



SCLFCCA Monthly Update

March 2016

2016 Scott County Providers of the Year Named

Tracy Jasken from Shakopee and **Tabytha Luikens** from Savage were recognized at the 2016 February Conference as Scott County Providers of the Year for 2016. More information about their programs will be in the April issue!



Networking Update

Shakopee: "Spring Provider Parade of Homes" will take place on Sat., April 16th at 9:00am. More information to come via email!

Get Connected! The following communities have developed private Facebook pages as a way to connect & network with each other. You can locate them under these titles:



- **Belle Plaine Family Child Care Providers**
- **Jordan MN Licensed Family Child Care**
- **Prior Lake Licensed Child Care Providers**
- **Savage Licensed Family Child Care**
- **Shakopee Licensed Family Child Care Providers**

Child Care Unionization Vote is Final

The Bureau of Mediation Services announced on January 29th that a vote on the unionization of family child care by CCPT-AFSME was moving forward. SCLFCCA recognizes all licensed family child care providers as independent business owners. For this reason, SCLFCCA maintains a neutral stance, neither opposing nor supporting unions. SCLFCCA sent information to our members with links to both sides of the issue so members could form an educated decision in regards to their own businesses. (www.childcareunioninfo.com and www.ccptmn.org)

The Bureau of Mediation Services ordered a union election for Minnesota licensed family child care providers. Some important points about this election:

- Ballots were mailed on February 5th to the 2,384 eligible voters as determined by the Department of Human Services according to correspondence with the Bureau of Mediation Services
- Both licensed and unlicensed providers who have current CCAP clients who received payment in December received a ballot
- The Union Election Ballots were counted on March 1st. The votes are in and are as follows: **Total votes sent out: 2,348**
Total votes received: 1,412
Total Votes for YES: 392
Total Votes for NO: 1,014

'No' votes were voting against the union and the 'Yes' votes counted to support the union.

- Here is a link to a newspaper article on the unionization election:
<http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-childcare-providers-say-no-to-union/370677131/>



Licensing Update

SCLFCCA is pleased to announce that licensors are again attending our board meetings the second Monday of the month (Sept-May). Please know, all SCLFCCA members are also welcome to attend these meetings held at the Klein Bank basement in Prior Lake, on Duluth Avenue from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Licensor Notes: We were reminded as of January 1st that a background study on a new person who would work in your family child care cannot work alone until the clearance letter has been received or the 15-day notice. If you have questions, please call licensing at 952-445-7751.

SUID and AHT training through Educare.com (Phyllis Porter) does NOT qualify for the required training. Several providers have done this on-line training, only to get to the end of the training to find out it does not qualify. Training on-line from Eager to Learn DOES qualify.

Licensing shared that there has been an increase in late paperwork when providers are renewing their license. They suggested if you have everything completed except for the consent or denial of parents for their email, to put a post-it note on that page and send it in separate as soon as you get the signatures so the other paperwork can be processed in a timely manner.

Parent Aware/CAP Agency Update

If you looked up training done through Think Small on MNStreams, you will find this is being discontinued July 1, 2016. All training offered can now be found on DEVELOP. You will be registering for training from Think Small through DEVELOP.



The Minnesota Quality Improvement & Registry Tool

SCLFCCA Training Update

Thank you for attending our annual Conference in February! We had 190 early childhood educators, with 123 being SCLFCCA members, 20 centers and preschool personnel, and 47 family child care providers from other counties. Please contact Michelle with any training topics you would like us to offer. She can be reached at: michelle.herzog@yahoo.com

Upcoming trainings:

- March 7 – First Aid
- March 21 – Infant and Child CPR
- April 7 – Math for Preschool Kids (Belle Plaine)
- April 11 – First Aid
- April 12 – Active Supervision from a Developmental Perspective (Shakopee)
- April 18 – Infant and Child CPR
- April 25 – Developing a Marketing Plan for Your Child Care Business for Family Providers (Shakopee)

For more information and to register, go to: www.sclfcca.com/trainings



Change in Website Administration

Here are your new contacts when updating your page on the SCLFCCA website:

Shakopee Providers: Roz Addler - rozaddler1@yahoo.com

Jordan & Savage Providers: Ashley Secord - ashley.j.secord@gmail.com

Prior Lake, Belle Plaine, Elko-New Market, and New Prague providers: Deloris Friske - friske@frontiernet.net

Please remember, these contacts are providers who volunteer through SCLFCCA and are committed to helping you post the most current information possible. However, please allow time for your changes to be made.