

Family Child Care Newsletter

July/August 2020



Our offices at Woodlane Road reopened to the public! If you need to drop something off or pick something up, please make an appointment with us so we can let Human Services know. There is a person downstairs who has all the appointments in a book and will let you in. You will also be required to wear a mask at all times in our building. However, our building is not open for trainings yet. All meetings and trainings will remain virtual until further notice.

I'm also thrilled to announce that our office is now fully staffed! Kimberly Bowe started in mid-June as our new Family Child Care Quality Improvement Specialist for Grow NJ Kids.

TRAINING with KRISTIN

I am pleased to announce that BCAP is hosting a virtual "Learn About Lead: Protect Your Children" training for the month of August. Please join us on **Tuesday, August 3rd from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**, as we learn about how lead affects children, the sources of lead and how it is not just water, and what we can do to prevent lead poisoning. Participants who attend the training will gain a better understanding of the challenges of lead exposure in New Jersey, symptoms of a lead poisoned child, and much more!

If you are interested in attending, please login to your NJCCIS account and register for the training by using the **Event ID # 128229**. If you have any questions regarding the training or the registration process, please contact me directly at 609-288-3631. I hope that you can attend this very important and resourceful training!



HELPFUL HITS from VIVYAN

I know that you have things planned for your summer, so I am sending a reminder of a few things:

Contact me:

- If you need forms to update your files.
- If you are planning to move or change room locations within your home.
- If you have any questions or concerns that you are unsure of before you decide.

Also remember:

- Prolonged conversations, visitors, media, and other distractions should not take place during your operating hours.
- Children should be within your eye and hearing range.
- Supervision is the most important task; never leave children unattended even for a minute.

Burlington County Providers, You Are The Best!!!!!!!!!!!!

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IMPROVING with KATHRYN

The Summer is winding down! Fall is on its way! I am available, as your Infant Toddler Specialist, for any of your infant and toddler related concerns or needs. I can be reached by phone at 609-288-3634 or through the main number at extension *5140. My email is kasimone@bccap.org. I hope you will take advantage of all virtual training available at this time, including the Growing Brain series. Make sure to check NJCCIS for any grants or scholarships available to providers who accept subsidy families. I am accepting new enrollments! If you are interested in entering a partnership with the Infant Toddler Specialist Network, please let me know and I can send an application. This partnership is free of charge and offers coaching, consultation, and assessment of your infant/ toddler program using the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale (FCCERS). I hope to work with you soon!

ENGAGING with JUDITH

"Learn the Signs, Act Early" (L TSAE) program encourages parents to learn the signs of healthy development, and to act early when there is a concern. Learn how this assessment is offered to parents through an engagement activity called Books, Balls and Blocks and can be part of your family engagement goals. ASQ-3 Ages and Stages Developmental Questionnaire is intended for children ages 2 months to 5.5 years. This training is worth 1.5 credit hours and will be offered monthly beginning in August under NJCCIS training registry.

On August 26th, we will be offering a virtual Parent Meeting where we will be talking about "Back to School Tips in a Post Covid Era". Information about backpack giveaways will also be provided.

If you would like more information about supporting your families, please contact me at jubyrne@bccap.org or call (609) 261-6834 *5148.

GATHERING with CHRISTIN

With the end of the academic year and the start of summer camp season, I always enjoyed splash days, field trips, warm and long days on the playground, and special events in place of the curriculum I (gently) tossed aside for those precious weeks. Despite my best efforts, there was always a part of my brain focused on the incoming academic year. "What can I improve?" "How can I give this class a better experience?" "Why did or didn't certain things work?" I am sure I am not alone in these thoughts!

