

10 Year Anniversary this Month!

## November Meeting

We are a small, friendly group always looking for new people to join us!

**when:** Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**where:** The home of Pam Stefanich. Please call Pam to RSVP and to get Directions to her home.

**agenda:** Activities Exchange! We are going to be sharing games, craft ideas, music, finger-plays, prop box ideas, and website resources. Bringing a binder may be helpful.

**future meeting dates:** Tuesday evenings: Dec. 12th, Jan. 9th, Feb. 6th, March 6th, April 10th, and May 8th. Watch for each month's meeting place in upcoming newsletters.

## ??? Question of the month ???

Just today I visited with Kelly Nokleby. Kelly is a tax preparer and national speaker who trained under Tom Copeland at The Redleaf National Institute. She is willing to do either a 2 hour or 4 hour class for our network.

In a two hour session, she would discuss the importance of choosing a tax preparer that understands child care. She would also discuss what types of records that need to be kept and the manner in which the records need to be kept.

If we extended the time, she could expand on ways to decrease your bottom line by employing your own children. She would discuss depreciation, estimated tax payments and retirement plans. She could discuss how to hire your spouse to be eligible to establish a medical program that would help defer medical costs. The list of topics is endless. She stated she is willing to work with our network to make this an affordable event Please **contact me immediately** with a chosen date and your interest! [www.SEN@sdfcc.org](mailto:www.SEN@sdfcc.org). 361-7322

**Update!!! November 18, 2006 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Oak View Branch Library. Call to reserve a spot.**

## Will you come see Kelly Nokleby?

Kelly grew up in a licensed child care home and was a licensed provider for 12 years. She worked for the Child and Adult Care Food Program as a field representative for 9 years. Kelly has been facilitating workshops around the country for Child Care Providers for 17 years.



# As a Childcare Professional, do you need: support? ideas? encouragement?

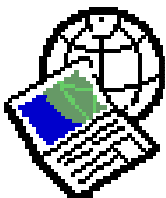


## SeChildcareNetwork

Cari Lindner, a member of our Networking Group, has developed a discussion group called SeChildcareNetwork. It is FREE OF CHARGE and provided and monitored by Yahoo Groups preventing spam and making the site secure. To receive more information, contact Cari Lindner at 543-5435 or [cslindner@msn.com](mailto:cslindner@msn.com). Please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SeChildCareNetwork> for the opportunity to sign up and view the site Cari created. This discussion group is for childcare providers in South Dakota offering friendship and support in all aspects of our careers from much needed venting to programming and business building ideas.

## Family Child Care Professionals of South Dakota

Another great resource for childcare providers is the Family Childcare Professionals of South Dakota. Their web site is found at [www.SDFCC.org](http://www.SDFCC.org). Take a peak at the various resources and links that you will find on this site. This association's site provides great information for providers and parents alike! Check out the Photo Album or Bulletin Board Forum to see and hear from members of our SEN Networking Group. You can get on the forum directly at [www.sdfcc.net/forums](http://www.sdfcc.net/forums). A short registration process is all that is required to post messages. I have to say there are some resources that can be found in these posts that my business could not do without.



## Excel Computer Class Opportunity

### Increase Your Computer Skills...

We all enjoyed our first class with Ms. Honner last week. We learned how to create folders, use a thumb nail, and create columns in Word. Our next class is being offered on Thursday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:15 p.m. in room 102 in the computer lab of O' Gorman Jr. High. On this night, we will be diving into Excel learning how to produce spread sheets for record keeping in our Child Care Businesses. Feel free to bring examples to share with the class. I will need each student to both RSVP and send me their \$5.00 fee prior to the class. RSVP's can be sent to [www.SEN@sdfcc.org](mailto:www.SEN@sdfcc.org). I can give you my address at that time. On the night of the next class, Ms. Honner will be asking what office package each provider has on their home computer, for example: Microsoft Word, Microsoft works, Word Perfect. She also needs to know what operating system you have on your computer, for example: Windows 98, Window XP, Windows ME. Finally, look to see if you have Microsoft Excel.

