



PFCEEA Quarterly



November 2011 Summer ~ Fall Edition

A Message From Your President

I am proud to tell everyone PFCEEA is now 10 years old! We celebrated at our September training by giving our members who pre-registered a \$10 gift card. All of our non members also received a gift of either a free training certificate or a cd of preschool material. Look for pictures on page 8.

Five members of PFCEEA attended the October VAFCCA conference in Richmond. The workshops & networking were wonderful; well worth the \$20.

We are looking forward and would like to hear from you as to what you would like to see the association do, what topics you would like to see us have for our monthly trainings, or what trainers you would like to listen to.

Also in this edition we have a list of items for your disaster supply kit. We are still in hurricane season, and as we all found out a few months ago, we can also have an earthquake in our area. Having items gathered in one place will help you tremendously in the event you have to evacuate your home or center.

Happy Fall,

Marie McFadden



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Welcome to our new PFCEEA members
We are happy you have joined.

Deanna Kolby-Clarkson Richelle Scott
Tanika Drawhorn Laura Mackey
Joyce Beck

Membership Report

We have 101 members and growing each month. If you know someone who is a child-care provider, let them know about our association. Our membership application is found on our website - www.pfceeaa.com We have members in each of the local cities: Chesapeake 23, Hampton 3, Newport News 2, Norfolk 24, Portsmouth 9, Suffolk 3, and Virginia Beach 37. Our website is updated each month; new members are added and expired members are deleted. If your membership is due to renew, don't risk having your name deleted from our website, send in your renewal form. A total of 365 people have joined since 2001.

Submitted by Randee Holmes



Social Secretary

If you are doing a craft why not put together an extra one with instructions, bring it to us to be included in the door prize bag. That way the winner will get a new craft idea. I am usually at all the trainings or you can give it to Marie or Randee and they can pass it on to me.

I also welcome gift bags or baskets for the door prizes.

Not only do I send out cards for birthday and anniversaries I also send out cards for illness and grieving for the loss of a loved one. I just need to know. You can either send me an email, or let Randee or Marie know and they will pass it on.

Submitted by Diane McEwen
Social Secretary d_t.1@cox.net



How to Contact PFCEEA

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Candii House

We made 1 donation this quarter to Candii House. Items accepted are: dry food goods, can foods, very gently used men, women, & children's clothing, new personal hygiene products, baby diapers, and unopened formula. Stuffed animals are not accepted at this time. Call me if you have anything to donate.

Submitted by Beth Kaminski



Resource & Referral

Our referral phone line has not received many calls for a long time. The Board of Directors has decided to terminate the phone line as of the end of November. If you know someone who is looking for childcare, direct them to our website: www.pfceeaa.com

Submitted by Laurie Womack



Phone Tree Report

The Phone Tree was activated each month for training. I email everyone making the calls & follow up with a phone call. I have 10 wonderful ladies making calls. One calls all the centers, one calls all the members who do not have email, and the other 8 are calling an average of 16 non-member providers each. I am very thankful for all the help as it would take a week for one person to make all the calls. Thank you to all 10 wonderful ladies. If anyone is interested in helping out with the phone tree please call Cindy Sisson at 421-7901. The more people helping, the fewer calls each person needs to make.

Cindy Sisson,
Phone Tree Chairwoman



PFCEEA Meeting Schedule

To register for all training meetings, email pfceea@yahoo.com or call Marie at 482-9470. PFCEEA members receive the training certificate for free, **non-members pay \$10 cash at the door.**

Our meetings are held in the Virginia Beach Central Library Auditorium from 7-9 pm. Let us know if you have a topic or speaker we haven't presented. Mark your calendars:

2011 training dates:

November 21, no training in December

2012 training dates:

Jan.30, Feb.27, Mar. 26, Apr.23, May 7

Marketing Report

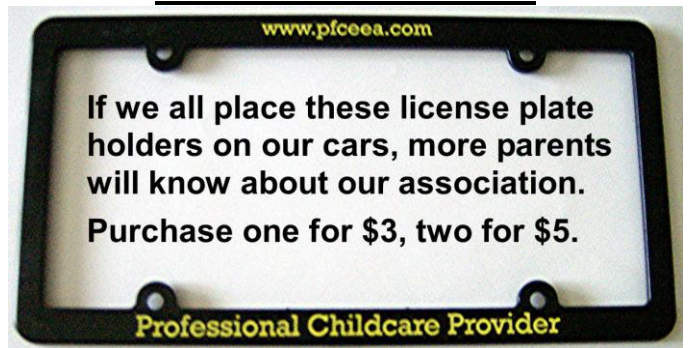
Fern distributed our pens and business cards at the Norfolk Health Department as well as Doctors & Dentists offices. She also handed out our pens and business cards in Portsmouth at the Planning Council meetings. We will also place an ad in The Virginian Pilot from Dec. 10 - Jan. 10.

