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The Child Care Connection June 2019

A Message from Our Executive Director



Pictured: Michele Lauer-Bader, CCCS Board President; Vanessa Baird-Streeter, Deputy Assistant County Executive; Jennifer Rojas, Executive Director of CCCS; Roberta Reardon, NY Commissioner of Labor

Happy Summer!

Just because it is summer does not mean we are slowing down here at the Council! We have a busy schedule of training and professional development opportunities – check it out [here](#). And mark your calendars for our regional Infant Toddler Conference – scheduled for September 14th.

We are also busy advocating in Albany and locally to address the many challenges facing the child care industry and working families. Through the Governor's Child Care Availability Task Force, I am working hard to push for investments that will make it easier for families to access and afford child care, while at the same time supporting the need to help child care providers meet the rising minimum wage requirements.

The good news is that more of our policy-makers are focusing on child care. At our Annual Meeting in June, the NYS Commissioner of the Department of Labor, Roberta Reardon, spoke passionately about the importance of child care saying, *“Child care is a vital issue that impacts every family in the state in one way or another. Accessible, affordable child care isn't a women's issue, it's not a family issue, it's SOCIETY'S issue. We have to do a better job by our children and by our working families. The Department of Labor stands ready to dig into this issue and be a part of the solution.”*

We will continue to fight for a child care system that is adequately funded, supported and RESPECTED!

Thank you for all you do and have a wonderful and safe summer!

Updated Immunization Requirements



As of June 13, 2019 there is no longer a religious exemption to the requirement that children be vaccinated in order to attend public, private or parochial school (for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade) or child day care settings.

This new legislation will affect some program's current policies and procedures when accepting new children, as well as updating children's current medical statements & immunizations.

For more information on this new legislation, click [here](#).

CLASP Survey Opportunity

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) is interested in learning more about the experiences of immigrant families with young children and the direct service providers who support them. CLASP is a national, nonpartisan, anti-poverty organization that conducts research and advocacy around policies that support people who are low income and their families.

The purpose of this survey is to understand how young children in immigrant families and their parents are experiencing immigration policy changes. CLASP is interested in learning about any observed changes in the health or well-being of young children and any changes in families' access to services and programs.

The survey will take approximately 25-45 minutes to complete. A random selection of respondents will win a \$50 gift card.



[Click here to complete the survey](#)

Upcoming Trainings

7/9 - Regulaciones para los proveedores de familia y grupo familiar(Regulations Jeopardy)

7/10 - Bug Safari

7/17 - Regulations Jeopardy for Family/Group Child Care

7/24 - Red Flags and Modifying the Classroom

7/30 - Schedules, Routines, Transitions OH

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8/3 - Resucitacion Cardio Pulmonar (RCP) (CPR)

8/3 - Primeros Auxilios (First Aid)

8/6 - Apoyando a Los Ninos A Resolver Conflictos Con Independencia Segun sus Edades (Supporting Children Resolve Conflicts Independently)

8/7 - Infant/Child/Adult CPR

8/8 - Buena comunicacion entre los padres y proveedor es importante! (Good Communication Between Providers & Parents is Important)

8/13 - Getting Out From Under the Paperwork

8/14 - Pediatric First Aid

8/21 - Child Abuse/Maltreatment/Shaken Baby

9/10 - Entornos que apoyan la iniciativa (Environments that Support Initiative)



[Click here to register](#)

CSEA will sponsor trainings for Family and Group Family child care providers. When registering for a training, contact [Stefanie](#) to see if your program is eligible!

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Summer Sizzler

Stir frying is a healthy and quick cooking method that can easily transform chicken or any leftover meat or vegetables into another entree.

Ingredients

- 3/4 lb chicken, turkey, or pork, cut in cubes or thin slices
- 2 1/2 cups Asian vegetable mix, frozen
- 1/2 tbsp oil, olive or canola or cooking spray
- 1 tbsp soy sauce, low sodium (optional)
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Directions

1. Slice chicken, turkey or pork into strips or cubes.
2. Spray pan (or wok or griddle) with cooking spray or use a little olive or canola oil.
3. Cook until meat is browned.
4. Add vegetables to the meat and cook 1 to 2 minutes until the vegetables are cooked but still colorful and crisp.

This can be served as Lunch/Supper |
Serves 5 ages 3-5



Reminder: It's getting hot out there! Don't forget to serve your children lots of water!



Parent Leadership Initiative (PLI)



Congratulations to the P.L.I. class of 2019, who will now take their place among the more than 800 graduates who collectively help create a safe and supportive environment for our children on Long Island.

This year's projects include efforts in anti-bullying, mentoring, healthy food choices and equitable access to voting for the residents of Suffolk County.

If you're interested in learning more about our program and becoming part of the P.L.I. family, please contact Denise Ham, Director of P.L.I. Suffolk County for more information at DHam@childcaresuffolk.org, or call 631-462-0303 ext. 101. We're now accepting applications for the 2019/2020 sessions.

Resource & Referral



Does your child care program offer
summer and school break options for families?

Call us today at **631-462-0303** and ask to speak with the Resource and Referral Department to update your program's information for the summer season.