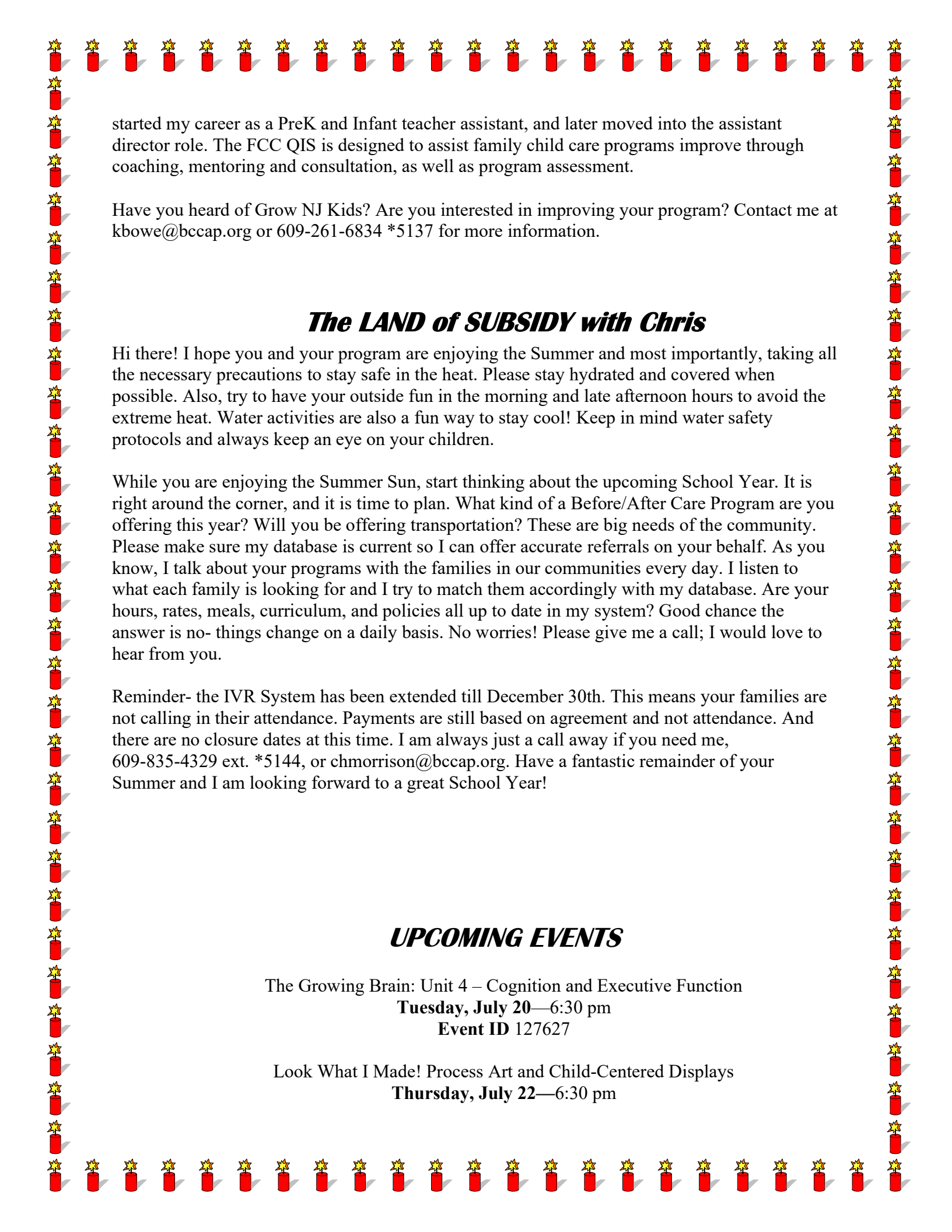
The July and August training calendars have this in mind as we start to think about the transition for the new academic year! On July 22nd, we will be offering Process Art and Child-Centered Displays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. In this training, we will be assessing the differences between product and process art, learn how to support messy art without a disaster left behind in your learning environment, and exploring the best practices for displaying children's art work per Grow New Jersey Kids and the Environmental Rating Scales to enrich your conversations with children as well as parent interaction. This session is ideal for educators working with infants through pre-k ages. NJCCIS Event ID #127953

On August 12th, we will be offering Writing and Phonics in the ECE Setting from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. During this training, we will be looking at new research and methods that are becoming best practices in regard to how letters, letter sounds, and writing are presented to children ages three to five. A large portion of this training will also look at methods and materials that can easily be added to a variety of interest areas to encourage reading and writing to even the most uninterested child. Many of the tips and tricks being presented are also helpful in improving Environmental Rating Scale scores for the Grow New Jersey Kids process. This session is ideal for educators working with ages three to five. NJCCIS Event ID #128227

All attendees for both sessions will also receive resource and activity guides full of lesson plan and display ideas specific to each training! Should you have any questions regarding any upcoming trainings, or have suggestions for future trainings, please do not hesitate to contact me at crepas@bccap.org.

GROWING with Kim

Happy hot weather! My name is Kim Bowe. I am the FCC Quality Improvement Specialist for Burlington and Camden Counties and am very excited to have joined the CCR&R team in June. I



started my career as a PreK and Infant teacher assistant, and later moved into the assistant director role. The FCC QIS is designed to assist family child care programs improve through coaching, mentoring and consultation, as well as program assessment.

Have you heard of Grow NJ Kids? Are you interested in improving your program? Contact me at kbowe@bccap.org or 609-261-6834 *5137 for more information.

The LAND of SUBSIDY with Chris

Hi there! I hope you and your program are enjoying the Summer and most importantly, taking all the necessary precautions to stay safe in the heat. Please stay hydrated and covered when possible. Also, try to have your outside fun in the morning and late afternoon hours to avoid the extreme heat. Water activities are also a fun way to stay cool! Keep in mind water safety protocols and always keep an eye on your children.

While you are enjoying the Summer Sun, start thinking about the upcoming School Year. It is right around the corner, and it is time to plan. What kind of a Before/After Care Program are you offering this year? Will you be offering transportation? These are big needs of the community. Please make sure my database is current so I can offer accurate referrals on your behalf. 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- things change on a daily basis. No worries! Please give me a call; 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 chmorrison@bccap.org. Have a fantastic remainder of your Summer and I am looking forward to a great School Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Growing Brain: Unit 4 – Cognition and Executive Function
Tuesday, July 20—6:30 pm
Event ID 127627

Look What I Made! Process Art and Child-Centered Displays
Thursday, July 22—6:30 pm

Event ID 127953

Learn About Lead: Protect Your Children

Tuesday, August 3—6:30 pm

Event ID 128229

The Growing Brain: Unit 5 – Social-Emotional Development

Tuesday, August 10—6:30 pm

Event ID 127628

Phonics and Writing in the ECE Setting

Thursday, August 12—6:30 pm

Event ID 128227

The Growing Brain: Unit 6 – Understanding Behavior

Tuesday, August 17—6:30 pm

Event ID 127629

The Growing Brain: Unit 7 – Everyday Play

Tuesday, August 24—6:30 pm

Event ID 127630

Books, Balls and Blocks/Developmental Screening Overview

Tuesday, August 31—6:30 pm

Event ID 128308

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Thursday, August 19—6:30 pm

Zoom link will be emailed