Submitted by Fern Rohrer & Jan Coffman



Fern 857-7948/ Jan Coffman 499-6474.

License Plate Frames



Interesting Websites

Observances in December

<http://familycrafts.about.com/library/spdays/bldecdayslong.htm>

Observances in January

<http://familycrafts.about.com/library/spdays/bljandayslong.htm>

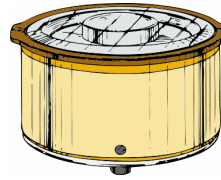
Observances in February

<http://familycrafts.about.com/library/spdays/blfebdayslong.htm>

Observances in March

<http://familycrafts.about.com/library/spdays/blmaradayslong.htm>

Recipe Corner



The colder weather is here. That means it is time to dust off the crock pot and start having your house smell like dinner all afternoon. If you're like most of us, you're tired at the end of a long work day. If you have a crock pot, you can start your dinner first thing in the morning, and at the end of the day you won't have to lift a finger - it's already done and waiting for you!

Tips for New Regulations

Standard# 22VAC40-111-90A Any child receiving an immunization after July 1, 2011 Must have a statement signed by the Dr. saying the child has been adequately immunized. This statement is found on the new School physical forms.

22VAC40-111-320A All small electrical appliances must be unplugged when not in use.

22VAC40-111-320G All fireplaces must be inspected annually.

22VAC40-111-530B All crib mattresses must be tight fitting

22VAC40-111-690D Proper procedures for cleaning & sanitizing diaper changing pads

22VAC40-111-760-A Make sure you have all the items on hand that are required for your emergency supplies.

22VAC40-111-830B In addition to monthly fire drills, we must also have 2 shelter-in-place drills per year.

22VAC40-111-920 A dated menu must be posted each week.

22VAC40-111-940A A thermometer must be in refrigerator & must be at 40 degrees

Forms for State Licensed Child Care Providers

To make sure you have all of the forms DSS requires us to have in each child's record, you can go to:

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/facility/child_care/licensed/fdh/index.cgi

Click on "Current FDH providers (includes forms)" this should show you all the forms you need to be using.

VIRGINIA STAR QUALITY INITIATIVE (VSQI) in FAMILY CHILDCARE HOMES

"IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE"

The Planning Council had the wonderful opportunity to pilot Virginia's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) in family childcare homes- for the first time. This program was made possible through the collaboration of Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF), Smart Beginnings South Hampton Roads (SBSHR) and The Planning Council. South Hampton Roads was one of the five localities in VA that were awarded a grant by VECF to implement this program.

The 75 family childcare providers across the state, 15 providers in South Hampton Roads, were the true pioneers. They opened their childcare homes to be the first pilot sites to explore the family childcare QRIS for Virginia, despite the projects tight timeline (6 months), and inconvenient launch date (around the Holiday season of 2010). On August 10th, we have celebrated the conclusion of the QRIS Family Childcare demonstration pilot program at The Planning Council with our providers, some of their assistants, mentors, raters, local and VECF program coordinator. We would like to acknowledge our providers in this article:

- Rosa Anderson/Name Your Service Family Day Care
- Bettina Myrick-Bergan/Bettina Blissful Home Day Care
- Sonitha Blizzard/Heavens Lil Helpers Day Care
- Lorraine Bryant/Comfort Zone Family Daycare
- Marrilyn Davis/Ms. Marrilyn's Home Learning Day Care
- Antionette Dixon/Childrens Corner
- JoAnn Dixon/Tiny World of Children
- Michelle Freeman/Michelle's Play Land
- Shelly Lynn-Graves/Friendship Child Care
- Letitia Hardin/Love 4 Them Child Care
- Randee Holmes/Kiddie Kastle
- Cherita Jenkins/Home Away From Home
- Cynthia Johnson/Cindy's Day Care
- Sandy Luedeke/Sandy's Tender Care
- Richelle Scott/Jumpstart

Betty Garrett, VECF program manager, attended the celebration and shared her experience with her colleagues in Richmond: "Each provider had the opportunity to tell what participating in the pilot meant to her. All providers noted that they were hesitant at first, but that they stayed the course. In the end they are all proud, excited and ready to continue setting and achieving goals in their efforts to improve the services they are providing for the children in their care. Some mentioned that parents are excited and have remarked on the changes and differences in the services they are receiving; that parents have shown more respect toward them as providers. Parents are looking at these providers as professionals as opposed to just being baby-sitters! There was so much more the providers talked about but we won't share it in

this note. I will say how proud I was and am to have been able to attend this wonderful event!"