This is a great opportunity for us to receive computer training at a very reasonable price. I have made plans with Ms. Honner to provide another beginner type computer class in January. Again I hope to ask the aid of experienced computer helpers to offer assistance that night. I plan to be both a student and helper. There are both short cuts and information I know will be helpful in adding to my computer skills.



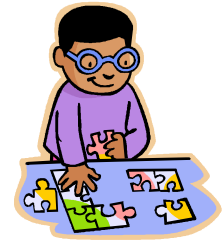


The toy and Game Lending Library recognizes that play and toys are essential to the healthy development of children. With a \$20 annual fee (\$10 deposit), providers can check out toys, books, resources, and theme kits. Providers can save on start up costs of a new business or the continued maintenance of existing toys by checking out a large variety of toys and books for a minimal cost. This is a great way to add new variety to your child care as we become more closed in with colder weather.

## Hours Of Operation...

- CHILD Services Office hours, M-F 8am-4:30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 10am-1pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month until 8 pm

**Toy & Game Lending Library**  
1115 W. 41st Street  
Sioux Falls, SD



# F.Y.I.

for you and your childcare families:

Parent's guide:  
child seat  
safety



project8

Project 8 is South Dakota's new goal to keep kids safe by making sure they are in the best child seat for their height and weight, until they are at least 8 years old. At 8 years, most children can safely wear a seat belt because they are taller than 4'9" and weigh more than 80 pounds.

The Project 8 program can help you with FREE "Car Seat Inspections" provided to help parents find out if their seat is put in the right way, or if their child's seat is correct for their size. These inspections can be held M-F from 9am-3pm at CHILD Services, or by appointment at other times by calling 333-0698. Why not schedule an inspection during pick-up time so parents can all benefit from this service!



Log on to [www.siouxvalley.org](http://www.siouxvalley.org) to find some great practical parenting information and news

You can find general health information as well as recipes, first aid and safety suggestions, and growth and development info. for parents. Kids can benefit as well with homework help, games and loads of other information!

# Let's Talk Turkey!

5 Little turkeys sitting in a tree  
Said the first little turkey,  
    'What do I see?"  
Said the 2<sup>nd</sup> little turkey,  
    "A man with a gun!"  
3<sup>rd</sup>... "Away let's run!"  
4<sup>th</sup>... "I'm not afraid!"  
5<sup>th</sup>... "Let's hide in the shade!"  
Then BANG, BANG, BANG went  
the gun and away they all run!  
(Yea, but it rhymes!)

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FIVE FAT TURKEYS ARE WE...  
Slept all night in a tree.  
When the cook came around  
Only one could be found:  
And that left four you see.  
    (repeat till none.)  
When the cook can around  
none could be found.  
They were well hidden you see.  
(Okay, I made up the last part  
so it remains positive.)

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Game: "Turkey Strut"  
Use tape to make turkey prints  
on the floor. Using music,  
children pretend to be turkeys  
and strut around the room.  
When the music stops, they find  
a turkey foot print to stand on.

Game: The Farmer and the  
Turkeys...

One child is the farmer. The rest  
of the children are turkeys. The  
farmer closes his eyes and the  
turkeys all go hide. Once hidden  
the turkeys can quietly "gobble,  
gobble," The farmer sets out and  
finds all his/her turkeys.  
Variation: Have one turkey leave  
and ask the farmer to figure out  
which turkey has left the room.

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Turkey Dinner Game

Sung to: "Frere Jacques"  
"Turkey dinner, turkey dinner.  
Gather round. Gather round. Who  
will get the drumstick" Yummy,  
yummy drumstick. All sit down!"  
Everyone gets a small decorated  
paper plate. Everyone hides their  
eyes while one person hides a  
laminated picture of a turkey  
under one of the plates. Tell the  
children to uncover their eyes and  
sing the song together. The child  
that finds the turkey hides it the  
next time around.

