



Child Care Chat

Newsletter To Be Published Quarterly!

Child Care Chat, the new Child Care Licensing Newsletter, will be coming to a mailbox, or inbox, near you on a quarterly basis. The idea for the newsletter is to provide information, anecdotes and updates for our Nevada Providers. We value you and the hard work that you do everyday and we know that sometimes there is confusion about regulation changes, training opportunities, best practice, curriculum and general child development. This newsletter will be a fun resource that we hope

will provide you with useful information in a format that is user friendly. The newsletter will also allow us to introduce you to Licensing staff by sharing their story with you! We hope that you enjoy this and that it serves as a resource for you and your staff!

Licensing is here to assist you and to help you to continue providing the high caliber programs to the State of Nevada's most valuable asset, our children!



Stirling, 13 months, grandson of CCL Surveyor, Rachel Netz

Fire Safety News:

As a reminder, Fire Inspections are required annually in order to renew or maintain your license. Licensing is encouraging everyone to request their inspections early in order

to allow State Fire adequate time to complete inspection and follow up if necessary. So don't delay...get those requests in early!

For questions or concerns please contact Connie Etchison at State Fire 775-684-7531.



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Remember to notify your Surveyor regarding closures for any reason!
- ☺ Your Surveyor can be a great source for ideas and suggestions!
- ☺ The Nevada Registry site has a Job Board! You might just find your next great employee there!

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Surveyor Spotlight! Lisa Roberts



Lisa Roberts is currently the longest serving Child Care Licensing Surveyor in the State! Back when Lisa started with Child Care Licensing, in October of 1988, there were only two Surveyors for the entire state! She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Child Development and Family Studies. Lisa is married with a daughter and two furry children.

Lisa's wealth of knowledge and genuine passion for her position make her an excellent resource for the rest of us. Her insight into the challenges faced by Northern and Rural providers make her a strong advocate and an understanding ally! We are so honored to have Lisa as a part of the Northern Team and look forward to many more years of working together!

-Rachel Netz, Child Care Licensing Surveyor, Elko

April Themes: Earth Day Every Day!

April 22nd of each year is Earth Day!

Earth Day was started by a Wisconsin State Senator, Gaylord Nelson, in 1970. Senator Nelson was struck by the devastation caused by oil spills in Santa Barbara, California in 1969 and enlisted the help of a bi-partisan team and get the idea of focusing on the environment onto the national agenda. As a result of the first Earth Day in 1970, the Clean Air and Water Act and the Endangered Species Act were both legislated into law.

Earth Day is a wonderful way to introduce children, even little ones, to the idea of Stewardship. Earth Day Activities can include planting flowers or trees, cleaning up the play yard, community based organized clean up, green up activities. Children have an innate desire to help and you have an amazing opportunity to instill a sense of appreciation and love of our Earth on this day (and everyday)!



"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in." Rachel Carson

Developmental Domains: Gross Motor Skills

With nicer weather on the horizon it is time to start thinking about outdoor activities. Children relish opportunities to be outside and moving those muscles, particularly when the weather is conducive. Try planning a day outdoors for your children. Have a "picnic in the park" on the playground. Play simple games that require running, jumping, imitating and climbing, like "Mother May I?" and "Simon Says". Take a walk around the

neighborhood or to a local park. Many children learn best when they are moving and interacting with their world. Swinging is a great opportunity to get the "wiggles" out and help children to focus. So take advantage of the nicer weather and get outside several times a day with the children. Toddlers who are just learning to walk enjoy time to practice their new skills! Babies should be getting out into the fresh air as well!

Just remember the sunscreen...



Surveyor Spotlight! Continued...

Lisa is an extraordinary wealth of information. She never forgets the history of Child Care Licensing, the people who made a difference and the significant events that have impacted the community. If you need to know something, ask Lisa. In addition, because she never forgets ANYTHING, do not say anything you do not want her to remember.

She always comes to work with a smile and will handle any situation with patience and grace.

- Alicia Mazy, Administrative Assistant, Carson City

Having both started this past year we feel as if Lisa has been a strong mentor and role model. She has modeled positive examples of how to strike a balance with providers to emphasize productive relationships.

Lisa always has a positive attitude that encourages a close knit work environment. We are thrilled to work along side such a talented individual for many years to come.

-Tammy Hutchinson and Tiffany Kaplan, Child Care Licensing Surveyors, Carson City

This year marks Lisa's 25th anniversary with Child Care Licensing. She is devoted to early childhood education and best practices when caring for young children. Her dedication to Child Care and best practices is something to be proud of and we are so lucky to have her. Additionally, she is dedicated to providing laughter to those around her. If I am ever lost, she is the one that I want by my side .

—Anna Lisa Acosta, Child Care Surveyor Supervisor, Carson City

Provider Tips, Tricks, and Hints:

Please feel free to comment on the newsletter, send suggestions for topics, share an uplifting story, or ideas that work in your facility and we will endeavor to get it published .

Additionally, we hope to highlight a program each month and provide insight into how they are getting things done in their local community.

If you have any tips, tricks, or hints that you would like to share with other providers please send them to tkaplan@health.nv.gov



Reg Review! : Annual Training Hours

Each quarter we will be tackling a regulation that may be confusing and give you the what, why, and how.

Starting January 2014 the requirement for annual training hours went up to 18 hours including 2 hours of child wellness. (Family and Group care remains at 15 hours including 2 hours of child wellness)

These trainings should vary year to year in order for you and your staff to gain new insights to take back and uti-

lize in your facility.

Don't wait until the last minute to attend trainings! Promote upcoming classes for your staff by providing an easy reference of available courses obtained through the Nevada Registry. Regularly search for new opportunities as courses are continuously updated.

Please visit www.NevadaRegistry.org or call The Nevada Registry at 775-327-0670 for a current list of trainings.

Remember to keep all initial trainings in separate organized files or in a binder along with current annual training hours that will be easily accessible during your inspections.

If you have any questions regarding trainings or how to get organized please contact your surveyor.



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Our vision for the Child Care Licensing Unit is to promote the healthy growth, development, and protection of children, increase availability of positive and nurturing learning environments and provide support for families by regulating and licensing high quality, developmentally appropriate, and flexible care, through a wide range of care options.

This vision involves mentoring and guiding child care providers to become advocates for children and family issues, as well as, foster the growth and development of the provider community. In support of this vision Child Care Licensing will work to expand the awareness of state legislators, local regulatory agencies and consumers so as to encourage support for improving the quality of child care environments for Nevada's children and families

Monthly Happenings:

April is Autism Awareness Month!



Autism is a spectrum disorder that is characterized in varying degrees by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors.

Autism appears to have roots in very early brain development but the most obvious signs and symptoms tend to emerge between 2 and 3 years of age.

Autism affects an estimated 1 out of 54 boys and 1 in 252 girls in the United States.

For more information on Autism please visit:

www.autismspeaks.org

May 6th is National Teacher Appreciation Day!

Take this opportunity to show your employees that you're grateful for all of the hard work they do.

Showing your staff you appreciate them can come in the form of a thank you card, a staff breakfast, a heartfelt compliment or a small token of your appreciation. No gesture is too small!



June is Potty Training Awareness Month!



-Not every child is ready for potty training at the same time. When the child is ready they will let you know.

-Have tips, potty charts, and your potty training guidelines readily available for both staff and parents.

-Remind parents to bring multiple changes of clothes to help during this transition.

-Remember, as always, food should not be used as a reward or punishment.