



SCOTT COUNTY LICENSED FAMILY
CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION - MN

SCLFCCA Newsletter

Holiday Edition 2016



SCOTT COUNTY PROVIDER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Each year, 2 providers are chosen from Scott County and honored through our association. All nominated providers will also be recognized by the SCLFCCA.

Just a reminder that **December 31, 2016** is the last date to get a nomination form sent in to be eligible for the 2017 Scott County Provider of the Year.

You can send the link to your families to have them fill out or if you know a provider that has been inspirational to you and your child care you can nominate a fellow provider.

Here is the link to the nomination form
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEQtYJZN5js2Zw01-E0pkya3ipaX7oJEC-COD315_MbXlBvw/viewform



Provider of the Year recipients must:

- Be licensed a minimum of 3 years
- Have not received this award in the last 10 years
- Must be in good standing with licensing

If you have any questions please email Kara at scottcountyprovideroftheyear@gmail.com

SCLFCCA TRAINING CORNER

Thank you to those of you who attended our trainings this past fall! As we round the corner into the New Year, please watch for the Spring 2017 Training Catalog which will be out later this month!



- Please fill out your registration forms completely (i.e. include address & phone number each time)
- Always include your **DEVELOP number!**

How do I get a DEVELOP number? Go to www.developtoolmn.org and click on the register icon that looks like a pencil. Click on "Register as an Individual". Fill in the necessary information. Complete account set-up & click on the box to affirm the Privacy Policy. Success! Your Develop ID number & password will be sent to the email address you provided.

<http://www.sclfcca.com/Training.htm>

GOOD QUESTION

Q: What's Deductible About Christmas?

A: Here's what Tom Copeland says, according to a 2015 blog post on this topic:

"...Family child care providers celebrate Christmas with the children in their care in a variety of ways. If you do, you are probably spending money that you can claim as a business deduction..."



"...Expenses for Christmas, New Years, Chanukah, etc. can be considered ordinary and necessary expenses. That's because you are using these holidays to teach the children in your care about celebrations, traditions, and their meaning."

Expenses may include: Ornaments children make, a Santa visit, decorating gingerbread houses, serving snacks at a party, decorating jingle bell bracelets for a Christmas concert put on by the kids, a Christmas tea breakfast, a Polar Express Party, a family potluck for clients, and annual book exchange...and the list goes on and on. Visit Tom's blog at

<http://tomcopelandblog.com/> for other great

answers to your tax questions!
learning about Parent Aware?



CHILD CARE AWARE UPDATE

Did you miss all of the Parent Aware information sessions, but are still interested in learning about Parent Aware?

Quality coaches would be happy to set up a time to meet with you one-on-one for an informal meeting for you to get your questions answered about Parent Aware. You can choose the place and the time. If your evenings are busy, but you have time during naptime, we would love to find a date that we could come to your home.

Another option is, you can choose a date to host an information session for yourself and other provider friends at your home. If you do this, and have at least one other provider attend, we will bring out gifts for all.

The deadline for applying for the January cohort of Parent Aware is approaching fast.

Call or email to set up a time! All of your questions will be answered by our quality coaches and staff.

**Call/email Linda Poikonen to register today!
612-254-3717 or lpoikonen@capagency.org**

SCLFCCA'S: WHY FAMILY CHILD CARE?

Component #3 THE CONVENIENCE FACTOR



Family child care programs are convenient for families, who must load up their children and head off to jobs each morning. Families have the flexibility of locating a program near their own home, near their work or at a convenient location along their daily route. When thinking about your program, don't be afraid to point out your proximity to things that are important to families. Are you near the grocery store? Can they easily get to the pediatrician's office? What about major roadways? These are all valuable aspects to share. If you're further away from populated areas, celebrate that! Point out that the children in your care have more open space to engage in and the natural environment you get to surround them with. These things hold value to children and families. Think about what your environment says about who you are and what values your family holds. Share them with confidence!



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Family Child Care Pathways to Success Fall 2016



Shakopee

Stephanie Larson, Melissa Frost,
Christie Schmelz,
Meagan Theis not pictured.



Savage

Kelly Cross & Ashley Bertrand



Jordan

Lizelle Shell



File Folder System to
organize your Family
Child Care Business.



Belle Plaine

Megan Bjerga & Diana
Sotamba



Waconia

Mayra & Reed Winter
Carver County



Cologne

Randiann Doheny
Carver County

The next series of Family Child
Care Pathways to Success
Classes begin January 20,
2017

If you are a new provider in
business less than 1 ½ years or
know of someone in process
of licensing, please share this
opportunity with them.
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