

Family Child Care Association
Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts



Member's Newsletter

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Welcome everyone!

The new FCCA Board has been hard at work over the summer to ensure this year will be fantastic. Many of the workshops and social events have already been booked. Families and providers are connecting. New board members jumped into their positions and started working like they had done it for years. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated, knowledgeable members who are willing to put in the time to make this work for everyone!

*Warmly,
Ali*

What's New?

- Referral Phone Number: 978-435-0402
- Referrals will have a number assigned. That number **MUST** be included in any email you send to Christina or Suzana.
- If you use Facebook, please join us at "FCCA Members" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/274944576191482/>

We NEED Your HELP

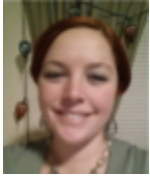
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Workshop Schedule

Workshops are from 6:30-8:30PM at First Parish Unitarian, 7 Concord Rd, Billerica.

<p>Creating Calm in the Chaos By: Caryl Mix <i>In this workshop you will discover the critical steps needed to step out of the cyclone of chaos, create more calm in your life and business, and learn how to redefine stress and anxiety so that you can make them your most powerful allies.</i> September 20</p>	<p>Strengthening Relationships and Building Successful Collaborations with EEC By: DEEC Regional Directors & FCC Supervisors <i>This class will address licensing regulations in an effort to strengthen relationships and build successful collaborations between EEC personnel and Family Child Care Educators.</i> October 11</p>	<p>On Your Mark, Get Set, Go Green! By: Janet Moro, Early Childhood Educator <i>This training will take everyday household items to make earth-friendly recycled items for teaching and repurposing! From paper tubes, to cardboard boxes, water bottles and straws, there's a million ways to go green with your children.</i> November 8</p>
<p>Coming to Terms: How to Effectively Use Contracts and Policies By: Tom Copeland <i>Participants will learn how to establish an effective contract and policies and enforce their agreements with parents. How to establish a business relationship with parents, The four key elements of a contract, How a contract and policies differ, How to resolve conflicts and enforce agreements, How to write a transportation policy that protects you and the children in your care.</i> **FCCA's First In-Person Live Time Webinar** January 17</p>	<p>Mandated Reporting By: Department of Children and Families <i>Learn to recognize possible signs of child abuse and neglect and follows procedures as a Mandated Reporter of child abuse and neglect. Develop policies and protocols for reporting child abuse and neglect, including supporting staff and communicating with families.</i> February 7</p>	<p>Developmental Milestones and Redflags By: Alison Skelly- Special educator and Vision Specialist Jason Valdez Greenwood- Speech Pathologist <i>All children develop at different rates. This workshop will address normal development as well as when to be concerned. We will talk about what teachers can do to address these concerns in their own classrooms as well as when to refer to the schools or other outside specialists for further evaluation.</i> March 14 **diverse learners**</p>
<p>Nutrition & Choking Prevention By: TBA April 11</p>	<p>Music and the Developing Brain: Supporting Early Childhood Development through Music By: Merideth Pizzi, MPA, MT-BC, Board Certified Music Therapist <i>This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of how music supports the neurological development of young children.</i> May 9 **diverse learners**</p>	<p>CPR & First Aid, 6-9PM MUST pre-register MUST attend entire class for certificate Members only event Fee: \$21 for one, \$37 for both September 13, registration Ends Sept 6 April 25, registration ends April 18</p>

Meet Your Board



Alison Barnes, President
Ali lives with her husband and 3 children in Chelmsford. She has been in education and child care for around 20 years. She enjoys reading, painting, hiking, and going to concerts.

Olga Porter, VP Functions
Lowell



Linda Norden, VP Workshops
Linda lives in Burlington with her husband and two children. She has been providing Child care for 33 years. (10 in center care, 23 in her home.) Linda has taken over 100 classes & workshops. She enjoys flower arranging.

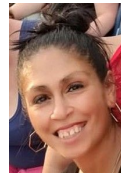
Marlene Foley, Treasurer
Marlene lives in Billerica and is married with 3 children and one grandchild. She has been doing child care for over 30 years.

Suzana Carvalho, Area Referral
Billerica



Susan Caprio, Membership Coordinator
Sue and her husband live in Billerica. She likes camping, reading and going out with friends.

Christina Costa, Area Referral
Billerica



Kathy Rowe, Secretary
Kathy lives with her husband Paul and our 2 girls in Lowell. She has been in daycare since she could remember! She enjoys reading, writing, paint nights, and running 5k's.

Social events

Sign Up Now:

Pizza social, Thurs Sept 20, 545-630pm,

RSVP when you sign up for the workshop, free

Chat Night, Thurs Oct 18, 6-9pm, Tavern in the Square, Lowell,

\$5 check w/ RSVP tear off sheet due Oct 11

Save the Date:

Holiday Banquet, Thurs Dec 6, 6-10pm, The Establishment, Chelmsford

Movie Night, March, Showcase Cinema, Lowell

Floral Arrangements, April, First Parish Unitarian, Billerica

Membership Appreciation Banquet, Thurs May 16, 6-10pm, 110 Grill, Chelmsford



Volunteer Opportunities

Diaper Drive: Bring new, unopened diapers to the **Sept, Oct, & Nov meetings** for donation to The Wish Project in Lowell. We will not be collecting monetary donations this year. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please do that online.

Volunteer Day: We will be setting up a day to volunteer as a group at The Wish Project later this fall or winter, after they complete their move. Information TBA.

FCCA Design Contest: Do you enjoy drawing and design? We will be having a contest this fall - keep your eyes & ears open for more information!!



Family Child Care Association
Special Event Sign Up

CPR & First Aid

Instructor: Ken Brooks

Thursday September 13
6-9PM

First Parish Unitarian, 7 Concord Rd, Billerica



\$21 for one, \$37 for both

Pre-registration is required by September 6

This training is reserved for FCCA members and their assistants
Assistants that are non-members must submit a copy of their FCC license
Attendees must attend entire session to receive certificate
Attendees are signing up for an event offered by FCCA
There are no refunds for FCCA events

Mail to: Olga Porter, 3 West Jenness Street, Lowell, MA 01851



CPR/First Aid, September 13

Name _____

I will be taking: CPR First Aid

Check if you have included a check for \$21 (one) or \$37 (both)

Checks should be made out to "FCCA"

RSVP by September 6 to reserve your spot

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Chat Night

*You are invited to attend Chat Night
Thursday, October 18
6-9PM*

*Tavern in the Square
Cross Point, 900 Chelmsford St, Lowell*



*We will hang out on the patio and pitch in for shared apps (just \$5).
You may purchase drinks & additional items at your own expense.
Relax and enjoy time with other child care professionals.
Get help with client issues, curriculum ideas, or things not related to work at all!*

Kindly RSVP by October 11

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