



Sioux Empire Childcare Network

monthly newsletter

September 2007

September Meeting

When:

Tuesday
Sept. 11th
@ 7:00pm

Where:

Oak View Library
3700 E. 3rd Street
Meeting Room #1
Please RSVP at SEN@sdfcc.org
before Sept. 9th to receive a
certificate of attendance.
Last minute drop-ins welcome.

Agenda:

Pam Stefanich will be providing
a workshop on ... "Success in
Marketing Your Child Care
Business". This workshop is
being submitted to both
SDAECY and FCCPSD
conferences.

Future Meetings:

Oct. 9th
Nov. 3rd

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

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. 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. 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. 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.

Marketing Your Business

This Month!

At our September meeting, Tuesday Sept. 11th, Pam Stefanich will be presenting a workshop on "Success in Marketing Your Child Care Business". This is a topic that can benefit any provider no matter how long they have been in the business. Her material will be coming from Tom Copeland's book, Family Child Care Marketing Guide: How to Build Enrollment and Promote Your Business As a Child Care Professional, as well as, 12 yrs. personal experience. The key topics discussed with be: Tips on Marketing your Business, How Best to Direct Calls from Potential Clients, and Successful Interviews. I will be submitting this workshop to our licensing agency seeking their approval for continuing education hours when it is completed. Watch your email for this announcement. This workshop is also being submitted to both SDAECY and FCCPSD conferences.

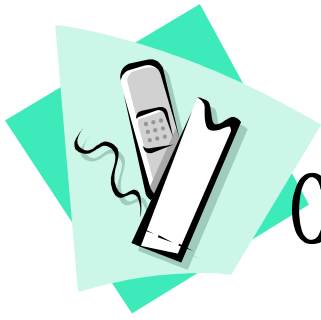
Possible Future Meeting Topics

- Successful Menu Planning: Actually Menu Making Ideas to share and to take home.
- National speaker, Jeff A. Johnson speaking on his book, "Finding Your Smile Again: A Child Care Professional's Guide to Reducing Stress and Avoiding Burnout".
- The Five Love Languages of Children, workshop based on book by Gary Chapman
- Resolving Difference with Parents
- Developing and Maintaining Partnership with Parents
- Success At Being A Mother And A Child Care Provider
- Your Suggestions! Cast your votes at SEN@sdfcc.org.

Curriculum Development Group

New Ideas...

Is anyone interested in forming a group who would get together on a monthly basis or so to develop our own curriculum/themes for our daycares? If you would be interested or would like more information on the thought process, please contact Cari Lindner. You can reach her at cslindner@msn.com or 335-4388. As of right now, we are just in the thinking stages and would like to see if there is any interest.



the Source

Curriculum Ideas On Child Care Safety

Corrie Hanson has given me permission to share website information and free materials offers that she uses to enhance her curriculum for children during this month's Child Safety Month.

Car Safety

Amy Heisinger
Family Life Educator
Project 8 Regional Coordinator
605) 333-0698
1800) 235-5923 ext 3
Heisinga@sanfordhealth.org
www.state.sd.us/project8/

Sex Offender Registries

www.sor.sd.gov
www.nsopr.gov
www.familywatchdog.us

Poison Safety

www.sdpoison.org/

For a free sheet of Mr. Yuk stickers,
send a self-addressed, stamped
business-size (#10) envelope to:

Free Mr. Yuk Stickers
Pittsburgh Poison Center
3705 Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

[www.chp.edu/chpstore/poisonprev.php#
mr_yuk_stickers](http://www.chp.edu/chpstore/poisonprev.php#mr_yuk_stickers)

Street Safety

[www.registeredoffenderslist.org/child-
identification-kits.htm](http://www.registeredoffenderslist.org/child-identification-kits.htm)

[www.mypreciouskid.com/DNA-
fingerprint-kit.html](http://www.mypreciouskid.com/DNA-fingerprint-kit.html)

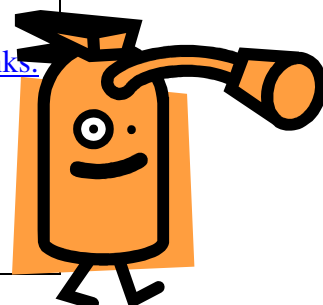
Stranger Danger

www.thesafeside.com
(This is the BEST video!)

Fire Safety

[www.siouxfalls.org/Fire/Kids/kid_links.
aspx](http://www.siouxfalls.org/Fire/Kids/kid_links.aspx)

www.fema.gov/kids/
www.smokeybear.com/kids
www.sparky.org/



Making Safety Fun!

Bucklebear® Safety Poem

I like my seatbelt
nice and snug.
Around my hips
like a big bear hug.
I make it click
so the driver will know
I'm buckled up and ready to go.

We Are Safe

Sung to: "mulberry bush"

This is the way that we are safe.
We are safe , we are safe,
This is the way we are safe,
Every day of the year.

This is the way we cross the street
Look left, then right, left then right.
Verse 1 again
Look left then right for safety

This is the way we ride in a car
Sit up straight, buckle your belt.
Verse 1
Buckle your belt for safety.

Do you know the police officer?
Oh do you know the police officer?
O do you know the police officer
who helps me cross the street?
(or who helps me when I'm lost)

Traffic Light song

Red says stop (hold up left hand in "stop" gesture)
Green says go. (right arm motioning)
Yellow says wait. (Hold up index finger)
You'd better go slow.
When I reach a crossing place (cross arms at wrist)
To the left and right I turn my face.
I walk, not run across the street. (Use fingers)
and use my head to guide my feet. (point to head and feet)

Twinkle Twinkle Traffic Light

Sung to: "Twinkle twinkle little star"

Twinkle, Twinkle, traffic light,
Shinning at the corner bright.
Red means stop. (hands held out)
Green means go. (Move hands to make go
signal)
Yellow in the middle means you better go slow.
(Point finger and move slow)
Twinkle, twinkle traffic light,
Shinning at the corner bright.

Always added 8-30-04

Sung to: "Mary Had A Little Lamb"

Always watch the Traffic Light
the Traffic Light
the Traffic Light
Always watch the Traffic Light
Before you cross the Street

Green means Go
Yellow means Slow
and Red means Stop, Stop Stop.

Always look both ways
both ways
both ways
Always look both ways
before you cross the street.

Look to the left
Look to the right
Make sure there are no cars in your sight.
Look to the left
Look to the right
Before you cross the street.

