

Scott County  
Licensed Family Child  
Care Association

# Member Update

Spring-Summer 2013

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## Licensing Changes 2013

Here are several of the 2013 changes to family child care licensing.

### Infant Sleep Position

The reference to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome will now be referred to as the Reduction of Risk of Sudden **Unexpected** Infant Death. **Documentation will now be required from a physician directing an alternative sleeping position other than on an infant's back.**

An infant who independently rolls onto its stomach after being placed to sleep on its back may be allowed to remain sleeping on its stomach if the infant is at least six months of age or the license holder has a signed statement from the parent indicating that the infant regularly rolls over at home.

The license holder must place the infant in a crib directly on a firm mattress with a fitted sheet that is appropriate to the mattress size, that fits tightly on the mattress, and overlaps the underside of the mattress so

it cannot be dislodged by pulling on the corner of the sheet with reasonable effort. The license holder must not place anything in the crib with the infant except for the infant's pacifier, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, part 1511.

The definition of an infant is younger than one year of age.

If an infant falls asleep before being placed in a crib, the license holder must move the infant to a crib as soon as practicable, and must keep the infant within sight of the license holder until the infant is placed in a crib. When an infant falls asleep while being held, the license holder must consider the supervision needs of other children in care when determining how long to hold the infant before placing the infant in a crib to sleep. The sleeping infant must not be in a position where the airway may be blocked or with

anything covering the infant's face. Placing a swaddled infant down to sleep in a licensed setting is not recommended for an infant of any age and is prohibited for any infant who has begun to roll over independently. However, with the written consent of a parent or guardian according to this paragraph, a license holder may place the infant who has not yet begun to roll over on its own down to sleep in a one-piece sleeper equipped with an attached system that fastens securely only across the upper torso, with no constriction of the hips or legs, to create a swaddle. Prior to any use of swaddling for sleep by a provider licensed under this chapter, the license holder must obtain informed written consent for the use of swaddling from the parent or guardian of the infant on a form provided by the commissioner and prepared in partnership with the Minnesota Sudden Infant Death Center.



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Happy Fourth of July



## Bleach or Alternatives

### [245A.1446] FAMILY CHILD CARE DIAPERING AREA DISINFECTION.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0435, a family child care provider may disinfect the diaper changing surface with chlorine bleach in a manner consistent with label directions for disinfection or with a surface disinfectant that meets the following criteria:

- (1) the manufacturer's label or instructions state that the product is registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency;
- (2) the manufacturer's label or instructions state that the disinfectant is effective against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella choleraesuis*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*;
- (3) the manufacturer's label or instructions state that the disinfectant is effective with a ten minute or less contact time;
- (4) the disinfectant is clearly labeled by the manufacturer with directions for mixing and use;
- (5) the disinfectant is used only in accordance with the manufacturer's directions; and
- (6) the product does not include triclosan or derivatives of triclosan.

## Infant Sleep Supervision

### [245A.147] FAMILY CHILD CARE INFANT SLEEP SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. In-person checks on infants.

(a) License holders that serve infants are encouraged to monitor sleeping infants by conducting in-person checks on each infant in their care every 30 minutes.

(b) Upon enrollment of an infant in a family child care program, the license holder is encouraged to conduct in-person checks on the sleeping infant every 15 minutes, during the first four months of care.

(c) When an infant has an upper respiratory infection, the license holder is encouraged to conduct in-person checks on the sleeping infant every 15 minutes throughout the hours of sleep.

Subd. 2. Use of audio or visual monitoring devices. In addition to conducting the in-person checks encouraged under subdivision 1, license holders serving infants are encouraged to use and maintain an audio or visual monitoring device to monitor each sleeping infant in care during all hours of sleep.

(Editors Note: Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Policy Committee members worked with language in this section to allow the word "encouraged" rather than mandatory be used.)

