

Waukesha County Child Care Newsletter

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Let's Keep All of Our Children Safe

Waukesha County Childcare Certification is committed to making sure each and every child in our program is safe. Every one of our providers is fully trained on Shaken Baby Syndrome and has the knowledge and resources to prevent abuse from happening. We want all parents and caregivers to ask your provider what training they have and are they aware of the severe abuse that shaking a child can do. Educate yourself and keep informed, we are here to help. Message us anytime for information. If you reside within Waukesha County, ask how to become a certified provider. Click on the Child Welfare Information Gateway link to learn more: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>

You can make a difference ... help STOP child abuse!

The earlier child abuse is identified and reported, the better the chance of recovery and appropriate treatment for the child. If you suspect a child is in danger, call 911. To make a report of child abuse, contact law enforcement or your local social services agency.

To learn more, call the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453).

Where to Report: Child Protective Services

- Waukesha County Department of Health & Human Services
262-548-7212
- Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare
414-220-SAFE
- First Call for Help:
262-542-3388 or Dial 2-1-1 from your phone



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - Benjamin Franklin

Look at OUR STARS Who Are Rated by the YoungStar Program



Look at OUR STARS who are rated by the YoungStar Program:

- ★ Aguilera, Frances- 2 Star
- ★ Anderson, Kali- 2 Star
- ★ Bielich, Cheryl- 2 Star
- ★ Browning Clark, Renate- 2 Star
- ★ Dancer, Maxine- 2 Star
- ★ Engelhardt, Shannon- 2 Star
- ★ Hilbert, Melissa- 2 Star
- ★ Leitenberger, Marie- 2 Star
- ★ Murray, Chris- 2 Star
- ★ Otterbacher, Danielle- 2 Star
- ★ Reyes, Maria (Mary)- 2 Star
- ★ Suchla, Rose- 2 Star
- ★ Temple, Bobbi- 2 Star
- ★ Wingert, Lucy- 2 Star
- ★ Woolridge, Elizabeth- 3 Star

Total: 15 Waukesha County Certified Providers Are YoungStar Rated



SUGGESTION BOX:

Waukesha County Certified Child Care Providers...This is YOUR newsletter so we want to hear from YOU! We are always looking for your comments and feedback on the monthly Child Care Newsletters. In addition, we are also looking for topic ideas to be featured in future newsletters. Please forward any ideas or suggestions onto the certification staff as we would LOVE to hear from you!

What's Inside This Issue:

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- Spotlight on a Provider: Heather Steiner
- Waukesha County Certification Has a New Facebook Page
- Calendar of Events
- Recall Items

FINDING THE RESTART BUTTON

"Did you ever have one of those days with your children where you just wish you could hit the restart button? Start the day over and this time avoid all the chaos or bad moods? We've all experienced those times when the children are just a little out of control, a little louder than we'd like or not paying attention to what they should be doing. While a restart button isn't positioned clearly on your child's back, ready for use, there are ways to find it.

To hit a restart button for a child, break the pattern they are stuck in. Get this behavior to stop abruptly and be replaced with one completely different. This is most effectively accomplished by doing some action yourself that will surprise them and garner their attention.

Get creative in finding ways to get their attention, forget the typical such as clapping your hands or singing a "pay attention" song, make it fun and you'll be much more effective in getting their cooperation! Break the rules, or join them when they do, to snap them into attention. Act in a manner they would never expect, surprise them with your talents! To "restart" effectively means to STOP, then START again.

First, consider what would get them to stop what they are currently doing. For children, this usually means presenting them with some thing or some action that is much more interesting than that which they are playing with or doing at the moment. Once their attention shifts, you can direct it to an activity you'd prefer for them to engage in.

You've all heard the expression that "you catch more bees with honey," meaning being nice is always a better way to gather the attention or cooperation of others. Children are no different. For them, the ruling factor is how much fun they think they will have. If they consider what they are doing more fun than stopping to listen to you talk about the rules of an "inside voice" then you'll lose. But, if you present them with something more fun than their current activity, such as the possibility of a surprise or something new, then you'll win their hearts and attention.

