

Family Child Care Newsletter

September/October 2021



Can you believe summer is ending? The days are starting to get cooler, the leaves will be changing color soon, and the children are back in school this year. BCAP is here to support all your changing needs with technical assistance and trainings. If you think you are missing something, please reach out to us.


--Sue

TRAINING with KRISTIN

A new season brings forth new trainings! BCAP will be hosting two brand new virtual trainings for the months of September and October. Please join us on **Wednesday, September 29th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** for a "Contact Overview 101: Introduction to Sexual Violence" training. The training will focus on the introductory information about Sexual Violence: What is sexual violence, what is consent, what options and protections are there for victims and how can Contact help (hotline, counseling, prevention). A discussion on New Jersey law and how it applies to individuals affected by sexual violence will occur as well as an explanation of what Contact is and the two programs the agency provides for the community.

Also join us on **Wednesday, October 6th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** for a "Keeping a Child Care Center Clean, Pest Free, and Healthy: Training Workshop for Early Educator Operators" training. Those who attend this training will learn how to recognize the hazards that may be present in their home program due to everyday practices (i.e., cleaning, pest control, air fresheners). Operators will learn how to choose safer products and methods for cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing, and pest control.

If you are interested in attending the "Contact Overview 101: Introduction to Sexual Violence" training please login to your NJCCIS account and register for the training by using the **Event ID # 128703**. If you are interested in attending the "Keeping a Child Care Center Clean, Pest Free,



and Healthy: Training Workshop for Early Educator Operators” training, please login to your NJCCIS account and register for the training by using the **Event ID # 128951**. If you have any questions regarding the trainings or the registration process, please contact me directly at 609-288-3631.

HELPFUL HINTS from VIVYAN

According to your Manual of Requirements, 3A:54-5.11(f), providers are to ensure that a daily attendance record is maintained for each child including name, time of arrival and departure of the home. Any questions or concerns regarding your childcare home environment, inspections please contact me at 609-261-6834 ext. *5149. or vsaloka@bccap.org

Please stay safe and healthy.