## Liability Insurance

### [245A.152] CHILD CARE LICENSE HOLDER INSURANCE.

(a) A license holder must provide a written notice to all parents or guardians of all children to be accepted for care prior to admission stating whether the license holder has liability insurance. This notice may be incorporated into and provided on the admission form used by the license holder.

(b) If the license holder has liability insurance:

- (1) the license holder shall inform parents in writing that a current certificate of coverage for insurance is available for inspection to all parents or guardians of children receiving services and to all parents seeking services from the family child care program;
- (2) the notice must provide the parent or guardian with the date of expiration or next renewal of the policy; and
- (3) upon the expiration date of the policy, the license holder must

provide a new written notice indicating whether the insurance policy has lapsed or whether the license holder has renewed the policy. If the policy was renewed, the license holder must provide the new expiration date of the policy in writing to the parents or guardians.

(c) If the license holder does not have liability insurance, the license holder must provide an annual notice, on a form developed and made available by the commissioner, to the parents or guardians of children in care indicating that the license holder does not carry liability insurance.

(d) The license holder must notify all parents and guardians in writing immediately of any change in insurance status.

(e) The license holder must make available upon request the certificate of liability insurance to the parents of children in care, to the commissioner, and to county licensing agents.

(f) The license holder must document, with the signature of the parent or guardian, that the parent or guardian received the notices required by this section.

## Training Title Changed to Sudden unexpected infant death and abusive head trauma training.

## Family Child Care Training Requirements

- A. 4 hours of child growth and development and behavior guidance training before licensure
- B. First Aid training must be repeated every 2 years
- C. CPR training must be repeated every 2 years
- D. Sudden unexpected infant death reduction training: 1/2 hour in person once every 2 years

- E. Abusive head trauma training required under this subdivision must be at least one-half hour in length and must be completed at least once every year.

## Training Requirements for Family and Group Family Child Care

### **\*\* 16 hours of ongoing training each year**

Repeat of topical training requirements in subdivisions 2 to 8 shall count toward the annual 16-hour training requirement. Additional ongoing training subjects to meet the annual 16-hour training requirement must be selected from the following areas: The word "including" is in the most of the 7 areas as described in this section: Child growth and development training, Learning environment and curriculum, Assessment and planning for individual needs, Interactions with children, Families and communities, Health, safety, and nutrition, Program planning and evaluation.

### **New Training July 1, 2014**

Subd. 9. Supervising for safety; training requirement. Effective July 1, 2014, all family child care license holders and each adult caregiver who provides care in the licensed family child care home for more than 30 days in any 12-month period shall complete and document at least six hours of approved training on supervising for safety prior to initial licensure, and before caring for children. At least two hours of training on supervising for safety must be repeated annually. For purposes of this subdivision, "supervising for safety" includes supervision basics, supervision outdoors, equipment and materials, illness, injuries, and disaster preparedness. The commissioner shall develop the supervising for safety curriculum by January 1, 2014.

Subd. 11. Provider training. New and increased training requirements under this section must not be imposed on providers until the commissioner establishes statewide

## Parent Aware is a WIN WIN Opportunity!

I bet you all have a favorite school teacher that you can remember. Think about why this teacher was a favorite. My guess is that this teacher went above and beyond the call of duty and beyond the textbook. The way that good teachers become great teachers is by continuing their education and being passionate about what they do. Child care providers are teachers. By continuing your professional development as a child care provider/teacher, you can become even better at what you do.

When you join Parent Aware, you will have a professional development advisor that will work with you to determine what areas of training would be most valuable to you in your growth as a professional. In addition to this, you will have a coach who will work with you to look at your environment and brainstorm with you ways that you could improve your already successful program. Your coach is available for you to help with what you determine you want help with.

How much would this service cost you? It's FREE! You can actually earn money by joining Parent Aware that can be used to pay for your trainings and be used to purchase equipment to improve the quality of your program. You may be thinking that there must be some kind of catch to this because it sounds too good to be true. There is no catch! You get to take trainings to improve your professional development, receive free coaching specific to your personal needs, and receive help in filling out paperwork that demonstrates the quality improvements made to your program. Child care programs that earn Parent Aware star ratings receive free marketing tools and free advertising on the Parent Aware website.

