

Family Child Care Association
Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts



Member's Newsletter

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Dear Members,

As we wrap up the year, I want to thank everyone for helping set up/break down workshop seating, supporting each other, sharing ideas, and joining in at social events. This year we had 70 members! Many volunteer hours were put in to make sure you had high quality workshops, opportunity for networking at social events, and were able to connect with families in need of child care. Please take time to thank a board member for their efforts.

We're wrapping up the year with 2 great workshops: Nutrition & Choking Prevention and Music and the Developing Brain. I love that we're ending the year with some dancing!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Provider Appreciation Banquet on May 23. This year we are fortunate enough to be able to give a bit more back to members by partially covering part of the banquet costs!! To take advantage of that opportunity, send in your early bird registration by May 9. Please review the attached registration form for more information.

Sincerely,
Ali Barnes

Board Elections
will be on May 9th
From 6-6:30PM



Nominations for 2019-20 Board positions will be announced after April 11.

Members must be present to vote.

We will need 2 volunteers that are not running for a board position to oversee election procedures.

Save the Date: The first board meeting of the new year will be on June 6 or June 11.

Workshop Schedule

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

What's on Your Plate - Nutrition & Choking Prevention

By: Jeanie Bianchi and Gina Maniscalco

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans are the basis of federal nutrition policy, education, outreach, and food assistance provided through the Child Nutrition Programs. This Nutrition Training helps, child care settings, parents/caregivers, and children put the Dietary Guidelines for Americans into action.

This Nutrition training "What's on Your Plate" is a two hour nutrition training and in no way promotes and/or is a recruiting tool. This is solely a joint effort by Gina Maniscalco and Jean Bianchi to help provider nutrition training for providers.

April 11

Music and the Developing Brain: Supporting Early Childhood Development through Music

By: Merideth Pizzi, MPA, MT-BC, Board Certified Music Therapist

This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of how music supports the neurological development of young children.

May 9

****diverse learners****

CPR & First Aid, 6-9PM

MUST pre-register by April 11

MUST attend entire class session* for certificate

*You do not need to stay for first aid if you are only signing up for CPR
Registration reserved for members and their assistants

Fee: \$21 for one, \$37 for both

April 25, registration ends April 18

Family Child Care Association Special Event Sign Up



Provider Appreciation Banquet

Thursday, May 23 at 600PM

Please join us at 110 Grill, 116 Chelmsford St, Chelmsford for the end of year Provider Appreciation Banquet.
Buffet style serving with cash bar. Dressy casual to cocktail attire.

Special Events: Induction of 2019-20 FCCA Board Members

Kindly RSVP by May 16

Special Early Bird Rate RSVP by May 9 \$16

RSVP by May 16 \$26

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



2019 FCCA Provider Appreciation Banquet

Name _____

Check Number _____

_____ \$16 postmarked by May 9

_____ \$26 postmarked by May 16

Mail RSVP and check to:
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Family Child Care Association End of Year Report 2018-19



We have a lot to celebrate! Thank you to all of our board members for the time and effort committed to supporting our members. Look at all of these great things that happened this year:

President

Ali worked to improve member relations and support by encouraging participation on social media, proposing activities and methods for all members to feel included in FCCA events, organizing charitable events like donating to and volunteering at The Wish Project, and bringing in speakers like DEEC to give clear cut answers to licensing concerns and questions. She has been working with the board to bring the administration side of FCCA up to date with modern methods and practices, like: keeping the website updated, establishing a GoogleVoice phone number, and beginning to keep records in Google Drive. Ali also introduced a QRIS letter that will be available for the 2019-20 membership year and has proposed that the FCCA bylaws be updated for clarity and transparency.

VP Events

Olga put together a bunch of great social events for our members. Members who attended the holiday party in December were treated to a fun gift swap and delicious meal at The Establishment. Some beautiful creations were made at paint night. We have a evening to reflect on this past year and welcome the incoming board at 110 Grill in May. Olga also sets up the CPR and First Aid classes for us.

VP Workshops

Linda jumped right in for her first year on the board, taking on one of our largest tasks: scheduling presenters for workshops. Linda and Ali worked together to bring in several new topics, like: DCF Mandated Reporters; Nutrition and Choking Prevention; On Your Mark, Get Set, Go Green!; Developmental Milestones and Red Flags. Together, they achieved a total budget for workshop presenters of only \$2300.

Treasurer

Marlene collected member payments and handled all of our banking needs. The treasurer is also responsible for providing documentation to the accountant and for reporting financial standing to the IRS.

Membership

Sue has been diligently working on membership management for a few years. It takes a lot of man hours to process 70-80 applications that come in and to keep the rest of the board updated with who is who. She also helps to print and prepare all of our mail outs, which is another big task.

Referrals

Tina and Suzy stepped into a role that Linda Cain had filled for 12 years - big shoes to fill! They did an awesome job. They listened to Linda's advice, took a look at what would work best to stay organized and meet the needs of members, then ran with it. Referrals have been running smoothly with their new method!

Secretary

Kathy jumped back on board after a last minute change last summer. The secretary records the meeting minutes and helps to get special correspondence out to members.

