

Child Care Council of Orange County April Highlights 2024

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Oh how I love the Spring Time! We have had many days of rain but when you look at the colors in the flowers and trees it remind us of the beauty of our environment. Another beautiful sight is the excitement on the faces of children as they go outdoors to enjoy the sounds and colors. The Council also enjoys working with our programs. I am visiting the programs through their invitation and our Specialists continue to work with programs through observations and trainings. This month we are collaborating with Early Intervention to address how the Council and the DOH, Division of Intervention can work productively with children in the programs that require services. This event is at Orange Community College on Sunday, April 28th and our event on May 9th the Council acknowledges our program's providers at the Barn in Middletown. Please call the Council for details.

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Council Happenings

Registrar Specialist

The Council would like to welcome Tori-Lynn Kennedy!



Tori-Lynn was the Lead Teacher in an Infant Room at a Day Care Center in Orange County. Tori-Lynn also a Teacher's assistant for several Day Care Centers. She has a degree in Human Services.

Council Happenings

LE Enrollment Specialists

The Council would like to welcome Carmen Rigaud!



Carmen Rigaud previously worked with the Council as a CACFP Compliance Specialist, Working now with the Legally Exempt program as an LE Specialist.

Council Happenings

Week of the Young Child



The Council hosted child care programs with virtual story time for the Week of the Young Child.

- On Music Monday, Registrar Specialist, Beverly Singer shared the book, *One Love*, by Bob Marley.
- On Tasty Tuesday, Referral Specialist, Rita Bertones shared the book, *Food with Moods*, by Joost Elffers and Saxton Freymann.
- On Work Together Wednesday, LE Enrollment Specialist. Carmen Rigaud shared the book, *Mrs. Penguin's Perfect Palace*, Helen Brain, Celeste Beckerling.
- On Artsy Thursday, Director of Professional Development, Rosemarie Lawton shared the book, *Never Let a Unicorn Scribble*, by Diane Alber.
- On Family Friday, Registrar Specialist, Beverly Singer shared the book, *The Family Book*, by Todd Parr.

Programs that joined us for the virtual stories were:

Caterpillars and Ladybugs Day Care

Florida ABC

Miss Moe's School House

Early Explorers

Christine Joyce's Daycare

Precious Little Hands Childcare LLC

The Butterfly Day Care Center Inc.

Little Scholars

Jonah's Ark ABC

Each program that participated will received a book and a canvas to decorate!

Silly Snacks To Make With Your Kids

<https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/easy-healthy-silly-snacks-make-kids.html>

When my kids get home from school, I always say something like, “Hey honey, I missed you! How was school?” And they reply: **“Mom, what can I eat?”** From the oldest to the youngest, every one of my children walks through the door after school and heads straight to the pantry to find a snack. And that often leads to disappointed kids, since they want cookies or candy while I want them to eat fruit, vegetables or protein.

So I came up with four new silly snacks that are fun enough to make your kids smile (mine did!), and healthy enough to keep mom happy too. Each of these snacks is super easy to make, with 5 or fewer ingredients, and each one is a healthy alternative to cookies or candy.

We started with an array of healthier ingredients like fruits, veggies, meats, cheeses, and nut spreads, and had fun combining them into four different silly snacks: a ham and cheese chick, a peanut butter banana bear, a blueberry pretzel butterfly, and a kiwi hazelnut flower.

Peanut Butter Banana Bear: 1 – Spread flatbread with peanut butter. 2 -Cut one slice of banana for the face and cut another slice of banana in half to make ears. 3 – Add raisins the for eyes and nose.

Ham and Cheese Chick: 1- Spread flatbread with ranch dressing, mustard or mayo. 2 – Add circular ham slices. 3 – Add circular cheese slice. From a different color cheese, cut a triangle for a beak. 4 – Dip shredded carrot in ranch dressing, mustard or mayo and place it over the cheese to make feathers. Add eyes.

Blueberry Pretzel Butterfly: 1 – Spread flatbread with cream cheese. 2 – Add a row of blueberries for the butterfly’s body. 3 – Cut the very bottom off of 2 pretzel twists. 4 – Place pretzel twists on either side of berries for wings.

Hazelnut Kiwi Flower: 1 – Spread flatbread with chocolate hazelnut spread. 2 – Peel and slice kiwi. 3 – Layer 5 kiwi slices to create a flower. 4 – Add a berry for the center.



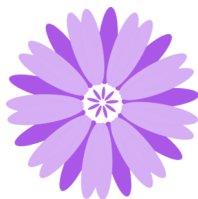
May Day Craft

<https://dalimoustache.blogspot.com/2012/04/hyacinths.html>

Start with crayons for the stems, leaves, and grass. Use your fingertip for the blueish-purplish buds. The trick is to get your children make dots. Mix up two colors, a periwinkle, and a lavender. Once dry, outline in black crayon. Finish with a wash of blue and green watercolor paint.