Why is this program being offered? The importance of good quality child care is being recognized by the public. Parents want an easy way to identify child care programs that go above and beyond licensing to provide the best possible care that includes school readiness. The star ratings, that child care providers can earn in Parent Aware, are indicators of this quality.

To get information on how you can start to show that you are a professional, who is passionate about what you do, and that you strive to provide the best care possible for your clients, please contact Linda Poikonen at [lpoikonen@capagency.org](mailto:lpoikonen@capagency.org) or 612-254-3717 at the CAP Agency, Child Care Aware of MN.

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF1233&version=4&session=ls88&session\\_year=2013&session\\_number=0](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF1233&version=4&session=ls88&session_year=2013&session_number=0)

Full text at the above link starting at 98.1

# Unionization of Child Care

Bill passed the Senate 35 Yes to 32 No votes. Bill passed the house 68 yes votes to 66 no votes.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS REGARDING NEXT STEPS IN THE UNION ORGANIZING PROCESS

Minnesota legislators voted to pass the bill and Governor Dayton has signed the bill into law. The law puts into place steps for the union to call for a vote establishing a union to exclusively represent providers receiving Child Care Assistance Payments (CCAP) and negotiate with the state on CCAP and terms and conditions. Child Care Providers Together (CCPT), a unit of AFSCME, will now pursue the unionization of both licensed and unlicensed family child care providers.

### What Comes Next?

**Union organizers from CCPT/AFSCME** will be in your communities on a door-knocking campaign to collect authorization cards to call for a vote. Providers from throughout the state have indicated that union organizers have already been at their home/business to solicit support.

**Step 1:** AFSCME/CCPT organizers need to collect 500 signature cards from licensed and unlicensed providers and present them to the state. With 500 authorization cards, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will release a monthly list of providers who are registered to accept CCAP clients (from the past 12 months). These are the eligible licensed and unlicensed voters for the election.

**Step 2:** Union organizers will continue the door-knocking campaign using this list to collect additional "Authorization of Support" cards. During a 6 month period, the union will need to collect/show support from 30% of the providers on the list from DHS. The signature cards expire after 6 months.

**Step 3:** If the 30% threshold is met, with any combination of licensed and/or unlicensed providers, the union will present the authorization cards to the state and an election will be called.

**Step 4:** The Bureau of Mediation Services will oversee the election process and ballots will be mailed out to all eligible voters. Ballots typically need to be returned within 2-3 weeks. It is critically important that every provider who receives a ballot returns their ballot. Only the ballots that are returned will be counted; i.e. if only 100 providers return ballots and 51 are for the union, the union wins the exclusive representation of all family child care providers accepting/registered with CCAP in MN. Dues or fair share fees from providers will be deducted from CCAP reimbursement checks.

# Unionization Issue Continued

## Other Important Notes:

### **Who is eligible to vote?**

Licensed and unlicensed providers who are registered to accept CCAP clients are eligible voters. Providers do not have to be currently serving a child in the program, only registered. The list of eligible voters will be compiled from the month prior to the submission of the 30% authorization of support cards. If providers want a vote in this election, they can contact their local county contact for CCAP by visiting the Minnesota Department of Human Services website. (CAP Agency in Scott County.)

### **Identification:**

Union organizers should have visible identification and will likely introduce themselves as CCPT, or Child Care Providers Together. You are under no obligation to visit with the union organizer during business hours. Supervision and care of your children is your top priority. Appointments can be made for a time that is convenient for you if you would like to learn more from them. Statements from the Senate bill author (when this bill was in process) indicate that the union organizers will make an appointment prior to visiting your home/business; however, providers have indicated this is not what is occurring. If you have concerns regarding a union organizer's visit, Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association (MLFCCA) is available to assist you. MLFCCA has collected numerous reports from providers regarding their negative experiences with union organizers. MLFCCA will continue to receive and review these reports and advocate for a respectful organizing campaign. If you have additional concerns and/or questions, you can contact MLFCCA, your county association, county licenser, county commissioner, DHS, or any other local official who might assist you. If your union organizing experience is making you concerned for the safety of your children or yourself, call 911.

