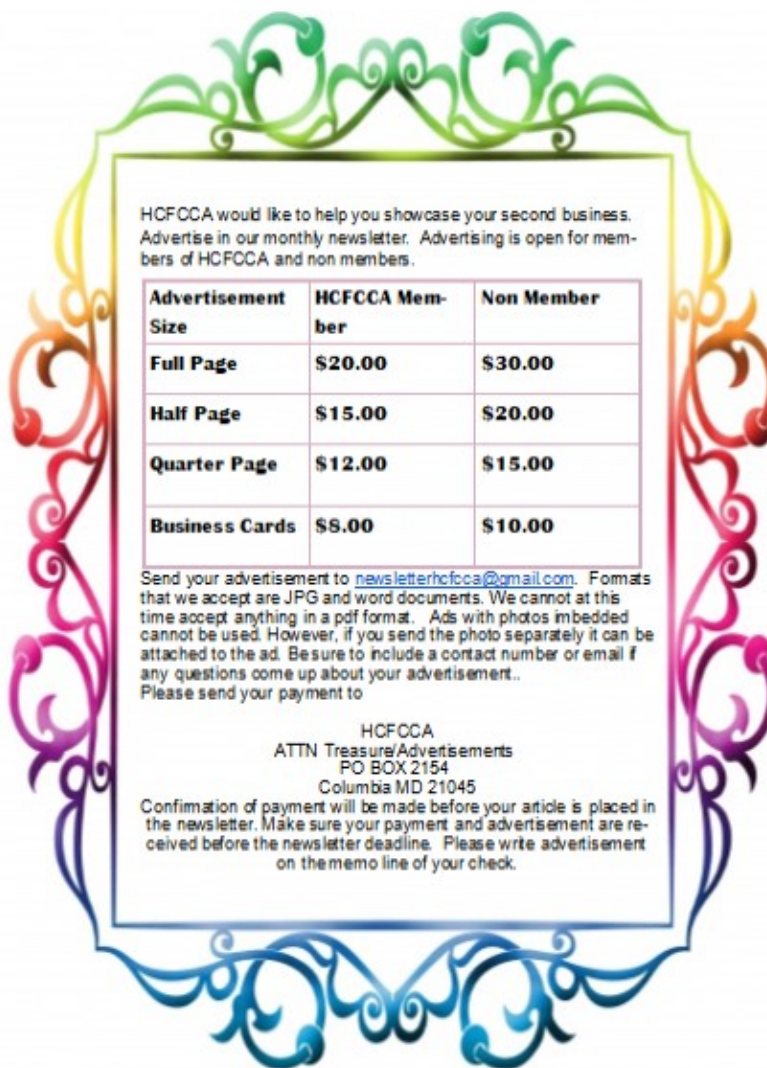


The newsletter will still be sent to you even if there is no class. Please help out and send in an article, craft or recipe.



From Melissa (Newsletter Editor)**Newsletter Deadlines****Due Date****Newsletter Month****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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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)

Hello everyone,

Hope everyone is doing well, we're all in this together

Thinking ahead now is a great time to start visiting your children via Facetime and other electronic means.

As for us, we could get busy planting some veggies such as cherry tomatoes, carrots or potatoes. Start a mason jar full of herbs. There is a lot of information on the internet, these are just a few ideas to help if you're going "stir crazy"!

Stay healthy, can't wait to see you all again!

Deena & Angela



From Virginia (Mentoring/Networking,
Accreditation and Credentialing)

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 time
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_2
04783361](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](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/providers/provider_s/childcare.html

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

www.irs.gov

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Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)

Maryland State Department of Education(MSDE) Corner

March 25, 2020

Dear Current Licensed Child Care Programs,

After Dr. Salmon’s directive that “Beginning Thursday, March 26, the focus of child care programs in Maryland will be to serve essential

personnel as defined by the Governor's Executive order on March 25, 2020.”, the Office of Child Care (OCC) has created the Essential Personnel Child Care (EPCC) program for licensed child care programs. This program will allow for currently licensed child care programs to apply to become an EPCC site for essential personnel that are either currently enrolled or want to enroll in your program and have ONLY these families be paid for by the State of Maryland. (see below) If you are still taking children from families designated as non-essential, you must continue to collect tuition from them. Essential Personnel is listed as:

