



Family Child Care Newsletter

May/June 2020



Hello!


I hope everybody is able to take advantage of the nicer weather and spend more time outside! Can you believe summer is just around the corner?

BCAP has had a couple of staff changes this Spring. Corinna Harris is now our center-based Quality Improvement Specialist, filling the vacancy that Stacy Cooper had left. We are pleased that Corinna's Trainer position was immediately filled by Christin Repas. She comes to us from the same child care center world that most of our staff has, and she comes with a wealth of knowledge and trainings.

TRAINING with KRISTIN

I am pleased to announce that the training team has been successfully delivering various virtual trainings for a year! It was a new task that every trainer had to take on and make their own, with implementing many dry-runs, adjustments, and technology improvements to ensure high-quality training content and an overall experience.

As we invite everyone in the childcare field to attend and participate in our trainings, I would also like to mention that the same protocols that are in place for in-person trainings are also in place for all virtual trainings. The number one priority of the BCAP training staff is the safety and well-being of all who attend a training. In respect of everyone's time and to ensure that a training can start on time, please arrive on time, as credit cannot be given if a participant is more than 15 minutes late upon arrival. Cameras must be turned on throughout the duration of the training for attendance purposes. Unfortunately, if you cannot be seen by the trainer, then credit cannot be given. Please try to avoid distracting behaviors and be fully present. We want everyone to receive the opportunity to listen to and acquire the valuable information that is being presented. Lastly, please maintain the same professional courtesies as if you were present for an in-person training.





starting in June. Registration for all training is done on NJCCIS.com. I encourage you all to take advantage of this great professional development opportunity! I encourage enrollment in Grow NJ Kids and taking advantage of all training, grants, and scholarships available. You can participate in GNJK and the ITSN at the same time! I am available to assist you and answer any questions that you may have regarding infants and toddlers in your program. I encourage all providers and directors to make sure their information is updated in NJCCIS, including personnel lists. If you would be interested in a partnership with the ITSN, please contact me at kasimone@bccap.org or call 609-261-6834 ext. *5140.

ENGAGING with JUDITH

I am excited to share that we have new members of our Parent Group and would love to see even more families join. Last month at our meeting we discussed reading to and with our children and how important this is for all areas of development. Our parent group meets monthly, and there's always time for sharing as well as learning.

We kicked-off our first interactive Books, Balls, and Blocks Event where children and their families played and learned together. Our next Books, Balls and Blocks interactive event will take place in July. Please share my contact information with your parents (jubyrne@bccap.org)!

GATHERING with CHRISTIN

Hi, my name is Christin Repas! I am the new Professional Development Trainer for BCAP, and I am very excited to have joined the CCR&R team as of April. I started my career in early childhood education as a toddler teacher assistant, and later had the opportunity to move into a lead pre-k teacher role. Most recently, I spent the last two years as a preschool director.

Throughout my career, I have seen the joys, as well as many of the struggles, early childhood educators, administrator, parents, and children encounter. I look forward to using these experiences to offer a variety of quality professional development topics and opportunities to share, so all of us may continue to feel empowered in our roles.

My favorite part of teaching was always watching the children have those amazing "lightbulb" and "a-ha" moments as a concept clicked or a science experiment created a reaction. Throughout my roles in education, I have always been passionate about multicultural education, messy art and play, and recognizing each child and family's individuality and unique needs. It is my hope that these passions and excitement come through during trainings and spark a renewed excitement for you and the children in your care. Should you ever have questions or suggestions for a professional development training you feel would be beneficial, please do not hesitate to contact me at crepas@bccap.org.





The LAND of SUBSIDY with Chris

Happy Summer! Is your program ready for the heat? School Age referrals are looking for full time Summer Care. What kind of Summer Program are you offering this year? Is my database current? As you know, 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. 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.

Reminder- the IVR System has been extended till December 30th. This means your families are not calling in their attendance. Payments are still based on agreement and not attendance. And there are no closure dates at this time. I am always just a call away if you need me, 609-835-4329 ext. *5144. Or via chmorrison@bccap.org. Have a fantastic Summer!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zero to Three: The Growing Brain Training Overview
Wednesday, May 19—6:30 pm
Event ID 12743

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): What Is It All About?
Thursday, May 25—6:30 pm
Event ID 125658

Grow NJ Kids Overview for Centers and Family Child Care Programs
Wednesday, June 2 —1:00 pm
Event ID 127635

The Growing Brain: Unit 1 – The Basics
Tuesday, June 8—6:30 pm
Event ID 127624

The Growing Brain: Unit 2 – The Factors Affecting Brain Growth and Development
Tuesday, June 15—6:30 pm
Event ID 127625

Health Equity Training
Wednesday, June 23—6:00 – 9:00 pm
Event ID 127623

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY
Thursday, June 17—6:30 pm
Zoom link will be emailed

