

Scott County  
Licensed Family Child  
Care Association

# Member Update

Spring-Summer 2014

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## Week of the Family Child Care Provider

**Children are like cookie, they require certain ingredients and need to be baked.**

**However, they come in different textures and flavors.**

**Some are hard and need to be softened in milk.**

**Others are soft, chewy , and melt in your hands.**

**Some have little surprises tucked inside.**

**Some are rolled and cut into perfect little shapes.**

**Others are dropped in big spoonful's but take a shape all their own.**

**They are all wonderful and delightful, each in their own way,.**

**We just need to find out how to "eat them up"...with milk, one bite at a time or gobbled all at once.**

**They are individuals, which makes them interesting and fun. It is our job to savor each one, like a sweet mix of cookies in a jar.**

**Thanks for taking such great care of each "little cookie"!**



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Happy Fourth of July



# Tips for Talking with Parents

If you suspect that a child has a developmental delay and believe a parent is unaware of it, this sample conversation can give you **ideas of how to talk with the child's parent.**

*Good afternoon, Ms. Jones. We love having Taylor in class. He really enjoys story time and follows directions well. He is working hard on coloring, but is having a difficult time and gets frustrated. I also have noticed a few things about Taylor's social skills that I would like to discuss with you. Do you have a few minutes? (Cite specific behaviors and when they occurred.)*

*Have you noticed any of these at home?*

*Ms., Jones, here is some information that shows the developmental milestones for a child Taylor's age. Let's plan to meet again next week (set a time) after you've had time to read it and think it over. (Provide information such as the fact sheets.)*

*Ms. Jones, I know that is hard to talk about, and I might be overly concerned, but I think it would also be a good idea to talk to Taylor's doctor about his in the next few weeks. You can take this information with you when you go. The doctor can give Taylor a "developmental screening" that can answer some questions about his progress and whether you need to do anything else. Maybe there is no problem, but getting help early can make a big difference if there is, so it's really important to find out for sure. Let me know if you need anything from me for that doctor's appointment.*

*Thank you for agreeing to talk with me today. We'll all do our best to help Taylor. He is a great kid!*

**If a parent approaches you with concerns about his or her child,** this might help you respond.

*Ms. Smith, you wanted to speak with me privately about Taylor? (Listen to her concerns. See if she noticed the same behaviors you have, and share examples that are the same as or different from hers.)*

*I am glad to know we are both on the same page. I have some information that might help you when you're watching Taylor at home this week. This fact sheet shows the developmental milestones for his age. Each child develops at his or her own pace, so Taylor might not have met all these milestones; it's worth taking a closer look. Let's meet again next (set a date) after you've had time to read this and think about it. I also think it would be a good idea to talk with Taylor's doctor about this in the next few weeks. You can take this information with when you go. The doctor can give Taylor a "developmental screening" that can answer some questions about his progress and whether you need to do anything else. Let me know if you need anything from me for that doctor's appointment.*

*Thank you for talking with me today. We'll all do our best to help Taylor. He is a great kid!*

## **Tips for these conversations with parents:**

- Highlight some of the child's strengths, letting the parent know what the child does well.
- Listen to and watch the parent to decide on how to proceed. Pay attention to tone of voice and body language.

- Use materials such as "Learn the Signs. Act Early." fact sheets. This will help the parent know that you are basing your comments on facts and not just feelings.
- Talk about specific behaviors that you have observed in caring for the child. Use the milestones fact sheets as a guide. Example: If you are telling the parent "I have noticed that Taylor does not play pretend games with the other children", you could show the parent the line on the milestones sheet for a 4-year-old that says that a child that age "engages in fantasy play".
- Try to make it a discussion. Pause a lot, giving the parent time to think and to respond.
- Expect that if the child is the oldest in the family, the parent might not have experience to know the milestones the child should be reaching.
- This might be the first time the parent has become aware that the child might have a delay. Give the parent time to think about his and even speak with the child's other caregivers.
- Let the parent know that he or she should talk with the child's health care professional (doctor or nurse) soon if there are any concerns or more information is needed.
- Remind the parent that you do your job because you love and care for children, and that you want to make sure that the child does his or her very best. It is also okay to say that you "may be overly concerned", but that it is best to check with the child's doctor or nurse to be sure because early action is so important if there really is a delay.

