



COLE-HARRINGTON FAMILY CHILD CARE NEWS

Fall 2006

Dear Parents and Providers:

"FCC...Under Construction"

Can you feel it? Change is in the air! Change in the weather from hot and sunny to cool and brisk, change in clothing from shorts and bathing suits to long pants and sweaters, change in schedules from the lazy days of summer to back to school routines. With the start of fall, we here at Cole-Harrington Family Childcare are also going through some major changes. Grab the hard hats and yellow tape because FCC is under construction!

Firstly, we have several new additions to the FCC Staff. I assumed the role of Program Coordinator at the beginning of July upon returning from my maternity leave, and we said good-bye to Kathy Sullivan, who had been the Program Coordinator for over 15 years. Nancy Safran joined the FCC Staff as a part-time Early Childhood Specialist (ECS) in the spring and Caryn Heifetz was hired in August as a full-time ECS. Both Nancy and Caryn have degrees in Early Childhood Education and come to us with many years of both teaching and center-based director experience. We are very happy to have them on our team!

Other exciting changes involve our recent award of a small number of additional supportive slots in the Plymouth area. This will allow FCC to expand its services to at-risk and low-income families in need of quality childcare options. We look forward to meeting new families and developing new relationships with providers in the Plymouth area. Please let us know if you have any friends or family members with childcare needs or who operate Family Child Care programs in the Plymouth, Whitman, Rockland areas and surrounding towns.

Traci Quigg, LICSW and Stacey Burke, ECS will be coordinating efforts to establish CH's presence in this region. In the next few weeks, Traci and Stacey will be working to develop a satellite Plymouth office.

The Teens With Tots (TWT) program will also be experiencing some significant changes. Karen Michelson resigned from her position as Program Coordinator on September 13th. Karen worked with Cole-Harrington for eight years. We will surely miss her support, professionalism, and caring nature. Best of luck Karen!

Lauren Young has been hired as the new TWT Program Coordinator and will be training with Karen prior to her departure. Lauren will be working in a new dual capacity role, not only with the parents enrolled in the TWT Program, but also as an Early Childhood Specialist for children of teen parents enrolled in Family Childcare. Welcome Lauren!

Ultimately, the addition of new staff will result in some case reassignments for both families and providers, so we ask for your patience and cooperation as we make these changes. We will do our best to ensure that any transitions you encounter are smooth and that your particular needs are met.

Some visitors to the Enable offices this summer may have noticed some construction happening in the building adjacent to ours. Networks, an Enable program currently located at the front of our building, will be moving next door due to program expansion. This move will provide FCC with an opportunity to consolidate our offices and have one central area just for FCC! We will be moving into Networks' current office space early in the fall.

FCC monthly trainings will continue to be held in the Enable Conference room and as always parents and providers are welcome to drop by at any time to visit and say hello! Just remember to bring the hard hat for a little while...

Michelle Bradford
FCC Program Coordinator

FCC Provider Training Update Provider Training Survey Results

By Eileen Kelleher

Thanks are due to those providers who took the time to complete and return the Provider Training Surveys. We received a total of 36 surveys and the information gathered was extremely valuable in helping us plan the FY 07 training calendar. The most requested topics this year include *language development, behavior management/child guidance, speech and language disabilities, the challenging child, emotional and social disabilities, learning styles, infant/toddler care and development, playground safety/field trip information, sign language, self esteem, PDD/Autism, social/emotional development, developmentally appropriate practices, stress management, divorce/separation, abuse and neglect, working with assistants, and community resources.*