### **Your signature:**

When you visit with a union organizer, you will be asked to sign a card - this is an authorization card. If you sign the card, it will show that you support the formation of the union. Read the entire card carefully: if you agree, sign the card, but if you don't agree, don't sign the card. Authorization cards must be collected in a 6 month time period to be valid. **USDA Food Program:** Whether or not family child care providers vote to form a union, the Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) will not be affected. To be clear - the Food Program is NOT the same as the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Do not withdraw from your Food Program to try to avoid the union.

**Child Care Aware and Parent Aware:** Child Care Aware and Parent Aware staff members are NOT affiliated in any way with the union. Your visit with these staff members will be scheduled in advance.

# Scott County Fair - July 24-28th

- Enter activities your child care children do in child care in the open children's class



UNIVERSITY OF MN EXTENSION

## 4-H SUMMER ADVENTURE PRESENTS

### 4-H Camp Fair

This fun min-daycamp is open to all K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Younger children are welcome with help from daycare supervision!

**Cost:** \$10/youth. Groups of three or more paying youth will receive one free day parking pass to the fair (\$10 value). Register by July 19th

#### Open Dates:

- Thursday July 25th 12:30 and 3:00 pm
- Friday July 26th 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

#### Activities include:

Animal Activity  
Animal Craft  
Scott County Fair Tour  
4-H Malt



Children will take home an animal craft, goodie bag and enjoy a mini 4-H Malt.

Interested in other 4-H Adventures?



Contact:  
University of MN Extension  
Scott County 4-H  
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# Family Child Care Pathways to Success Class—Spring 2013



**Sibley County**  
**Kalynn Allen**



**Carver County**

**Janet White, Christine Swenson, Jenny Erickson**

Not in Pictured: Kathia Anders—Shakopee  
Krystal Heller—Shakopee  
Jessica Monsrud—Shakopee  
Melissa Peterson—Chaska  
Erin Quinn—Savage  
Emily Sendelbach—Chaska

**Did you know?**

Family Child Care Pathways to Success just completed the 21st training of the 16 hour class. The series class began as Essential Elements of Family Child Care. 357 providers have been trained in the program.



**Scott County**

**Kristen Hager, Colleen Gardner, Emily Gerde**



## 2013 Scott County Provider of the Year Honoree

# Bronwen Mackenthun



Bronwen has been operating Bronwen's Sunshine Childcare for over 9 years. She was a preschool teacher for 2 1/2 years before this, but when she became pregnant with her first child, Izabela, she wanted to be home with her.

Bronwen shares that operating your own childcare is the best of both worlds: being able to be home with your children and being able to make a living, caring and 'growing' other people's children. She is currently pregnant with their fourth child and “ It has been a blessing to have friends for

my children” as Bronwen reflects over her child care business experience.

Bronwen is very focused on raising well rounded children in her home, so her philosophy for childcare is that it is a place where parents know their children are safe, cared for and stimulated through play and educational activities. Her faith is also important to her and she incorporates it daily through prayers before meals and a short Bible story, song and prayer calling it "Jesus time".

