

Family Child Care Newsletter

March/April 2023



Happy Spring!

I hope everyone remembered to move their clocks yesterday and Spring Forward. I personally can't wait for more sun and warmer days! Spring starts next week and means spring cleaning! Take advantage of all of our Quality Initiatives to help spruce up your program. Now is also a great time to make sure all your required paperwork is completed and what needs to be posted is posted for the families. Please reach out if you are missing any paperwork or have any questions!

One sad piece of news I need to share is that Christin Repas, our Professional Development Trainer has left BCAP for a position closer to her home. We will be looking hard to fill the shoes she left!

--Sue

TRAINING with KRISTIN

Did you miss the chance to attend BCAP's Super Workshop in December? Back by popular demand, the training recording will be available to view on **Tuesday, May 16th from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm**. The focus of the training will be on Behavior Support Techniques & Creating a Bag of Tricks for Success in Real-World Challenges. Working with children and youth takes a certain amount of flexibility and thinking techniques. Participants will learn how to identify antecedents to behavior and determine what consequences shape behavior. Participants will also

be introduced to tangible tools that can be used to support children and youth with disabilities or behavioral challenges, as well as those who may just be having a rough day. If you are interested in attending, please login to your NJCCIS account and register for the training by using the **Event ID #134078**. Don't miss the opportunity to unpack the WHY of behavior and the "Bag of Tricks" items that can be used to benefit the children in your care!

ONE ON ONE with VIVYAN

Welcome to Spring! This is the time to prepare for more outside play.

- Before going out check for debris, especially things that can be harmful to children or placed in their mouths.
- Check your play equipment for maintenance needs, including the park equipment, before use.
- Take a fresh look at your property outside and inside.
- Check your files for any medication and permission forms needed, to prepare for allergies.
- Restock your First Aid kits if needed; remember ointments should be listed as medication, in the original package, and with permission from the doctor.
- If you are planning for vacations and would like to remain open for your families, now is the time to plan for approved staff coverage.

As always feel free to contact me by email ysaloka@bccap.org, by phone 609-288-3630 or 609-676-6622.

IMPROVING with KATHRYN

Warmer weather is finally on its way! While you are Spring cleaning, why not work on infant/toddler program improvements? The Infant Toddler Specialist Network is accepting new enrollments! If you are unsure of what the ITSN is, attend the next ITSN Information session or attend a virtual office hours session! Non-Grow NJ Kids FCC programs enrolled in the ITSN are able to receive **\$600** in classroom materials for completing the program. I will work with you on assessing your program using the FCCERS scale, and together we will develop a plan of action for improving! I offer technical assistance, training, coaching, and consultation to assist you on your path to improvement! You can enroll in the ITSN directly from your NJCCIS provider page by clicking the "Quality Initiatives" Quicklink button. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

The Growing Brain training series is under way. You can take each unit independently. This is a great way to get your professional development hours! Contact me at kasimone@bccap.org or at 609-288-3634.

ENGAGING with ADRIANA

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” -Garrison Keillor

March is designated as National Reading Month, a month to motivate all ages to read every day. Reading with your children helps them create a special opportunity for building family bonds. A great way to encourage reading is by checking out your local library. Libraries are community hubs. They connect people to information and connect people to people. They are safe havens for kids. As we spring forward, our next family BBB event will be scheduled for Wednesday March 22, 2023, 4:30pm-6:00pm, at Mill Dam Park in Mt. Holly. This will be an opportunity to engage with families and encourage learning experiences through “Books, Balls, and Blocks”. Please encourage your families to attend. We are currently accepting book requests for pick up to distribute to families. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact me via email acostello@bccap.org or 609-261-6834 ext. 5148 with any questions, or concerns.

Another upcoming event to share with your families:

Parent Café "Planting Seeds & Cultivating the Family"

Location: 795 Woodlane Rd, Westampton, NJ 08060 Conference Room 2

Thursday, March 16th from 1:00 pm until 3:30pm

GROWING with KIM

Spring ahead to higher quality. What do you know about Grow NJ Kids?

Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System, is New Jersey's program to raise the quality of child care and early learning across the state. For child care and early learning programs, it provides resources that help raise their quality and continuously improve their programs. For parents, it provides information on selecting a quality provider to help them make the most of their kids' early learning opportunities. Interested in enrolling, want to learn more, or just have questions? Contact Kimberly Bowe at 609-288-3626 or email kbowe@bccap.org.