The Planning Council's QRIS coordinator was Marsha Windell, a former family childcare provider herself and a good friend of the childcare community.

Upon vigorous training of all program staff, the QRIS pilot project involved the selection of providers across South Hampton Roads among the pool of "licensed" childcare providers. The rating process was one of the key components of the program. Each childcare home was visited by a "rater" who evaluated the program utilizing various tools- all standard across the state. These tools were: Family Childcare Environment Rating Scale- Revised (FCCERS-R), Classroom Environment Scoring System (CLASS), Business Assessment System (BAS). The purpose of the rating process was to identify the priority areas the providers chose to work on towards a standard definition of quality in family childcare. This process was followed by the second component, the mentoring process, where up to 30 hours of individualized mentoring was offered to each provider by a trained mentor, who engaged in a one-on-one quality improvement journey with the provider. Also, based on the results of the initial rating, resources and educational materials were purchased for each program to help achieve the goals. Among the resources were manipulative materials, multi-cultural dramatic play dolls, basic furniture and shelving, outdoor-physical activity items. Providers were also offered the opportunity to enroll in classes at Tidewater Community College through the Smart Beginnings South Hampton Roads.

Due to the "pilot" nature of the program, a final rating process (identical to the initial rating) to note the change attributable to the mentoring, resources and training was not implemented; neither were the childcare homes assigned a star rating. These will be the elements of the future QRIS implementation, as it is the case now for childcare centers.

During the celebration, a slide show was presented showing some of the homes with wonderful spaces for children. In these slides, the children were engaged and happy. As Betty Garrett shared with her colleagues, "I was sitting next to a rater who had gone into these homes before mentoring occurred. The rater's reaction to the slides made it quite apparent to me that these providers had truly made significant changes to their home environments based on the summary report results. After working with their mentors, setting goals on their Quality Improvement Plan, based on the rating results great progress was made! This is truly a testament that VSQI is making a difference - one provider at a time!"

We are hoping that this program will continue to make a difference in the lives of our children and families to prepare them for school, and a bright, productive future.

Please contact me at The Planning Council for more information about VSQI for family childcare. I hope you will consider participation in QRIS once it is ready to be launched as a full scale opportunity.

With many thanks to you for the difference you make in the lives of children,
Ipek Taffe, Vice President, Children's Services, The Planning Council



Some PFCEEA members took part in the QRIS program in our area. Congratulations to: Randee Holmes, Letitia Paige, Antionette Dixon, Sonitha Blizzard, Emma Griffin, Michelle Freeman, Sandra Luedeke, Shelly Graves-Lynn, Lorraine Bryant, JoAnn Dixon, Richelle Scott, Cherita Jenkins, Cynthia Johnson, and Marsha Windell.

VAFCCA State Child Care Conference

Five PFCEEA members attended this year's Virginia Alliance Child Care Conference in Richmond: Catherine Blackman, Eartherdell Dunston, Michelle Freeman, Catherine Harrell, Carmencita Hill, and Marie McFadden. PFCEEA used to receive the award for having the highest number of attendees, let's see if we can have more attend next year. This year the member rate to attend the one day conference was \$20 and it included lunch! The classes I attended were all wonderful and after talking to the other attendees, they felt the classes they attended were also great and well worth the trip. There is a possibility next year's conference could be held in our area, but a location is needed. If you know of a location large enough to hold a conference, please let Marie know.

PFCEEA Celebrates 10 year Anniversary!



The PFCEEA Board of Directors wanted to make September 2011 special for everyone who attended our training.

Our members who pre-registered received a \$10 WalMart gift card.

We also awarded 10 free training certificates to non-members, and the remaining non members received a preschool activity cd.

The board also surprised Marie by giving her a beautiful crystal trophy for 10 years of service to the association, a gift card to Ruby Tuesday, and a beautiful bowl of goodies.

If it wasn't for everyone who attends our trainings, this association would never survive. We would love to throw out a great big thank you to our members and non members and let you know we are looking forward to seeing everyone during our next 10 years!