Another can phrase we hear is "curiosity killed the cat" but in our case it's - curiosity kills the chaos! Present the children with something to pique their curiosity and they'll stop the chaos in a hurry to check it out.

For example, your children are running in circles around the room, possibly screaming just for the fun of it. You walk calmly into the middle of the room with a chair set it down, stand on it (or sit if this is physically challenging), and cover your head with a blanket. The children will possibly slow down to watch with curiosity when you enter the room carrying a chair, but when you stand and cover your head - WHACK! - the restart button is hit and they will not be able to resist stopping and coming over to see what you're doing. While under the blanket, take a 10 second hiatus from the chaos! By the time you're done, the children will be fully engaged in wondering just what you're doing! You can then surprise them, throw off the blanket with a shout and jump to the floor where giggles and hugs await you. You have effectively restarted their day.

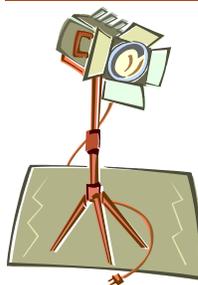
Some other tools for finding that restart button:

- If a child is dumping toys, join them and dump too!
- In a large box, wrap special items such as a book to read together or a cookie recipe to bake together. Bring out into room when things get crazy - but don't talk about it, just sit box down and walk away! The wrapped box will get their attention and after you firmly have grasped their attention, allow them to rip it open to find the surprise.

- Put on a head set and play music, dance and sing to it in the room until the children ask what you are listening to, then plug into a speaker and have a dance party!
- Using a deck of cards, begin to wordlessly walk around the room placing cards in a variety of spots. When you've gained their attention, play a seek-and-find game: name a card for them to find.
- Bring a pile of dress up items into the room; slowly begin to put them on. (Hat, gloves, feather boa, ruffle dress, cape, etc.) It won't take long before they will want to join in the fun. The next time things go a bit crazy with the kids don't hit the panic button - hit the restart button!"

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SPOTLIGHT ON A PROVIDER: **Heather Steiner** **"Heather's Happy Haven"**



Heath Steiner is this month's spotlight provider. Heather and her 7 year old daughter live in Pewaukee and she is the owner of Heather's Happy Haven. Heather and her daughter enjoy living in Pewaukee and enjoy fishing and swimming in the lake. She has been watching children since she was 12 years old and at 19 years old she was a live in nanny. Eight years ago Heather became a certified child care provider. Heather says being a certified provider has taught her many new things. For example,

when Heather joined the WECA food program she said she learned many things about nutrition that she never knew. The best part of her job Heather states is "knowing that I am raising extremely intelligent little ones when the parents are away at work. It's great to know when you are no longer needed that you were the beginning of their learning." She goes on to say that, "it truly amazes me as to how different each child is. They always seem to surprise me. The way they learn and the way they play." Heather enjoys getting out with her day care children to the beach, the park, the museum and zoo. She also enjoys just walking around town with the day care children. Heather says she tries to keep in touch the children she has cared for in her program. She says taking care of children has been her reward in life. Her advice to other providers is, "have fun and play. Everything you do is a great learning experience for a child." As for parents, her advice is, "never give a parent an inch because they will surely take a mile."

Waukesha County Certification Has a New Facebook Page



We are excited to join Facebook with a new **Waukesha County Childcare Certification** page! You can also check out our website (www.wc4kidz.com) as well for more information on the importance of choosing a certified childcare program or for a list of our current certified child care providers. Be sure to message us on Facebook if you have any questions or if you know of someone who is interested in starting their own in-home childcare business. We have lots of fun tips and tools for caregivers and parents so be sure to like our page today. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waukesha-County-Childcare-Certification/434807759931727>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 10, 2013

Provider Appreciation Day

Provider Appreciation Day is May 10th! We want to thank all our Waukesha County Certified Child Care Providers for the long days, hard work and loving hearts.