May Day is a European festival of ancient origins marking the beginning of summer, usually celebrated on 1 May, around halfway between the spring equinox and summer solstice. Festivities may also be held the night before, known as May Eve. Traditions often include gathering wildflowers and green branches, weaving floral garlands, crowning a May Queen (sometimes with a male companion), and setting up a Maypole, May Tree or May Bush, around which people dance. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/May_Day



Rainy Day Ideas

<https://dayswithgrey.com/17-rainy-day-activities-for-kids/>



DIY Hallway Laser Maze (It's Always Autumn)

<https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/diy-hallway-laser-maze-indoor-fun-for-kids.html>

Make a fun maze using any hallway in just minutes to get your kids moving and thinking as they problem-solve and climb through this wild maze.

What you need: Painters tape



Gunny Sack Races (Meaningful Mama)

<https://meaningfulmama.com/day-313-gunny-sack-races.html>

Talk about simple fun! Grab a couple of unused pillowcases and set up a friendly competition of pillow sack races.

What you need: Pillowcases



Hop the Lines; A Toddler Jumping Activity

This fun and active jumping activity is easy to set up and helps to strengthen your toddler's gross motor skills.

What you need: Painters tape



Giant Tic Tac Toe

Grab some scrap cardboard from a box in the garage and create giant tic-tac-toe playing pieces to play a large-scale tic-tac-toe game right on your countertop or the floor.

What you need: Cardboard, painter's tape, & permanent marker



Prewriting with Colors and Movement

Help your toddler or preschooler practice their prewriting skills with this play-based activity that involves movement, color sorting, and early writing skills.

What you need: Painter's tape, DUPLOS, felt squares, & a dump truck



The USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

What is CACFP?

The Child and Adult Care program (CACFP) is a federal supplemental food program (USDA) that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks served to eligible infants, children, and adults. Reimbursement is based on the income level of the local geographic area, the childcare provider, or the children in care (free, reduced-price, or paid rates).

The CACFP is more than just a reimbursement program. CACFP provides consistent access to nutritious foods and improves nutrition security and decreases food insecurity which promotes health and well-being to children and adults.

The Child Care Council of Orange County is a **CACFP Sponsor** which is an organization that will help you claim reimbursement for the meals and snacks that you serve through the CACFP. They ensure you are compliant with state and federal rules and assist you in proper reporting and other administrative functions. An agreement will be signed with the sponsoring organization and licensed daycare.


Who Can Participate?

If you operate a licensed family or group day care home, you are eligible to participate. The program services children ages 12 and under and you are reimbursed for up to 2 meals and 1 snack, or 1 meal and 2 snacks- per child per day.

What Kind of Food is Served in the CACFP?

The CACFP nutrition standards are based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans that encourage the consumption of a variety of vegetables and fruits, whole grains, lean meats/meat alternates along with lowering added sugars in food items. To be reimbursed, the meal or snack must contain the required components in their minimum amounts by age.

Joining the CACFP Program allows program operators to purchase more nutritious foods for those in their care and helps them receive supplemental help with food expenses.



Calling All Providers and Parents!

Are you looking for answers to a specific questions?
Need guidance in your program? For more information contact:

Rosemarie Lawton, Director of Professional Development,
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Medical Independent Study

Call Nurse Jen Warm for more information on dates!

Location: 40 Matthews Street, Goshen, Council Training Room 107

Trainer: Jennifer Warm, Health Care Consultant, 914-400-6623, jwarm1980@outlook.com

4 hour course: \$150 members and \$175 non-members send payment of check or MO

8 hour course: \$175 members and \$200 non-members send payment of check or MO

For independent study, the individual must download the information and watch the video, at: <http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm>.

Registering Medical Adminstrant Training. Step One: Log-in to your ECETP E-learning account <https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mytraining/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fmytraining%2fdefault.aspx>. When you have completed all the above information on line. Please send your check or money order to the Council. Once your training is complete, your certificate of completion will be available for you to print in your ECETP account.

On the day of the class, the student is required to bring the independent study participant guide and the MAT participant's handouts. The student may use all the materials for the written test and the practical test. The review and testing takes approximately 4 - 5 hours as each person has two (2) chances to pass each part of the test written and practical. The time depends on if student passes the 1st time or not.

The training provides an overview of medication for both over-the counter and prescription medication; the routes, handling, storage and safe disposal of medication; permission and instruction requirements; preparation and administration techniques; asthma; emergency care and special situations. The MAT training certificate is valid for three years from the date you complete the course. After three (3) years, you may be eligible to take a renewal test online to extend your certificate for another three (3) years. Visit <http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm> or call toll-free (866)665-5537 for more details on MAT and the renewal process.

OCFS Training Topics: Safety and Security Procedures, Nutrition and Health Needs of Children, Statutes and Regulations Pertaining to Child Day Care **CDA: 1, 2**

Providers going through the online renewal for the third time

- ♦ **Will need to be tested by the Health Care Consultant**
- ♦ **Pay the Council prior to that date: \$120 for members \$150 for non-members**
- ♦ **Contact Jennifer Warm to set up a date.**

The Office of Children and Family Services
(OCFS) is supporting

SAFE SLEEP IN CHILD CARE

Always follow the ABCs of Safe Sleep



Babies must sleep

Alone on their

Back in a

Crib right from the start

Click the picture above to go directly to the form.