She always tells the children that no one knows everything and that we never stop learning! In light of this Bronwen currently offers enrichment programs: Growing with Music and Travel Tots which come twice a month and she incorporates some Spanish into her program. Her husband, Bruce, says that part of her science curriculum is the children being able to observe nature in their garage (deer) during hunting season and he will show them the turkey tails after harvesting one in the spring or autumn. Bruce is able to help Bronwen with some of her science like showing the kids how to put out a small fire with an extra fire extinguisher,

Bronwen incorporates social consciousness amongst the children too. For example, she does a shoebox at Christmas for Operation Christmas child with the children and made sandwiches (almost 100) for the Sandwich Project at the annual babysitting night she offers free to parents. Children in care learn that we can help in our community. A favorite activity of the children is the annual trash collecting walk in her neighborhood during Earth day week. They stay excited about it all year long and want to pick up garbage on all our walks when they see it :)

Bronwen is involved in her community through the church she attends in Chanhassen, in the homeschool group they are members of and also in the political arena (a hobby of mine and my husband, Bruce).

Bronwen and her husband Bruce are proud parents of Izabela(9yrs), Shiloh(6yrs) and Josephine(3yrs). She shares that God has blessed them with a fourth baby arriving sometime in July or August and this time it is a BOY! Congratulations on being selected Provider of the Year and on your new addition to your family, Bronwen!

## 2013 Scott County Provider of the Year Honoree

# Carmen Scherman



Carmen has been a licensed family childcare provider for only 6 years. Prior to starting her business, Tiny Blessings Childcare and Preschool, she was an elementary and middle school teacher for 6 years.

Carmen facilitates her philosophy of childcare in the following statement:

It is important that children feel they are a welcome part of not only their own family but also of their extended family (for example friends, school, child care, church). Today, a child's family may take on many forms, all of which are of great importance to the child. I believe that family child care is a very important extension of every family. As your child becomes involved in daily routines they will see the connections between home and family child care in a friendly supporting way. A flexible daily program will respond to the needs and interests of the children individually and in group settings. By encouraging children to learn and develop at their own pace they gain confidence and a sense of self-importance. I will give them the guidance and understanding. They will have the opportunity to explore the world in a safe and engaging environment.

What sets Tiny Blessings apart is a program that is specifically individualized for the children in care. A dedicated playroom ensures child care families that their children are in a safe, engaging environment designed just for them. Weekly preschool themes are tailored to meet the kids' interests and ability levels. Field trips to local attractions like Barton's Pumpkin Patch, Fireside Orchard, Minnesota Zoo, various parks and the library enhance educational and social skills while giving child care children community involvement.

Crystal Luxmore, a parent, shares Carmen's implementation of her philosophy of care for her twin 5-year-olds. They love going to see Carmen and all the other kids. Before we started coming to Tiny Blessings, if Grandma and Grandpa were in town visiting there was no question about it...the kids would stay home from day care to be with them. They have so much fun with movement and learning at Tiny Blessings, that they frequently choose to go there even when Grandma and Grandpa are in town. In our house, that says a lot!

Our daughter has always enjoyed table activities but our son, being a typical boy, was more interested in active play. While they do get a lot of active play at Tiny Blessings (which is great!), within weeks of starting with Carmen, our son was showing impressive improvements with table activities. He would stay at the table longer, the quality of his coloring and writing had improved, and he was having fun doing it! We cannot say enough positive things about Tiny Blessings and Carmen.

Carmen is supported by her husband Jason. Daughters Annah (11), Selah (7) and Adiah (1) are the special girls who share their day with the child care children. Congratulations on being selected a Scott County Provider of the Year Carmen!