- **Providers of healthcare, long term or acute patient care, emergency medical or pharmaceutical services**
- **Public Health Employees**
- **Law enforcement personnel**
- **Correctional Services employees**
- **Firefighters and other first responders**
- **Government workers required to work in a State of Emergency**
- **Employees and representatives of insurance carriers**
- **National Guard called to active duty**
- **Staff or providers of child care or education services, including custodial and food service worker**
- **Food distributors and suppliers**
- **Transportation and delivery services personnel**
- **Gasoline service station operators and auto mechanics**

- **Critical Infrastructure employees, such as emergency and support personnel for gas and electric utility operations, public works, water treatment and waste management**
- **Personnel of other institutions ORDERED to remain open during a State of Emergency**
- **Other persons the State Superintendent deems necessary**

This list may be updated as the Governor deems necessary.

All other families will not be able to have services charged to the State of Maryland and should be staying home with their children, as all non-essential businesses have been closed. If a parent is found that they are not qualified essential personnel, you will NOT be paid for that family. Please request proof by ID or other identification as it will be requested for payment of these children.

All licensed child care programs will need to apply to be a part of this program and be paid for essential personnel. You will need to be approved as a site by the OCC regional licensing office prior to completing an invoice that will be provided to you from the OCC. Please note that the fees being paid for this program will be as follows:

**Children ages 6 weeks up to 3 years:
\$350 per week, per child**

**Children 3 years up to 13 years:
\$250 per week, per child**

The application to be approved as an EPCC site is attached to this email. If you have multiple sites, please fill out an application for EACH site. Please read it in its entirety prior to applying to become an EPCC site to be sure you are clear about the terms and conditions. You may only take the ages of children in which you are currently licensed and meet the new group sizes listed in the application. The application also outlines other requirements for this program, many, that as a licensed child care program, you already meet.

I want to thank you for taking the time to read the application and the guidelines included. If you decide to apply for this EPCC site program, please submit the application as soon as possible to your licensing specialist and your regional manager, so you can be approved quickly and ready to take families and their children. We will be providing a list of approved EPCC sites daily to LOCATE and will keep the list up-to-date on our website. If you have any questions, please email your licensing regional manager on the list attached. Please be aware, you MUST be approved before offering services to essential personnel and have it paid for by the State of Maryland.

Thank you for being the leaders in our child care community,

Jennifer A. Nizer, M.Ed.

Director, Office of Child Care

[Click here to go to MSDE website for COVID-19 Updates](#)

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Director

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Contacting the Division Branches

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earlychildhood.msde@maryland.gov

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– collaboration.programimprovement

@maryland.gov

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credentialocc.msde@maryland.gov or 1-866-243-8796

Subsidy – ccscentral@conduent.com or 1-866-243-8796

Maryland EXCELS – info@marylandexcels.org

Tuesday Tidbits: March 24, 2020 - COVID-19 & Opportunities

RECIPES

CRAFT

Dot Painting

submitted by Virginia Dee, HCFCCA Newsletter Volume 40 Issue 9, April 2020

Provide each child with a pipette and containers with blue, red and yellow “paint”. Make the colors using water and food coloring. Show each child how to squeeze the pipette and drop just a small drop of colored water onto the paper. Create designs, mix colors and have fun. Once the drops flatten on the paper let them dry – makes beautiful “open-ended” art.



ACTIVITIES

BIRDSEED EGGS

Materials Needed

1 box of gelatin mix, we use unflavored.

10 cups bird seed, we use Pennington birder's blend.

1. You prepare the gelatin as directed on the box (the one I get calls for 1 cup cold water and 1 cup hot water).
2. Then mix in your bird seed. We usually do 1/2 of it at a time, so half the gelatin and 1/2 the bird seed.
3. I spray cooking spray in the eggs so they come out easier and then pack with the mixture. If you want to hang the eggs you need to add a string or hook when you pack the mixture into the egg.
4. Put in the fridge to let set up (I put our in a glass container as some of the gelatin might come out the holes in the eggs).

10 cups makes 3-4 dozen normal size eggs. We do the bigger ones as well and it all stays together.



HCFCCA FUNDRAISERS

DEADLINE FOR HERSHEY PARK TICKETS HAS BEEN EXTENDED.

THE NEW DEADLINE IS APRIL 20th.



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 April 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 #:	
	Price	# of tickets	Total
	39.00		=
			=
Total of all tickets purchased		=	=

HCFCCA Shaklee Fundraiser



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HCFCCA Shaklee Fundraiser

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)[†]**



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