

# *Family Child Care Newsletter*

*January/February 2021*



Happy New Year from the Family Child Care and Quality Initiatives Staff!

I'm sure many of you are glad that 2020 is over! 2021 is a fresh start, and our staff is growing by one more position. Christine (Chris) Morrison, our Consumer Education Resource Specialist is now a part of our staff grouping. Her duties will be the same as they were before, so she will still send out her FYI letters when certificates are about to expire.

Two things to keep in mind for the new year: 1. If you are waiting for materials, shipped to BCAP, that were ordered for a grant, please be patient with us, as many boxes have come in, and we need to go through them all, to see what came in. Once the boxes stop coming in, I can concentrate on following up with anything that's missing. 2. If you have not turned in your fingerprint receipts, please do so ASAP. I will no longer be receiving the clearance letters, but will have to retrieve them myself, and I can't do that without the information on your receipts.

--Sue

## ***TRAINING with KRISTIN***

Happy New Year! I am pleased to announce that many exciting virtual trainings will be offered within the next few months. The January training calendar has been emailed to you and it is also available to view on our website. Starting next month, SEFI (Socio-Emotional Formation Initiative) will be offering the Keeping Babies and Children in Mind series to all providers! Please note, workshop #3 and #4 were already presented in August 2019 and will not be offered in this series. Please check your email soon for further details about the training series and how to register. As your Lead Trainer, I continue to work hard so you are provided with the most updated and effective trainings that will assist you in your profession! If you need any assistance with registering or finding an online training, please contact me directly at 609-288-3631. Let's make 2021 a fantastic year!

## ***HELPFUL HINTS from VIVYAN***

January and February are cold months, which will need you to plan for emergencies differently. Think of the "What if's" and plan. Make sure that you stock up on things needed for your home and business. During this pandemic, you are inside more, so everyone needs to wear a mask and sanitize more. Become creative on things to do and keeping the children distanced. Now is the time to use some of the items you purchased with your grant money! If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 609-261-6834 ext. \*5149 or at [vsaloka@bccap.org](mailto:vsaloka@bccap.org). Happy New Year!

## ***IMPROVING with KATHRYN***

Welcome to a new year! My name is Kathryn and I am the Infant Toddler Specialist for the Infant Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN) in Burlington County. I am also the acting Quality Improvement Specialist for Grow NJ Kids (GNJK). Both systems are designed to assist child care providers with improving their programs and offer coaching, mentoring, and consultation, as well as program assessment. Since site visits are on hold due to Covid-19, I am offering most services virtually. I am also offering virtual training directed at infant and toddler programs and overviews of the Grow NJ Kids program. I encourage enrollment in Grow NJ Kids and taking advantage of any and all training, grants and scholarships available. Registration for all training is done on NJCCIS.com. I am available to assist you and answer any questions that you may have regarding infants and toddlers in your program. If you would be interested in a partnership with the ITSN, or would like to enroll in GNJK, please contact me at [kasimone@bccap.org](mailto:kasimone@bccap.org) or call 609-261-6834 ext. \*5140.

## ***ENGAGING with JUDITH***

2021 is a time for new beginnings. Our first parent meeting of the new year will take place on Thursday, January 28th, where the focus will be about helping parents build their child's self-esteem. Strategies will be shared and resources explored. When children face challenges, big and small, they may also be experiencing big feelings like frustration, disappointment, and doubt. Please share with your parents, and join us as we work together to help children build both confidence and self-esteem. I can be reached at 609-261-6834 ext. \*5148 or at [jubyrne@bccap.org](mailto:jubyrne@bccap.org).

## ***GATHERING with CORINNA***

***My goal for 2021 is to be filthy rich. Rich in knowledge, rich in adventure, rich in health, rich in laughter, rich in family and rich in love.***

I invite you to join me on this journey to your personal wealth. I am looking forward to offering the SEL training again in February. If you have any suggestions or would like the training team to address a certain topic, please do not hesitate to contact me at [coharris@bccap.org](mailto:coharris@bccap.org). I am more than happy to go on an adventure and create or find helpful resources. I am looking forward seeing you at the upcoming events, and I am certain there will be a few laughs. The CCR&R family is grateful for each FCC and Child Care provider, and during these unprecedented times would liken their love to every front-line worker.

## ***The Land of Subsidy with Chris***

As we enter the new year, let's get to know your Family Child Care Programs! Here at BCAP, I talk about your programs with the families in our communities every day. I listen to what each family is looking for and I try to match them accordingly with my database. Is your program current in my database? Are your hours, rates, meals, curriculum, and policies all up to date in my system? Good chance the answer is no. No worries. Please give me a call at 609-835-4329 ext. \*5144. I would love to hear from you.

Are you ready for the IVR Transition? As of February 1st, your subsidy families will be required to call in their child's attendance every day using their own phone. They will no longer be using your landline phone in your home. I strongly recommend you monitor these daily transactions on your ECC Portal. Remember, without these calls, you will not get paid. Please remind your families every day to make the call.

I am always just a call away if you need me, or via email at [chmorrison@bccap.org](mailto:chmorrison@bccap.org).

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

Quality Infant/Toddler Environments  
**Wednesday, January 20—6:30 pm**  
**Event ID 124892**

Working with Dual Language Learners and Cultural Competency Training, Part 1  
**Monday, January 25—6:30 pm**  
**Event ID 124418**

Working with Dual Language Learners and Cultural Competency Training, Part 2  
**Wednesday, January 27—6:30 pm**  
**Event ID 124419**

Transitions and How We Can Support Our Children  
**Thursday, January 28—6:30 pm**  
***Parent Support Meeting***

**Keeping Babies & Children in Mind, Parts 1, 2, 5, 6, 7**  
**February 9, 23; March 9, 23; April 6 —6-9 pm**

**Making Inclusion Happen**  
**Wednesday, February 17—6:30 pm**  
*Details TBA*

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY**  
**Thursday, January 21—6:30 pm**  
**Thursday, February 18—6:30 pm (*tentative*)**  
*Zoom links will be emailed*