- ★ **Aguilera, Frances** "Nana's Daycare"
- ★ **Anderson, Kali** "House of a Few Bouchards"
- ★ **Angove, Sara** "Tiny Tootsies Home Day Care"
- ★ **Bielich, Cheryl** "Shooting Starz Care"
- ★ **Bleimehl, Jenny** "Teachable Moments"
- ★ **Browning Clark, Renate**
- ★ **Ceplina, Patricia (Paty)** "Paty's Corner Family Child Care"
- ★ **Dancer, Maxine** "Ages & Stages"
- ★ **Edgerson, Rhonda** "Hugs & Kisses Family Child Care"
- ★ **Ehli, Jan** "Jan Ehli's Day Care"
- ★ **Emery, Julie** "Miss Julie's House"
- ★ **Engelhardt, Shannon** "Shanny's Sweet Peas"
- ★ **Giles, Julie** "M. Poppins Family Day Care"
- ★ **Green, Rachel** "Faith, Trust and Pixie Dust"
- ★ **Hilbert, Melissa** "Melissa's Family Day Care"
- ★ **Kreitzer, Amy** "Hello Friends Family Daycare"
- ★ **Lamka, Susan** "Susie's Kids Daycare"
- ★ **Leitenberger, Marie** "Marie's Day Care"
- ★ **Maloney, Kristin** "Giggles and Grins Childcare"
- ★ **Manley, Joan** "Manley's Extension Home"
- ★ **Murray, Christine (Chris)** "Christine's Daycare"
- ★ **Otterbacher, Danielle**
- ★ **Payne, Peggy** "Lasting Impressions"
- ★ **Pete, Joi** "Little World Daycare"
- ★ **Reyes, Maria (Mary)** "Grandma Mary"
- ★ **Steiner, Heather** "Heather's Happy Haven"
- ★ **Suchla, Rosemary (Rose)** "Rose's Day Care"
- ★ **Temple, Roberta (Bobbi)**
- ★ **Wingert, Lucille (Lucy)** "Mother's Love Daycare"
- ★ **Woolridge, Elizabeth** "Auntie E's Child Care"

"The Friday before Mother's Day, May 10, 2013, is Provider Appreciation Day, a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all those who work with children and are responsible for their education and care. It is estimated that there are nearly 2.8 million child care providers in the United States and that more than 11 million children under age 5 are in their care..."

Provider Appreciation Day was started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey who saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children and working parents. Momentum and support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout North America, Europe, and Asia.

To learn more about Provider Appreciation Day or for ideas on how you can thank your child care provider, visit www.providerappreciationday.org.



October 10-12, 2013

WECA Annual Conference: Featuring the Keynote Speaker Lisa Murphy also known as the "Ooey Goey Lady"®

Location: Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells
*MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW! PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATE WHICH INCLUDES WATERPARK PASSES: CALL 877-253-5466 BY 9/9/13 AND MENTION THE WISCONSIN EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE ROOM BLOCK.



RECALLS:

<http://www.cspc.gov/>

Safety Alert: Single-Load Liquid Laundry Packets: Harmful to Children

Do NOT Let Children Handle; Keep Locked Up & Out of a Child's Sight/Reach. Children who are exposed to the chemicals in single-load liquid laundry packets are at risk of serious injury. Some of the chemicals in these laundry packets are toxic. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is advising parents and caregivers to lock up these laundry packets and keep them away from children.

Liquid laundry packets are attractive to children as play items because they are soft and colorful and they resemble familiar items like candy, toys and teething products. **In 2012 alone, CPSC staff has learned of about 500 incidents involving children and adults who were injured by the product.** Children have required hospitalization from ingesting the product due to loss of consciousness, excessive vomiting, drowsiness, throat swelling, and difficulty breathing (requiring intubation). Eye contact with detergent from ruptured packets has also resulted in medical treatment for severe irritation and temporary vision loss due to ocular burns.

Because these packets dissolve quickly and release highly concentrated toxic chemicals when contacted with water, wet hands, or saliva, consumers are strongly urged to always handle laundry packets carefully and with dry hands.