Help me Grow does developmental screenings free for children Birth- age 5

### What is 'Help Me Grow'

State wide program to answer developmental questions, provide screening and evaluation services as well as Early Intervention at no charge to families. There are both state and local websites, as well as multiple ways to make a referral.

Our goal is to **support families** of children that are **at risk for delays**. Children in this "at risk" group include infants and young children that were born premature, have known syndromes, suspected autism spectrum disorder, motor delays, developmental delays or any other condition known to hinder development. In Early Childhood we provide Birth-three home-based intervention and 3-5 preschool-based services to support the families of these children. Some of the services we provide, to the children that qualify, are **Special Education, Speech, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy, DHH and more.**

### Referral sources

Parents

Doctors and hospitals

Preschool and daycare providers

Early Childhood Screening

**About making referrals:** Parents can call the referral line or make an online referral. The statewide Referral Number is 1-866-693-4769 or the Scott County number is 952-496-5059. They will be asked to select the school district they reside in to be transferred to the appropriate intake. **Doctors and nursing staff or others may also make the initial referral call or online referral for parents, however, parents should agree to being contacted by our Early Intervention personnel.**

### You are concerned about a child, What should you do?

When to refer, how to refer, recommending ECS is an option (ECS at 3-1/2-4 years)

### Intake Process, what happens next:

Evaluation timeline (30 school days 3-5 years olds or 45 calendar days, birth to age 3)

No cost to families

Test to Qualify



**You suspect a young child might have developmental delays. Now what?**

**We can help!**



**help me**



**What if they don't Qualify?**

Tip sheets, follow up, recommendations

**Parents rights and fears**

Parent has the right to decline an evaluation

Denial is huge, we understand that. Knowing is hard, but better.

Get them what they need to be successful in their environment.

Focus on strengths as well as areas of need.

**Many Early Intervention Programs**, sometimes known as a birth-three year old program, offer home visits to assist children in their natural environments. When a child is in an Early Intervention program, parents can expect that the service provider will work closely with them to give the information they need to help their child all thru their day and in the routines that are hardest for the child and parent.

What does a home visit look like?

An early learning teacher takes the time to go over what has gone well and not well since the last visit. Based on the family needs and priorities, the school staff will help the family problem solve and give information and ideas they can do to enhance play and daily routines. They also help connect families with community resources and supports as needed.

For more information about Help Me Grow:

[www.helpmegrowmn.org/](http://www.helpmegrowmn.org/)

Thank you to Renee Hartman of the New Prague Schools Special Services for the articles on Help Me Grow and Tips for Talking With Parents.

# Week of the Provider Conference and Banquet May 2-3, 2014

Holiday Inn East, St. Paul  
2201 Burns Ave  
St. Paul 55119



**On-Line Registration at [www.mlfcca.org](http://www.mlfcca.org)**

**Friday: May 2nd** Supervision for Safety 9:30—11:30 a.m. SUID/AHT Training 12:30—2:30 p.m.  
DHS Stakeholder Meeting 3:00-4:00 p.m.

## **Saturday: May 3rd**

CPR and First Aid Training will be offered.

Keynote Patty Born Selly "Discover What's Outside" 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Breakouts: 10:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m. And 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

## **Dr. Jean**

# **Is coming for the Spring 2015 Conference!!!**

## **Save February 14, 2015**

Dr. Jean Feldman's noteworthy educational career has spanned more than 40 years. She has served as a classroom teacher, instructor of adults, author, and consultant. . Dr. Feldman inspires teachers across the country with her engaging songs and creative activities that help make teaching and learning FUN! Among Dr. Jean's many accomplishments is the authorship of several books.

