

September/October 2011

Provider Post



Welcome Aboard!

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Child Care Change

Effective Oct 1, 2011 there will be a slight shift in the alphabetical caseload for the eligibility workers.

Barb Tolley A-Hn Ext 3214

Lisa Endres Ho-Z Ext 3213

Barb Tolley will also complete Type B home inspections as needed. However, the main child care social worker for all Type B providers in Columbiana & Carroll County will remain Jennifer Oliver at ext 3215.



Payment Procedures

(5101: 2-16-41)

Full-time Week 25-60 hours

Part-time Week 7-24.9 hours

Hourly Less than 7 hours & More than 60 hours

Provider shall report to the agency when a child is absent and there is a loss of contact with the caretaker that exceeds 2 consecutive days.



Ohio Electronic Child Care

The Ohio ECC swipe card system is scheduled to go live statewide on January 1, 2012.

In preparation, please be sure you have completed & submitted to ACS the ACS Provider Equipment Agreement. If you have not completed the equipment agreement, please contact ACS at 1-888-516-4776.



Documents were mailed to all providers on Oct 3, 2011. Mailing included details on Ohio ECC Provider Informational Sessions scheduled beginning Oct 17, 2011. (These sessions do not count towards your CEU hours)



Keeping hands clean is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of infection and illness.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal or animal waste
- After touching garbage
- Before and after treating a cut or wound



What is the right way to wash your hands?

- Wet your hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
- Rub your hands together to make a lather and scrub them well; be sure to scrub the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- Continue rubbing your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- Rinse your hands well under running water.
- Dry your hands using a disposable towel.

- ✓ Providers must wash the hands of children who cannot yet wash themselves and closely monitor children who have not yet mastered proper hygiene.





Halloween tips for child care providers: (<http://childcare.about.com>)



- If possible, **know the parents' wishes or expectations** for their kids for Halloween when in your care. For some families, Halloween is not observed; others may insist on "non-scary" only. Still others look forward to costumes and Halloween-type activities and encourage provider activities.
- Some providers **work Halloween festivities into a storybook day**, in which kids are invited to come in costume of their favorite storybook. Others may have children make simple masks out of paper plates or fun foam, and have a fall party. One provider asks some of her closest neighbors to allow her childcare kids to trick or treat in the morning in costume; kids then return to the home for some special fun. Another has parents bring a special treat for all kids (which can be as simple as a plastic spider ring). Providers are so creative, and can make the time around Halloween special and memorable, whether or not Halloween is officially celebrated.
- Providers can **utilize some of the Halloween themes into a fun and enjoyable learning experience**. Learning about bats and their habits, and then making a bat out of construction paper, perhaps with red glitter for eyes, can be lots of fun. So can watching a pumpkin be carved, and then the seeds be baked. One provider plants pumpkin seeds and then children enjoy watching the pumpkin "patch" grow and flourish in time for fall harvest. Some adventurous providers take children to pumpkin patches for free fun; others make arrangements for a short hay ride or visit to the apple orchard.
- If costumes are to be worn, providers should insist that parents **bring a change of clothing** and also understand that accidents can and will happen on occasion. If parents don't want any possible harm to come of a costume planned for evening trick or treat, then perhaps an alternative should be brought instead. Costumes are often itchy, uncomfortable, or warm, and after the initial excitement of seeing friends in costumes diminishes, providers often change kids back into playclothes and perhaps celebrate with a fun fall frolic at a neighborhood park.
- One provider makes the day's lunch a **special "unscary" and exciting treat**, such as "finger" sandwiches, goblin juice (colored juice, witches noses (carrot sticks), and bats (jello molds)). She says it is her favorite day of the year. Another has a special treat with the caramel apples, in which she carves out noses and face to look like a mini-jack-o-lantern and offers caramel dip with some sprinkles for kids. Other providers may opt to not do anything different and save the sugar-highs and costumes for parents entirely.

The key to Halloween is to stay safe, have fun, and make it a "spook-tacular" activity for all.



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8 hour course

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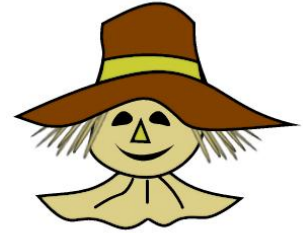
Minimum class size: None

Maximum class size: 20

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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| Sat, Oct 8 | 9am-5pm |
| Sat, Jan 28 | 9am-5pm |
| Mon, May 7 | 5pm-9pm |
| Tues, May 8 | 5pm-9pm |



Other training locations:



Dianna Bleakley

<http://diannableakleysearlychildhoodtrainings.homestead.com>

330-332-4955

COAD

www.coadinc.org

1-800-577-2276

Columbiana Co. Head Start

<http://www.caaofcc.org/headstart.htm>

330-424-7221

Child Care Connections

www.childcare-connection.org

1-800-407-5437

Salem Public Library

www.salemlibrary.org

330-332-0042

Play n Learn Training Center

<http://pnltraining.org>

1-800-811-0180

Schiappa Branch Library

www.steubenvillelibrary.com

740-264-6166

Tru-Mah-Col

www.trumahcolaeyc.org

330-637-1792

East Liverpool Hospital

www.elch.org

330-386-2670

Columbiana Co Red Cross

www.redcross.org

330-424-6610

Carroll Co. Help Me Grow

www.ohiohelpmegrow.org

330-627-4357

Progressive Management Training Cntr

330-755-9796

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330-507-4974