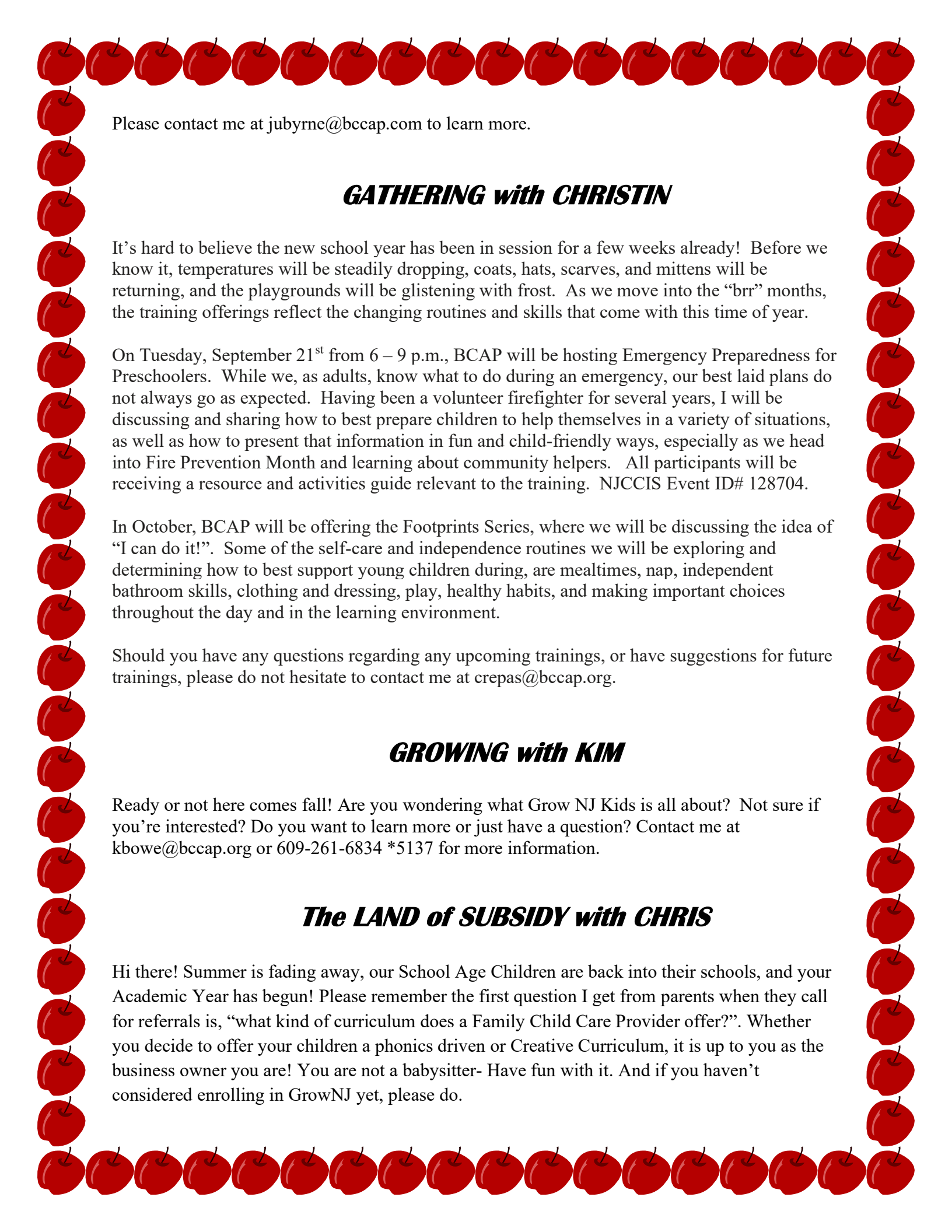
IMPROVING with KATHRYN

The cooler weather is coming! I am very excited about that! I am available, as your Infant Toddler Specialist, for any of your infant and toddler related concerns or needs. I am now able to make site visits as long as the provider is comfortable with it. I can also meet with providers virtually. 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. This series will be restarting in January. Make sure to check NJCCIS for any grants or scholarships available to providers who accept subsidy families. I am also accepting new enrollments! If you are interested in entering a partnership with the Infant Toddler Specialist Network, you can fill out an enrollment application on NJCCIS under the Quality Initiatives/ ITSN tabs. 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

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are getting ready for fall. As we observe leaves changing, remember to observe the subtle changes happening with the children and families you serve.

To help with this observation, parents are encouraged to regularly complete Developmental Questionnaires to support their child's growth and gain resources for areas of development needing extra attention. After completing the questionnaire, it will be reviewed and returned to the parent with suggestions to support their child's growth and development.



Please contact me at jubyrne@bccap.com to learn more.

GATHERING with CHRISTIN

It's hard to believe the new school year has been in session for a few weeks already! Before we know it, temperatures will be steadily dropping, coats, hats, scarves, and mittens will be returning, and the playgrounds will be glistening with frost. As we move into the "brr" months, the training offerings reflect the changing routines and skills that come with this time of year.

On Tuesday, September 21st from 6 – 9 p.m., BCAP will be hosting Emergency Preparedness for Preschoolers. While we, as adults, know what to do during an emergency, our best laid plans do not always go as expected. Having been a volunteer firefighter for several years, I will be discussing and sharing how to best prepare children to help themselves in a variety of situations, as well as how to present that information in fun and child-friendly ways, especially as we head into Fire Prevention Month and learning about community helpers. All participants will be receiving a resource and activities guide relevant to the training. NJCCIS Event ID# 128704.

In October, BCAP will be offering the Footprints Series, where we will be discussing the idea of "I can do it!". Some of the self-care and independence routines we will be exploring and determining how to best support young children during, are mealtimes, nap, independent bathroom skills, clothing and dressing, play, healthy habits, and making important choices throughout the day and in the learning environment.