Dr. Jean has also published a number of recordings that are used by school systems throughout the country. The songs are uplifting for both children and adults. The titles include:

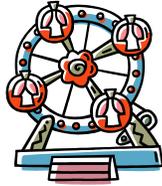
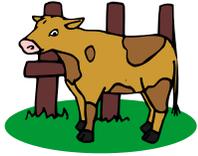
- Dr. Jean Sings Silly Songs • Dr. Jean and Friends • Sing to Learn • Is Everybody Happy? • Nursery Rhymes and Good Ol' Times • Kiss Your Brain! • All Day Long • Just for Fun • Totally Math • Totally Reading • Happy Everything! • Going Green with Dr. Jean • Better Bodies and Brains





# Scott County Fair - July 23-27th

- Enter activities your child care children do in child care in the open children's class
- Plan a field trip to the fair



## Cooked Play Dough

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 cup water

Mix all ingredients in a pan adding food coloring to the water (liquid water color to make 1 cup) or 1 package of unsweetened Kool Aid. Stir while cooking over medium heat until it forms a ball and loses its gloss. Cook until thick. Once it has formed a ball, place on a table and knead. If sticky, add a couple of tbsps. of flour. Cool. Store in an airtight container.

## Kool-Aid Play Dough

- 1 package of Kool-Aid
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 2 Tablespoons Oil
- 1 Tbsp. Alum (spice)
- 1 cup boiling water

Dissolve Kool-Aid in boiling water. Mix all dry ingredients together. Add oil to the dry ingredients. Slowly add water to the dry ingredients. Keeps well covered.

## Learning With Play Dough

We all know that most children LOVE to play with play dough. It is a fun and popular activity for children and providers alike. Aside from it being fun and messy, do you know the benefits of offering play dough to the children in your care? **Eye-Hand Coordination & Control, Spatial Awareness, Problem Solving, Social Interactions, Concentration, Self-Expression**

### Fine Motor Development

Playing with play dough is very beneficial for your child's **fine motor skills**. When children are manipulating the play dough, they are using their hands, fingers and tools to pound, push, poke, shape, flatten, roll, cut, squeeze, and scrape the dough. Since it is a malleable substance, playing with the play dough builds strength in their fingers and hands. These are the same muscles the children use for writing and scissors skills. Each of these actions aid in fine motor development as well as hand-eye coordination and concentration. You could add a garlic press to the play dough tools. What an easy way to see all of the fine motor skills the children have to use to put the play dough in the press and then squeeze the handles together for "cheese" or "spaghetti" for their pizza crust.



### Creativity and Imagination

What can you do to play dough to boost the fun factor? Fragrance/essential oils added to the play dough or flavored extracts can be used to add scents to the play dough such as strawberry, coconut, and peppermint. By adding open-ended objects, you are opening up the child's creativity and imagination. Items might be cookie cutters (seasonal) rolling pins, colored toothpicks, googly eyes, stir sticks, pieces of pipe cleaners, golf tees, silicone cupcake liners and flowers! The children are sharing and taking turns using the different props that you add. **Social Interactions, Language development, Communication**

### Science Concepts

If you have the children help you make the play dough, they will learn how wet and dry items combine to make a fun substance to play with. What happens if you leave the play dough out overnight? What happens if you add water to the play dough? How many balls can you make?



# Family Child Care Pathways to Success Class—Spring 2014



**Scott County**  
**Ann Breggemann, Jade Barrows, Randi Randall, Julia Kalweit (Shakopee)**



**Carver County**  
**Danielle Holland (Mayer), Rachel Schmitz & Charles Schmitz (Waconia)**



**Scott County**  
**Megan Boelter (Belle Plaine) and Jennifer Homan (Jordan)**



**Carver County**  
**Ann Downey (Chanhassen) & Sarah Cronin (Victoria)**



Did you know 419 providers have taken this class? Family Child Care Pathways to Success just completed the 23rd training of the 16 hour class. The series class began as Essential Elements of Family Child Care. Congratulations to the providers trained in the spring 2014 program!