Save the Date

October 22, 2013

**Child Care Appreciation Event
Free**

The Waukesha County Child Care Work Group Committee is in the process of planning the Child Care Appreciation Event for October 22, 2013.

This year's event will focus on Developmental Trauma in Infants and Children. We will also examine behavioral indicators which can be present as a result of trauma. You will get wonderful ideas of how to support these children in your daycares. Come and develop some useful tools to work with these children.

More information to come...

RECALLS: <http://www.cpsc.gov/>



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Recalls: www.cpsc.gov

*Safety Alert: Crib Information Center- Enforcement Guidance for Child Care Providers

The Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), as amended by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), mandates that certain consumer products must comply with applicable CPSC requirements. On December 15, 2010, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted unanimously to approve new mandatory standards for full-size baby cribs (16 C.F.R. part 1219) and non-full-size baby cribs (16 C.F.R. part 1220). The new mandatory crib standards impose significant requirements on full-size and non-full-size cribs. The rule provides two compliance dates.

- **Effective June 28, 2011**, cribs offered for sale, contracted to sell or resell, manufactured, offered, provided for use, or otherwise placed in the stream of U.S. commerce must comply with the new federal crib standards.
- **Effective December 28, 2012**, the cribs that child care facilities, family child care homes, and places of public accommodation affecting commerce, provide for use must comply with current CPSC crib standards.

The CPSC has received questions asking how to determine whether a particular crib is compliant with the applicable CPSC standard, as well as what documentation would be acceptable to CPSC to demonstrate compliance. Below are the guidelines to follow in order to determine whether a crib complies with current CPSC crib standards:

- Determine the manufacture date based on the tracking label on the crib or the registration form supplied. For purposes of enforcing in child care facilities and family child care homes, we will presume that cribs manufactured on or after June 28, 2011 comply.
 - ◆ If the tracking label or registration form on the crib indicates that the crib was **manufactured after June 28, 2011**, no additional documentation is necessary to determine compliance with 16 C.F.R. part 1219 or 16 C.F.R. part 1220.
 - ◆ If the crib was **manufactured prior to June 28, 2011**, a Children's Product Certificate (CPC) or test report from a CPSC-accepted third party lab is the preferred way to demonstrate compliance with 16 C.F.R. part 1219 or 16 C.F.R. part 1220. While manufacturers, importers, and retailers are not required to supply CPCs or test reports to consumers, many will provide these documents to consumers upon request, or they post them on their websites.
- If the crib **does not have a tracking label or registration form** affixed to it:
 - ◆ If the crib was **purchased prior to June 28, 2011**, and does not have a tracking label or registration form, it is unlikely that it has been certified as being compliant with current CPSC crib standards. However, consumers may contact the manufacturer or retailer to determine which, if any, standard to which the crib has been certified.
 - ◆ If the crib was **purchased after June 28, 2011**, and it does not have a tracking label or registration form, contact the CPSC's Office of Compliance and Field Operations at jjirgl@cpsc.gov. Compliance staff will use this information when following up with the manufacturer or importer.

- Receipts alone are not an indicator of compliance and should only be used to support the documents identified above when determining compliance.

Definitions

Registration form means a postage-paid consumer registration form provided by the manufacturer with each product. Registration forms must identify the manufacturer's name and contact information, model name, model number, and the date of manufacture.

Tracking label means a permanent, distinguishing mark on the product and its packaging, to the extent practicable, which must contain certain basic information, including the source of the product, the date of manufacture, and cohort information, such as batch or run number.

Children's Product Certificate (CPC) means a certificate provided by the manufacturer or importer to the retailer or distributor of a children's product. The certificate must accompany the product through commerce and be provided to the retailer or distributor. The CPC certifies that such children's product complies with applicable children's product safety rule(s) based on the testing by a third party conformity assessment body accredited and accepted by the Commission to conduct such tests and identifies: the product covered by the certificate; the safety regulation to which the product is being certified; the importer or domestic manufacturer; contact information for the individual maintaining records of test results; date and place where the product was manufactured; date and place where the product was tested; and identification of the third party laboratory on whose testing the certificate depends.



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