## Scott County Licensed Family Child Care Association

### Honorees for Scott County Provider of the Year 1989—Present

			2001	DeAnna Musolf	Prior Lake
			2001	Larissa Johnson	Prior Lake
2013	Bronwen Mackenthun	Shakopee	2000	Nancy Hrdlicka	Lakeville
2013	Carmen Scherman	New Market	2000	Shirley Eide	Shakopee
2012	Roz Addler	Shakopee	1999	T'Shawn Douglas	Shakopee
2012	Carrie Speikers	Jordan	1999	Renee Carkhoff	Shakopee
2011	Wendy Clark	Shakopee	1998	Bev Crawford	Prior Lake
2011	Amy Varab	Shakopee	1998	Peggy Heitkamp	Jordan
2010	Lisa Brown	Prior Lake	1997	Laurie Cornelius	Savage
2010	Kelly Elsenpeter	Jordan	1997	Gwenn Dolney	Prior Lake
			1997	Rebecca Kramer	Shakopee
2009	Laurie Cornelius	Savage	1996	Virginia McLaughlin	Savage
2009	Jami Tetzloff	Shakopee	1996	Fay Radanke	Prior Lake
			1996	Kim Welter	Belle Plaine
2008	Sue Hutson	Shakopee	1995	Michelle Herzog	Jordan
2008	Joy Massard	Shakopee	1995	Renee Hartman	Elko
2007	Julie Smith	Prior Lake	1994	Patrice Simpson	Prior Lake
2007	Michele Conda	Prior Lake	1994	Betty Valiant	Shakopee
2006	Jenny Bartusek	New Prague	1993	Renee Erickson	Shakopee
2006	Laurie Talcott	Shakopee	1993	Jenny Pond	Prior Lake
2005	Mary Amundson	New Prague	1992	Sandy Schultz	Belle Plaine
2005	Karen VonBank	New Prague	1992	Sandy Renner	Savage
2004	Sandra Brastad	Savage	1991	Deloris Friske	Prior Lake
2004	Tami Madsen	New Prague	1990	Karen VonBank	New Prague
2003	Renee Erickson	Shakopee	1989	Kathy Stafford	Shakopee
2002	Cheryl Nelson	Shakopee			
2002	Mia Schulz	Prior Lake			

The Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association initiated the Provider of the Year recognition in 1989. A licenser, Mr. Jim Eyer, from Anoka County was the inspiration for recognizing quality & dedication to the profession of family child care.



Scott County Licensed Family Child Care Association  
2013 Provider of the Year

Congratulations to all nominated providers

Honorees selected are Bronwen Mackenthun and Carmen Scherman

Shauna Anderson  
Jane Armstrong-Wick  
Shari Bendel  
Kerrie Bester  
Angel Bigaouette  
Lisa Boys  
Sharon Boys  
Jamie Brown  
Lisa Brown\*  
Carrie Bruening-Olson  
Rebecca Buckentine  
Trisha Burmeister\*\*  
Cathy Burns  
Sarah Cardona  
Tracy Caskey  
Cathy Cassidy  
Sheri Chelmo  
Tina Christianson  
Lisa Christopherson  
Michele Conda\*  
Amanda Congdon\*\*  
Joan Corman  
Shelly Cronin  
Jill Dahmen\*\*  
Katie DeGross  
Tonya Delbow\*\*  
Tammy Dickey  
Rhonda Dircks  
Kay Edlund  
Kelly Eisenpeter\*  
Renee Erickson\*  
Shannon Fredrickson  
Deloris Friske  
Jessica Fussy  
Jennifer Gleisner  
Janet Gorshe  
Jodie Gregory\*\*  
Susan Guggemos  
Deborah Harmon  
Amy Heinen  
Peggy Heitkmap  
Jeanne Hermanutz

Michelle Herzog  
Cindy Hilburger  
Shara Hiles  
Melissa Hill  
Angela Hillman  
Robinetta Hodgkins  
Michele Jabs  
Tracy Jasken  
Linda Johannes  
Larisa Johnson  
Priya Kapoor  
Kelly Kasper  
Wendy Keimig  
Nancy Kelm  
Susan King  
Julie Kirchgasser  
Jessica Klose  
Kathy Koester  
Mickey Krampotich  
Barb Kurvers  
Judy Lambert  
Renee LeMieux  
Sarah Lund\*\*  
**Bronwen Mackenthun**  
Tami Madsen\*  
Debbie Mather  
Kim McCullough  
Marty Meyers  
Mary Mikonowicz  
Michelle Millikan-Kleve  
Kristine Molgren  
Sherri Nelson  
Shannon Nieson  
Kelly North  
Amy Patterson  
Mazie Pauly  
Stacy Paur\*\*  
Tonya Peters  
Anita Peterson  
Kara Puterbaugh  
Michelle Redlin  
Susan Reef