**Hennepin County**  
**Delaney Webb**

## 2014 Scott County Provider of the Year Honoree

# Jill Baty Savage



Jill Baty began her career with children as an elementary school teacher in the Centennial school district in Lino Lakes in 2000. She opened her family child care home seven years ago with the goal of offering a Christian based home child care setting that mixed quality education with the comforts of home. Jill's background and masters degree in reading and literacy implores her to put a large emphasis on reading. Jill shares that research shows that reading daily for 15 minutes a day increases children's reading skills and future success in school. She encourages every provider to read a minimum of 15 minutes a day to children.

Jill is also very involved in her church community, Illumination Church located in Burnsville. She has served on the Leadership team which included many responsibilities including being part of the search team and hiring the current lead pastor. Jill is currently Women's Ministry Coordinator and helps in the Children's Ministry as a teacher and director. She has also helped in various fashions with her church's Vacation Bible School Program from organizing, planning and leading the crafts to just planning and organizing the crafts and allowing someone else to actually lead due to child care responsibilities.

Jill offers a preschool curriculum which she creates herself that meets the needs of the individual children in her care. Her program includes all the necessary pre-kindergarten skills. During the preschool time the children participate in circle time with a calendar, music, stories and learning activities. She has a theme and letter focus each week. The children in Jill's care enjoy many art projects that foster creativity, fine motor skills as well as practicing how to follow verbal and written directions. Art projects include directional art where math, listening and fine motor skills are learned and practiced and free art where the children express themselves freely. Jill started doing formal assessments this year to allow her to differentiate her curriculum in a way that meets the needs of all children in her care. Jill feels play is a very important part of a child's development and so insures that the children in her care receive plenty of indoor and outdoor play time. Jill feels that although academics are important, the benefits of free play far outweigh the structured activities. There are numerous social skills that cannot be taught and must be developed and nurtured though free play. Free play allows the children to problem solve, negotiate, cooperate, create games/rules and explore. With healthy meals and snacks serving many organic fruits and vegetables, Jill provides an environment for all the needs of a child.

Daily parent-provider communication via email is a medium that Jill uses to communicate with her parents about activities done in preschool and throughout the day. She may add pictures or text pictures to parents of their children participating in the activities. One of Jill's parents shares that "Jill is a very hands-on and caring daycare provider and has a lot of creative ideas—but she is also always open to accept suggestions and feedback from parents. Jill has been a reliable provider with outstanding compassion and patience for the children she has in her home. We are always very pleased with the extra effort she takes when it comes to everything from quality, homemade meals she serves to creative, daily projects she does with the kids. She also frequently shares articles and studies with facts that support her daycare approach or issues affecting parents."

SCLFCCA is proud to have Jill's teaching skills and experience as a family child care provider shared with new providers. Jill is the trainer for the child guidance class of the Family Child Care Pathways to Success series offered to new providers twice a year. She implements the guidance techniques she trains in her child care and assists new providers in evaluating their behavioral issues.

Jill's child care is supported by her husband, David Baty and children Caden age 9, Zane age 7, Trae age 5 and Isla age 2. Congratulations Jill!

## 2014 Scott County Provider of the Year Honoree

# Karen Lebens

Shakopee



Karen Lebens opened her family child care home in Shakopee in 1996. Her husband John joined her in the business in 1998 making Karen and John unique in doing family child care together as a career. In Karen's child care there are between two and four providers present at all times.

Karen has a CDA (Child Development Associate) degree which she received in July of 2012. Karen's goals are to ensure the children in her care receive lots of love and attention, have many unique learning opportunities and have lots of fun in a safe and secure environment. What is unique about Karen's home is she has it designed where her entire daycare occupies the basement of her home. Her play area, classroom and kitchen are all on one level. Karen and John's home has a large play-room which is perfect for constructive, physical activity and imaginative play. Additional areas of their home allow the children a quiet retreat for reading and an area to promote creative play.

Knowing the world is made up of a variety of individuals, customs and heritages, Karen believes diversity is important and strives to expose children to diversity in a respectful, safe environment. The children are learning to speak Spanish through regular Spanish lessons. Learning is important and Karen strives to make learning fun. She offers her own preschool program with age appropriate activities and has two enrichment programs (Travel Tots and Once Upon a Star Costume Kim) come to her home to teach the children and prepare them for kindergarten. All the children have opportunities to explore age appropriate learning activities such as puzzles, reading books, drawing and painting as well as have fun with arts and crafts.