PFCEEA Trainers



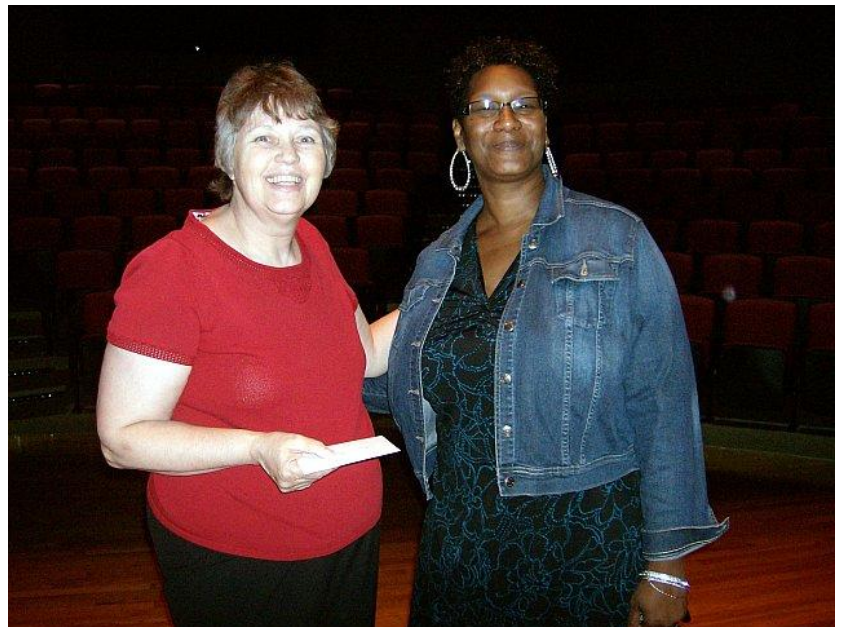
Trisha Brown - July



Tara Powell - August



Keith Arnold - September



Sharon Howell - October

Virginia Beach Adult Learning Center

I received a call from Marcia Evancheck who works at the Adult Learning Center, located next to the Virginia Beach Central Library. They are currently working on a Community Education Catalog and are interested in hearing from you as to what courses you'd like to see them offer. Right now they are in a "Think Tank" process so if you are interested in taking classes, give them a call or look at their website. One new program they are excited to offer is called "Personal Care Aide". This course is recommended for people who are taking care of loved ones. It comes with a state certification. They also offer CPR and First Aid classes for anyone living in our area. To see the courses they currently offer, go to their website: www.adultlearning.VBSchools.com click on "course catalog". If you'd like more information on the "think tank", give Marcia a call at: 648-6063.

Inspection Protocol for Licensed Child Day Programs

The VDSS Division of Licensing Programs (DOLP) has posted the Inspection Protocol for Licensed Child Day Programs on the VDSS Public Web Site for licensed family day homes under *Guidance Documents and Procedures*. The official date of implementation of the protocol is Oct. 31, 2011. The protocol describes the procedures used by DOLP Inspectors when inspecting licensed family day homes.

Special Note—There has been one change in the protocol since the provider training sessions were conducted this fall by the Regional Licensing Offices. The Inspection Notice has been removed from the protocol. The Inspection Notice will still be available from your Inspector if you wish to post the Inspection Notice during inspections.

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/licensing/fdh/intro_page/current_providers/guidance_procedures/protocol_for_inspections_at_licensed_child_day_programs.pdf

Some Suggested Items for a Disaster Supply Kit

Each of us has different needs, so instead of typing up a list of items here, I thought giving you a few different websites to look at might be better for everyone as each site lists a few different things.

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/prepare/supply_kit.shtml

<http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

<http://www.disastercenter.com/guide/kit.html>

http://www.redcross.org/images/pdfs/code/disaster_supplies_kit.pdf

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/supplykit.htm>

http://www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc_english/dskit.asp

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/basickit.shtml>

<http://www.weather.com/outlook/wxready/articles/id-33>

http://72hours.org/build_kit.html

Things to Remember



To see the guide for new crib standards, go to: www.cpsc.gov
Crib manufacturers had to start making cribs under the new regulations in June 2011. Providers have until December 28, 2012 to purchase new cribs.



If you need training hours:
PFCEEA's training dates are on our website www.pfcee.com



Grocery shopping opportunities with:
Angelfood Ministries, and Restaurant Depot



If you are cleaning closets, please donate your unwanted items for our door prizes, this includes gift bags or baskets. Contact Diane McEwen at 490-2371



If you have baby food, formula (no open containers),diapers or gently used baby, child, or adult clothing, PFCEEA makes donations to Candii House. Contact Beth Kaminski 853-4505 or bring your items to our meetings.



Help advertise PFCEEA and all of our individual businesses by purchasing a license plate frame for your car. They are available at our training meetings - \$3 for 1, or \$5 for 2.



If you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns, please email us at: pfcee@yahoo.com Or call Marie at 482-9470.



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