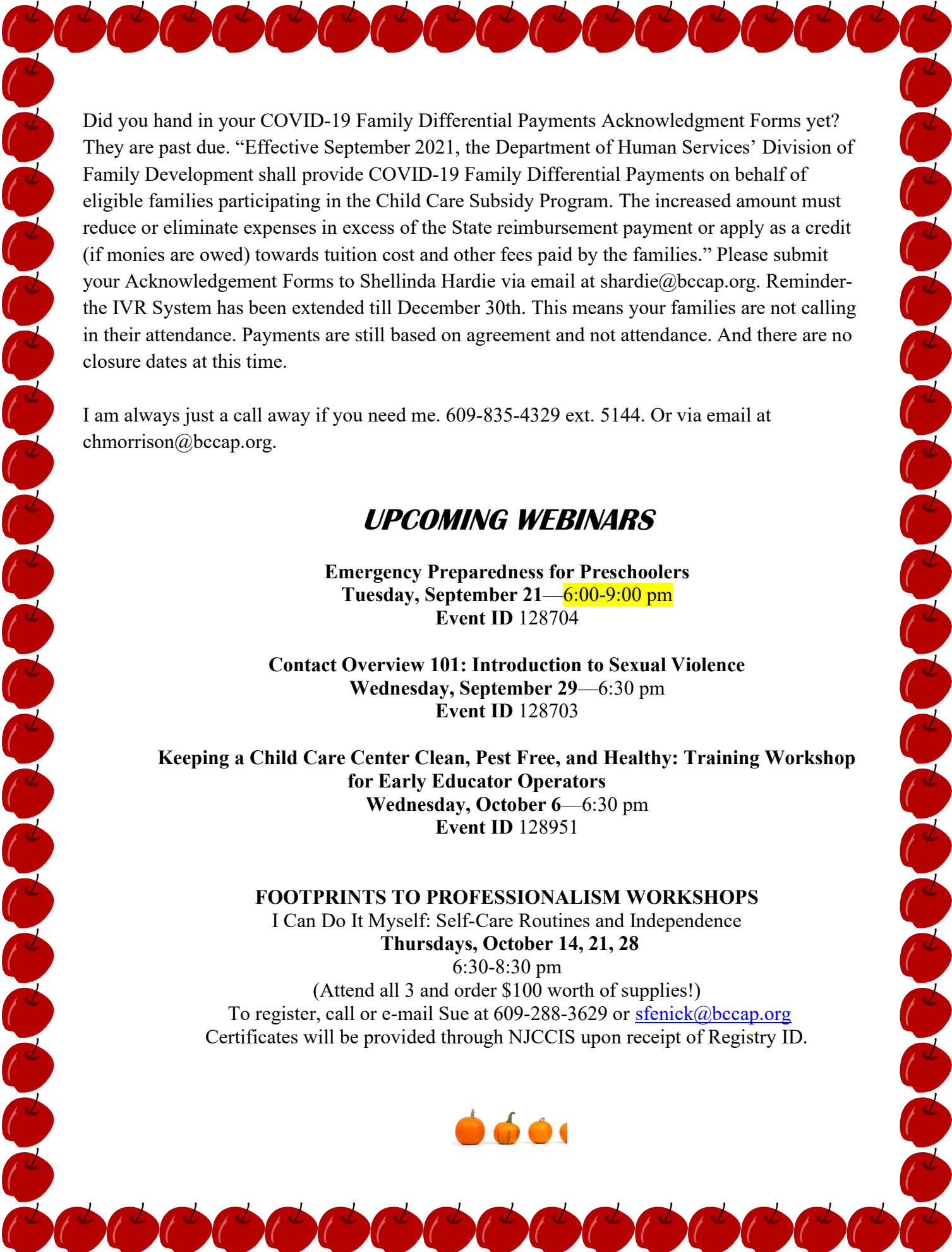
Should you have any questions regarding any upcoming trainings, or have suggestions for future trainings, please do not hesitate to contact me at crepas@bccap.org.

GROWING with KIM

Ready or not here comes fall! Are you wondering what Grow NJ Kids is all about? Not sure if you're interested? Do you want to learn more or just have a question? Contact me at kbowe@bccap.org or 609-261-6834 *5137 for more information.

The LAND of SUBSIDY with CHRIS

Hi there! Summer is fading away, our School Age Children are back into their schools, and your Academic Year has begun! Please remember the first question I get from parents when they call for referrals is, "what kind of curriculum does a Family Child Care Provider offer?". Whether you decide to offer your children a phonics driven or Creative Curriculum, it is up to you as the business owner you are! You are not a babysitter- Have fun with it. And if you haven't considered enrolling in GrowNJ yet, please do.



Did you hand in your COVID-19 Family Differential Payments Acknowledgment Forms yet? They are past due. “Effective September 2021, the Department of Human Services’ Division of Family Development shall provide COVID-19 Family Differential Payments on behalf of eligible families participating in the Child Care Subsidy Program. The increased amount must reduce or eliminate expenses in excess of the State reimbursement payment or apply as a credit (if monies are owed) towards tuition cost and other fees paid by the families.” Please submit your Acknowledgement Forms to Shellinda Hardie via email at shardie@bccap.org. 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 email at chmorrison@bccap.org.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Emergency Preparedness for Preschoolers

Tuesday, September 21—6:00-9:00 pm

Event ID 128704

Contact Overview 101: Introduction to Sexual Violence

Wednesday, September 29—6:30 pm

Event ID 128703

Keeping a Child Care Center Clean, Pest Free, and Healthy: Training Workshop for Early Educator Operators

Wednesday, October 6—6:30 pm

Event ID 128951

FOOTPRINTS TO PROFESSIONALISM WORKSHOPS

I Can Do It Myself: Self-Care Routines and Independence

Thursdays, October 14, 21, 28

6:30-8:30 pm

(Attend all 3 and order \$100 worth of supplies!)

To register, call or e-mail Sue at 609-288-3629 or sfenick@bccap.org

Certificates will be provided through NJCCIS upon receipt of Registry ID.