The LAND of SUBSIDY with CHRIS

Provider Appreciation Day is coming up and we would like you to come out and celebrate with us! Please register here <https://forms.office.com/r/DuP8SrRPCU> for our Bingo Event on April 29th, 12 pm-3 pm at the Burlington County Library in Westampton. We are also reaching out to the families of Burlington County that would like to share their gratitude for all of your hard work in our annual Provider Appreciation Video. Please share this link with your families and encourage their participation- <https://providerappreciation.org/>

A friendly reminder to always keep your contact information current with me. The information I have in the database goes out to the families in the community when I give out referrals. This

includes your phone number and email address. Correct contact information is vital to help families find you.

Also, it is still the Provider's responsibility to enter all closure dates and child absences into your EPPIC portal. You will find helpful resources and tutorials on childcarenj.gov if you need assistance with this program.

Remember- I am only a phone call away if you need me! 609-835-4329 ext. *5144 or via email, chrobles@bccap.org.

SHARING with MICHELLE

A graphic for the Burlington County Shared Service Alliance. It features a red background with a white box in the center. The box contains the text "Burlington County Shared Service Alliance" in a blue-bordered box at the top. Below this, it says "Working with Providers to:" followed by four bullet points: "Sustain Quality Childcare Businesses," "Create Access to Resources," "Enhance Financial Stability and," and "Support Childcare Professionals' Business Needs." To the left of the first two bullet points is a circular arrow icon with a dollar sign, and to the right of the last two is a gear icon with a hand. At the bottom of the box, it says "Forming Soon" and "Contact Michelle Burress, Shared Service Alliance Coordinator, 609-288-3625; mburress@bccap.org".

***Burlington County
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UPCOMING EVENTS

KEEPING BABIES AND CHILDREN IN MIND SERIES

Infant and Early Childhood Development

Tuesday, March 14--6:00 pm--9:00 pm

Event ID 135286

The Influence of Stress & Safety on Behavior

Tuesday, March 21--6:00 pm--9:00 pm

Event ID 135287

Encountering Early Toxic Stress & Trauma

Tuesday, March 28--6:00 pm--9:00 pm

Event ID 135288

Footprints to Professionalism—Supporting Growth Mindset: I Think I Can!

Thursdays, March 16 and 23rd—6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Contact Sue Fenick for registration

CPR/First Aid

Saturday, March 18 —8:00 am–12:00 pm

Offsite location—Kool Kidz World

Contact Kristin Mayes to register or for the next class

609-288-3631 or kmayes@bccap.org

Supporting Dual Language Learners and Building Cultural Responsiveness, Part 1

Tuesday, March 28—6:30 pm

Event ID 135295

PYRAMID MODEL SERIES

Forming Nurturing and Responsive Relationships

Wednesday, March 29—12:00 pm–3:00 pm

Event ID 134998

Supporting Dual Language Learners and Building Cultural Responsiveness, Part 2

Thursday, March 30—6:30 pm

Event ID 135296

NJ Birth to Three Early Learning Standards Domain 4: Cognitive Development

Monday, April 3—6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Event ID 134985

You must have the Early Learning Standards accessible on paper or digitally.

KEEPING BABIES AND CHILDREN IN MIND SERIES

Relationship-informed Practices

Tuesday, April 4--6:00 pm–9:00 pm

Event ID 135289

Culturally-informed Practices

Tuesday, April 18--6:00 pm–9:00 pm

Event ID 135290

Reflection-informed Practices

Tuesday, April 25--6:00 pm–9:00 pm

Event ID 135291

PYRAMID MODEL SERIES

Sustaining Nurturing and Responsive Relationships

Wednesday, April 5—12:00 pm–3:00 pm

Event ID 134999

Sustaining Relationships—Reducing Implicit Bias Workshop

Wednesday, April 19—12:00 pm–3:00 pm

Event ID 135000

The Growing Brain: The Factors Affecting Brain Growth and Development (Unit 2)

Wednesday, April 26—6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Event ID 127625

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Thursday, April 20—6:30 pm

Zoom link will be emailed