Parents use statements such as "friendly and child first personality" to describe Karen and "sanitary and low rate of illness" to describe her environment. Other words submitted by parents include passion, energy, orderly caring/loving, encouraging, supportive and reliable.

Karen has served on the SCLFCCA board as a liaison and now is the new Membership Coordinator. Her responsibilities include keeping an accurate list of current members and sending out renewal reminders and membership cards when providers join or renew their the SCLFCCA membership. Karen was involved as a volunteer at Shakopee's Raceway Park during the racing season where her husband John raced. Her child care sponsored Kids nights, the family section and advertised on the back bill board and on race cars. Karen also participates annually in the Shakopee Derby Days parade with all the children.

Besides being in partnership with her husband John, their daughter Ashley, nephew Josh and mother Darlene have also been part of the business. Congratulations Karen!



## Scott County Licensed Family Child Care Association

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

2014	Jill Baty	Savage	2001	DeAnna Musolf	Prior Lake
2014	Karen Lebens	Shakopee	2001	Larissa Johnson	Prior Lake
2013	Bronwen Mackenthun	Shakopee	2000	Nancy Hrdlicka	Lakeville
2013	Carmen Scherman	ew 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	Gwen Dolney	Prior Lake
2009	Laurie Cornelius	Savage	1997	Rebecca Kramer	Shakopee
2009	Jami Tetzloff	Shakopee	1996	Virginia McLaughlin	Savage
2008	Sue Hutson	Shakopee	1996	Faye Radanke	Prior Lake
2008	Joy Massard	Shakopee	1996	Kim Welter	Belle Plaine
2007	Julie Smith	Prior Lake	1995	Michelle Herzog	Savage(Jordan)
2007	Michele Conda	Prior Lake	1995	Renee Hartman	Elko
2006	Jenny Magnan	New Prague	1994	Patrice Simpson	Prior Lake
2006	Laurie Talcott	Shakopee	1994	Betty Valiant	Shakopee
2005	Mary Amundson	New Prague	1993	Renee Erickson	Shakopee
2005	Karen VonBank	New Prague	1993	Jenny Pond	Prior Lake
2004	Sandra Brustad	Savage	1992	Sandy Schultz	Belle Plaine
2004	Tami Madsen	New Prague	1992	Sandy Renner	Savage
2003	Renee Erickson	Shakopee	1991	Deloris Friske	Prior Lake
2003	Radhika Shreedaran	Savage	1990	Karen VonBank	New Prague
2002	Cheryl Nelson	Shakopee	1989	Kathy Stafford	Shakopee
2002	Mia Schultz	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  
2014 Provider of the Year Nominees*

*Mary Amundsen\**  
*Inez Anderson*  
*Jane Armstrong-Wick*  
*Amy Barnett*  
*Gretchen Bastyr\**  
***Jill Baty***  
*Kristina Benson\**  
*Sarah Berg\**  
*Madhavi Bollena\**  
*Sharon Boys*  
*Jamie Brown*  
*Lisa Brown\**  
*Stacy Brule*  
*Rebecca Buckentine*  
*Mayce Bulau*  
*Sarah Cardona*  
*Tina Carnley\**  
*Cathy Cassidy*  
*Sheri Chelmo*  
*Lisa Christoperson*  
*Susan Clough*  
*Michele Conda\**  
*Laurie Cornelius\**  
*Shelly Cronin*  
*Bobbie DeYoung*  
*Anita Donahue*  
*Kara Downer*  
*Megan Driscoll*  
*Joyce Dueffert*  
*Kay Edlund*  
*Shaina Elfert\**  
*Kelly Elsenpeter\**  
*Renee Erickson*  
*Shaylene Finn\**  
*Colleen Forar*  
*Dawn Franck*  
*Jessica Fussy*  
*Babhita Gherau*  
*Jodie Gregory*  
*Cathy Grubb\**

