

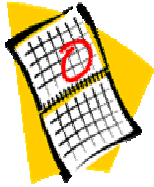


Caring for Kids



A Quarterly Newsletter from Child Care Resource & Referral

Please join us for our **PSJ Quarterly Provider Meeting!**



Putnam County * October 15, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Putnam Library * 601 College Road * Palatka

St. Johns County * October 16, 2009 @ 11:30 a.m.

The St. Augustine Record * 1 News Place * St. Augustine

Please R.S.V.P. with Amanda Griffis at:
(904) 726-1500 x 255 or **1-800-745-4836.**

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Points of Interest:

- Save the Date for Upcoming Quarterly Provider Meetings
- The Abuse Hotline
- Pre-Assessments Reminder
- Numbers & Websites
- Warm Line Services
- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Training Tidbits
- VPK Updates

Mandatory Reporters and the Abuse Hotline

More than 1 million children are victims of child abuse and neglect each year. Many victims do not receive help because they are not reported to the system. Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes mandates that any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, neglected, or abandoned by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline. Day care workers are among many Mandatory Reporters. If you suspect that a child has been abused, abandoned, neglected, or exploited, contact the Abuse Hotline at **1-800-96-ABUSE**. All reports are confidential. For more information, visit DCF's website at: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse



Pre-Assessments are due October 1, 2009!

Mail a copy of the required documents to:

Episcopal Children's Services
Attn: Brittney Spangler
100 Bell Tel Way, Suite 100
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Please refer to the attached FAQ sheet for more info.

If using the Portage, send **ONLY** a copy of your tallysheet.

Numbers & Websites to Know

DCF Child Care Training Information Center:

1-888-352-2842 or www.myflorida.com/childcare/training

Agency for Workforce Innovation's Early Learning Call Center:

1-866-357-3239 or www.flready.com

Central Directory/FDLRS toll-free line:

1-800-654-4440 (child screenings/evaluations)

The licensing website at: www.myflorida.com/childcare

Warm Line (800) 238-3463

Do you have a concern about the health, development, disability, and special needs of a child? If so, please call the Warm Line. The purpose of the Warm Line is to provide advice to childcare personnel concerning strategies, curriculum, and environmental adaptations that allow a child to derive maximum benefit from the childcare experience.

Questions/Comments?

Contact *Caring for Kids*
Editor, Heather Dunn, at
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Looking for Training Scholarships?

Contact Linda Hockenberry, Director of
Training and Professional Development:
904.726.1500 ext. 237 or
lhockenberry@ecs4kids.org

Child Care Resource & Referral

There are no charges or fees associated with a provider listing in the Child Care Resource & Referral Database or for referrals to your program. If you are asked to provide a payment for a referral or listing in the Child Care Resource & Referral database, please call the Agency for Workforce Innovation's Office of Early Learning at 1-866-357-3239. The information reported about a provider's program is objective program information that is based on standards that are attainable for providers based on their type of care.

Training Tidbits ECS Regional Training Institute

Great news! You can now register and pay for ECS classes online. Visit our website at www.ecs4kids.org and click on "Training". A complete listing of our quarterly training calendar is available by county. Click on any training you are interested in and register and pay, if applicable. CEU forms are also available on this website. Please be sure to register and pay at least 3 business days prior to training event. Enjoy your training opportunities!

Reminder: Pre-Assessments are due on October 1, 2009!!!

Please see front of newsletter and the attached FAQ sheet for more information.

VPK Updates

We hope everyone is having a great start to the 09-10 VPK program year! Please remember to submit the Informed Parental Consent for Delayed Enrollment Form for any children that did not physically attend on the first day of your program. These, and other VPK forms, can be found on our web site (www.ecs4kids.org).

Important Due Date

Did your VPKS program end in August? Is so remember your Provider Verification Report (PVR) is due on or before September 30th!!! If ECS does not receive your PVR by this date then we will be withholding your final VPKS payment, no exceptions.

(These reports are sent out to by the VPK Department once your August attendance rosters have been processed).

To ensure full compliance with OEL policy ALL final VPK payments will be actual checks, even if you normally receive direct deposit.

VPK Department * 100 Bell Tel Way, Suite 100 * Jacksonville, FL 32216

Toll Free: 1-800-238-3463 * Fax: 904-726-1522

vpkinfo@ecs4kids.org * www.ecs4kids.org