Cathleen Reichmuth  
Karen Riesgraf  
Judy Roberts  
Lynne Roepke  
Kristin Rosen  
Elizabeth Rosentreter  
Roxanne Rowan  
Amber Ruhland  
Robin Rutherford  
Jackie Sauber  
**Carmen Scherman**  
Brenda Schleper  
Sandy Schroers  
Mia Schulz  
Michelle Schwichtenberg  
Patty Seaver  
Lori Seifert  
Brandie Shackleton  
Radhika Shreedaran\*  
Donna Silverness  
Michelle Sinkula  
Lori Sohns  
Carrie Speikers\*  
Rhonda St George  
Shannon Steinhoff  
Heidi Stepka  
Michelle Stich  
Holly Stier\*\*  
Lynda Sumpter  
Jessica Swanson  
Jami Tetzloff\*  
Deb Theis  
Nicole Thompson  
Danyelle Thorson  
Trisha Trast  
Phoenix VanEyll-Gallagher  
Karen VonBank\*  
Sarah Vycital\*\*  
Melody Wald  
Liza Wallebeck  
Sally Wegener  
Joy Wilson  
Tessa Wright  
Angelique Ziermann

\*not eligible ~ received award in past 10 years

\*\*not eligible ~ licensed under 3 years

# OK..... You are bored on a summer day “What Can You Do With A Coffee Filter?”



Coffee filters .... Who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing even the large ones.

## **Food Uses**

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers. What a trick to have school-agers teach their parents when you are working with children on a cooking unit.
2. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
3. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc. on them. It soaks out all the grease.
4. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
5. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
6. Can use to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies.. Saves on having extra bowls to wash.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Use as a disposable "snack bowl" for popcorn, chips, etc.
9. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.

## **A Better Shoe Smell**

Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.

## **Cleaning**

Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome... Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.

## **Gardening**

1. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book..
2. Use them to sprout seeds.. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a plastic baggie until they sprout.
- 3 Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.

## **Personal Home Uses:**

1. Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
2. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
3. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
4. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter. Does anyone do that yet?
5. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters..
6. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers."
7. As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliqueing soft fabrics.

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Up Coming Board Meetings September 9, October 14, November 11.

# This and That News

## What is the Latest Union News?

### See Pages 4-5 for Legislation passed.

Here are web sites on which you can get information from the Governor's perspective, the Union Perspective, an anti-union perspective and a group that states they are not anti-union.

<http://mn.gov/governor/>

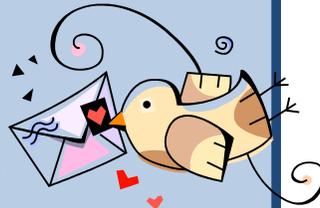
<http://www.seiu284.org>

<http://www.ccptmn.org>

<http://childcarefreedom.com>

## Support Reps Need Your Help

Our area Support Reps need your help. SCLFCCA would like to reach out to providers who might need a word of encouragement. If you know of a provider who is going through a difficult time, such as a death in the family, a sick family member, or maybe even a licensing issue, please let your Support Rep know so that she can send a note of encouragement.



## 23rd National Association of Family Child Care Conference

Fairmont Princess Hotel

Scottsdale, Arizona

July 18-20, 2013



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## Mentors

### for the Scott County Licensed Family Child Care Association

The following mentors will be working with participants in the Family Child Care Pathways to Success class. They are available to help any provider in Scott County. Please give them a call if you just need to talk.

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**“Love and Logic”**

**October 26, 2013**

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in Jordan**

**8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**Members: \$20.00**

**Parents welcome for just \$5.00**

**Topic: Child guidance technique**