*Michelle Hamilton\**  
*Deb Heer*  
*Amy Heinen*  
*Peggy Heitkamp*  
*Krystal Heller\**  
*Jeanne Hermanutz*  
*Shara Hiles*  
*Melissa Hill*  
*Angela Hillman*  
*Robinetta Hodgkins*  
*Joleen Hoffman*  
*Nancy Hrdlicka*  
*Carol Jackson*  
*Heather Jenness*  
*Ronica Joaquin*  
*Linda Johannes*  
*Beth Johnson*  
*Bonnie Johnson*  
*Kelly Kasper*  
*Susan King*  
*Julie Kirchgasser*  
*Jessica Klose*  
*Meg Krogfus-May*  
*Melanie Laing\**  
*Judy Lambert*  
***Karen Lebens***  
*Tami Madsen\**  
*Mary Marquis*  
*Beth Martin*  
*Jill Martin*  
*Debbie Mather*  
*Kim McCullough*  
*Virginia McLaughlin*  
*Marty Meyers*  
*Roxann Menden*  
*Carrie & Mike Molash*  
*Elizabeth Murvartian Sanchez*  
*Cheryl Nelson*  
*Ann Niebuhr*  
*Cindy Olson\**

*Danielle Pascoe*  
*Stacy Paur*  
*Tonya Peters*  
*Anita Peterson*  
*Bev Pulczinsk*  
*Kara Puterbaugh*  
*Alison Rahn*  
*Jen Rau*  
*Emily Raveling*  
*Michelle Redlin*  
*Susan Reef*  
*Cathleen Reichmuth*  
*Peni Renner*  
*Amanda Retzer\**  
*Karen Riesgraf*  
*Judy Roberts*  
*Nicole Rogers\**  
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*Becky Saeger*  
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*Jenny Schneider\**  
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*Sandy Schroers*  
*Mia Schultz*  
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*Nicole Thompson*  
*Linda Thorne\**  
*Danyelle Thorson*  
*Carol Torvik*  
*Tracy Trosen*  
*Amy VonBank*  
*Karen VonBank\**  
*Victoria Welch*  
*Sara Westing*  
*Joy Wilson*  
*Terri Worner*

*\*not eligible*



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



Coffee filters .... You can buy them at the Dollar Store 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 May 12, September 8,  
October 13, November 10

# This and That News

## Curriculum for Family Child Care Providers!

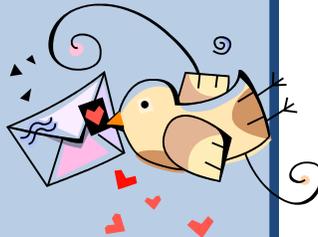
Welcome to Gee Whiz! Check out our digital family child care curriculum. From standards and research to program components, our site has a great deal of information available to help you become familiar with our product. Please take time to look around and see why our approach is so different! To access Community Member and Premium Subscriber content you must complete the Membership Login process.

### Gee Whiz Education

(The Digital Curriculum for the Family Child Care Provider) [customerinfo@geewhizeducation.com](mailto:customerinfo@geewhizeducation.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.



## 24th National Association of Family Child Care Conference

Caribe Royale Hotel

Orlando, Florida

July 10-12, 2014



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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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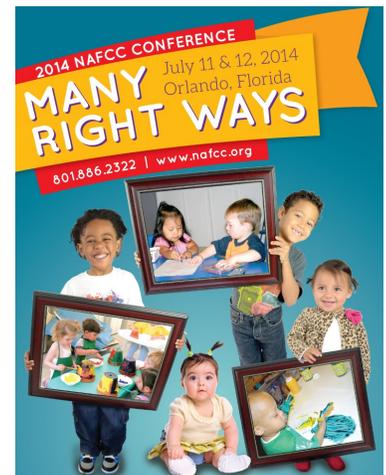
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**October 25, 2014**

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

**8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**Members: \$20.00**

**Topics: 2 hour SUID/AHT Training  
and 2 hour Supervision Training  
(New mandated trainings)**