**Babies sleep safest when they are alone,
on their back, in a crib or Pack 'n Play.**

Who is eligible? Licensed/registered family and group family day care homes, and enrolled home-based legally exempt programs. Each program is eligible for one Pack 'n Play along with one fitted sheet. A group family day care is eligible for two Pack 'n Plays.

How can I apply? Scan the QR code to see the Pack 'n Play application or email

ocfs.sm.Packandplay.dccs@ocfs.ny.gov

How do I receive my Pack 'n Play? Once approved the Pack 'n Play will be shipped to your program.

Thank you for your interest in this Safe Sleep Initiative.

For additional resources, visit:

[Safe Sleep | Child Protective Services | Office of Children and Family Services \(ny.gov\)](#)



Save The Date

CHILD CARE HEROES GALA



A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

Providers & Parents

CPR/FA Training

Call or email us for information!

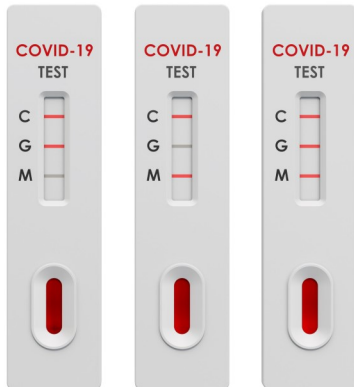
kacie@childcarecounciloc.org 845-294-4012

6pm - 9:30pm, CPR/AED-Training room, \$95 members, \$125 non-members

Technical Assistance for Starting Family Day Care programs and School Age Child Care Programs.

We provide support for people and organizations interested in starting Family Day Care programs and School Age Child Care in their communities. **Call Beverly** (845)294-4012 x230 if you have questions about the application. To view the webinar and receive an application go to the OCFS.

[website,http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp).



The Council has free kits while supplies last!
Call Rita for more information at extension 224!



United States
**CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION**



<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls>.

Membership Application

By becoming a member of the Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc. , a nonprofit, you are demonstrating your commitment to promoting quality child care as a priority in Orange County. Your Membership—parents, providers, businesses, community—assists the Council in meeting the goal of promoting affordable, quality child care and to strengthen the early childhood workforce in Orange County.

Membership Benefits:

Family and Group Family

- Reduced rates on Council Trainings & Events
- Eligibility to vote at the Council's Annual Meeting
- Free report on referrals to your program
- Free job postings on Council's website
- Free Job Bank for employee new hires

Individual, Community/Business

- Support of quality provider/parent/child programming offered by the Council
- Eligibility to vote at the Council's Annual Meeting

New! Child Care Centers & SACC

(Membership includes director and all staff)

- Reduced rates on Council training and events
- Eligibility to vote at Annual Meeting
- Free report on referrals to your program
- Free job postings on Council's website
- Free job postings in Highlights
- Free Job Bank for employee new hires



We appreciate your Membership!

Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc. Membership Application

Please return application to:

Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc., 40 Matthews St., Suite 103, Goshen, NY 10924

Please make checks or money orders payable to: Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Child Care or Business Name _____

Membership is effective for 12 months from date of purchase.

____ \$50 Individual Membership Business/ Community

____ \$50 Family and Group Family providers (add an assistant for \$10)

____ \$125 Individual Child care center (includes director & all staff)

____ \$125 School Aged programs (includes director & all staff)

I have enclosed an additional tax deductible donation of \$_____ to support the work of the Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc. in promoting affordable, quality child care in Orange County.

Council Members!

We appreciate you and thank you for supporting our mission to assist parents, child care programs, employers, and the community with information and resources on choosing quality child care.

Denise's Little Angels

BizzyBz daycare

Warwick Day Care Center

Young & Unique Christian
Development

Sue's Home Daycare

Little Guardians Daycare

Colores Child Care

The Village Childcare Services

Inspire in Monroe

Inspire in Newburgh

Inspire in Goshen

Messy Hands Happy Hearts

Early Explorers Daycare

Rhythm and Rhyme

ABCD

MHA-Temple Sinai

Liz Holbrook- Board Member

Wallkill Boys & Girls Club

Tina's Daycare Center

The Teddybears Family Childcare
Huixin, LLC

Jill Meyer- Board Member

Andrea Barrow

Irene Hammer- Board Member

Little Scholars Academy

Johnny Franco

Consent for Child Care Council of Orange County Inc.

I _____ am aware and have agreed to the
(parent/ guardians name)
picture taking of my child while attending child care.

I consent to having my child's picture to be used by Child Care Council of Orange County Inc. for the Newsletter/ Highlights, Calendar, Website and any Social Media.

Print Child's Name

Print Name of Parent/ Guardian

Signature or Parent/ Guardian

Date

Signature of Provider

Date