Based on the above most requested topics, we have developed an interesting and exciting training calendar for this fiscal year. In **September**, presenter Barbara Capaldo, M.Ed. will provide insight on helping children develop healthy self-esteem. Barbara is the founder and director of Insight Education Center. She has more than 15 years experience as a trainer for parents, teachers, and other professionals. This workshop will be open to both parents and providers. **October** brings dynamic presenter Holly Elissa Bruno, MA JD back to Cole Harrington to remind us how important it is to take care of ourselves so that our stress levels stays low and we can be more effective caregivers. Holly Elissa is a "recovering attorney" who never leaves home without her sense of humor. She presented for us last year and was spectacular. On **November 10**, we have our annual CPR training in the morning and valuable input from presenter Sharon Woodward in the afternoon on the ever-popular topic "the challenging child." Sharon's educational background is in social work. She was a family child care licenser for 20 years and is currently the director of FCC Connection in Newburyport. Our annual first aid training will be held in **December**. **February** and **March** workshops will both take place on Saturday mornings. Both will be four-hour workshops designed to help providers earn a chunk of training hours in one day and to allow a more in-depth look at two important topics. The entertaining Jeanine Fitzgerald will explore when we should be concerned about a young child's social and emotional health in February. Jeanine is a Certified Human Behavior Consultant and owner of The Better Behavior Bureau. In addition, she holds certifications in Physical Education and Special Education. Presenter Sarah O'Brien, LICSW, RPT-S will teach us ways to playfully manage children's feelings and behaviors in March. Sarah is a licensed social worker who specializes in play therapy, both in her private practice and as a trainer. In **April** we welcome back presenter MaryAnne Cavaca to help us expand our knowledge about children who have social and emotional disabilities such as Asperger's Syndrome and ADD. Trainings for January, May and June have not yet been finalized.

We look forward to a year full of workshop topics that are useful and valuable to you, our providers because they were chosen by you. Please look for upcoming mailings with the details for upcoming workshop topics starting in September.



Ode to a Childcare Provider

*Little children come to me for hugs and books and such
I care for all their simple needs and I also fix them lunch.
I pick up toys, I mop their spills and often dry their tears.
I change their diapers, settle fights, and kiss away their tears
I tie their shoes, I button coats and push them on the swing.
I really love these kids you see but there is just one more thing
Call me Teacher, Aunt or Miss, and those names just might fit.
But please don't call me SITTER because I never get to SIT!*

~author unknown

Transportation Station

After many years of working together, Cole-Harrington and Wilson Transportation have parted ways. We thank Tracey and Troy Wilson for all of their collaborative efforts over the years and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Many thanks to Heather Walkes of DKN Transportation for helping us out in a pinch and coordinating transportation services for us in the town of Brockton. We trust that parents and providers will appreciate Heather's organizational skills, professional ethic and safety conscious ways.

Contact Information for Transportation Companies is as follows:

Cole-Harrington Transportation	Joyce Coulter	781-948-8500
DKN Transportation	Heather Walkes	508-586-2303/508-577-0126
Warren Transportation	Michelle Warren	508-781-447-9135
Haddad Transportation	Ernestine Haddad	781-963-3516/781-910-5520

**Reminder-parents must call their respective Transportation Company to cancel services if their child is going to be absent from childcare as well as their FCC Provider!*

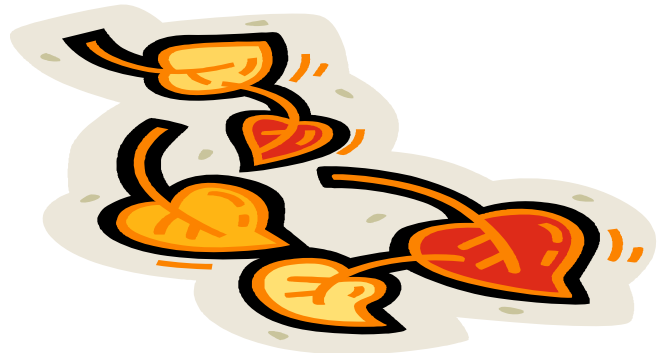
Keeping Kids Safe from Mosquitoes

As you know, there have been many recent reports in the news about mosquito borne illnesses. Mosquitoes carrying eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) were found in Canton just within the last two weeks. CH staff has talked with Dr Dodek, our healthcare consultant, and he has advised that parents protect their children from mosquitoes by applying insect repellent that contains DEET in the a.m. before arriving at childcare. *Dr. Dodek does not recommend insect repellent that contains DEET for children under age 2.* Providers should reapply insect repellent in the afternoon, only with written consent from a parent/guardian. (Providers, please check children's permission slips to determine if permission has been granted and if not, obtain permission). Outdoor time should be avoided if possible at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Wearing long sleeved clothing and long pants may also be helpful. Children and adults wearing bug spray should wash their hands thoroughly upon returning indoors. Please call your Early Childhood Specialist if you would like a copy of the fact sheet on EEE from the Department of Public Health or if you have any questions about the above information.

Holiday Updates/Program Closures

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Monday	October 9	Columbus Day
Friday	November 10	Provider/Staff Training Day
Thursday	November 23	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 24	Day After Thanksgiving



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