



Family Newsletter

Schuyler County
Child Care Coordinating Council

Schuyler County Child Care Coordinating Council is dedicated to connecting families, child care providers, and the business community in reaching the common goal of quality child care for all children.

Breakfast with Santa

Bring your child to breakfast with Santa.

Date: December 19

Time: 8am—11am

Location: Montour Falls Moose Lodge

Cost: \$5 per person; Tickets available at the door or in advance at the Child Care Council or from a registered/licensed child care provider

Proceeds to benefit Schuyler County's children through services offered by Schuyler County Child Care Coordinating Council

The Family Play and Resource Center

Open Tuesday - Friday
10am - 2pm

Located at
Human Services Complex
323 Owego Street
Montour Falls
607-535-6236

Stop-In & Play

The resource center is completely **free** for parents and their children to come and play.



The Family Play and Resource Center (FPRC) is a unique Stop-in setting for parents, children, caregivers and educators to come together and meet in a warm and supportive environment. The FPRC promotes positive interaction and developmentally appropriate activities for all children. This is a great place for parents and caregivers to receive a wide variety of support, information and resources.

What's New

Stop in and check out the new arts and crafts station along with all of the other great toys! And for parents explore our updated resource library.



To receive this newsletter by email contact SCchildcareCC@stny.rr.com and type Family Newsletter in the subject line.



American Mobile Dental Van will return to Schuyler County in the Spring. The van will park by the Head Start shed at the Schuyler Human Services Complex but ANYONE can be seen those days. The dates are April 20, May 18, June 29, July 27 and August 24. They take all insurances, including Medicaid, will work with private pay or the uninsured. Appointments can be made by calling: American Mobile Dental at 1-877-24-tooth. For more information visit americanmobiledental.com.

Help Schuyler County's Children..... Without Spending a Penny

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

And if you download the GoodSearch – Schuyler County Child Care Coordinating Council toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Schuyler County Child Care Coordinating Council toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/schuyler-county-child-care-coordinating-council>

Thank You For Supporting
Schuyler County's Children



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Working With Your Child Care Program to Keep Your Child Safe

Keeping your child safe while in child care is a big concern. You want your child to be safe, well-cared for and learning while in child care. You expect that safety includes having your child care provider:

- Pass background checks.
- Have regular health and safety inspections.
- Be licensed.
- Follow standard safety and health procedures.

A recent NACCRRRA parent survey confirms these expectations. Here are a few tips for helping you work with your child care program to keep your child healthy and safe while in child care and at home.

Background checks: Most parents assume that background checks are required for licensed child care providers. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Parents simply cannot know if a provider has a violent criminal history unless a thorough background check is completed. See how [your state stacks up on background checks](http://www.naccrra.org/policy/background_issues/background-checks/) for child care providers. (http://www.naccrra.org/policy/background_issues/background-checks/)

Regular inspections: Regular inspections of child care settings help keep children safe and help child care providers by offering on-site guidance in providing the best environment for children possible. [NACCRRRA's website has information on the frequency of licensing inspections](http://www.naccrra.org/policy/state_licensing/#inspections) (http://www.naccrra.org/policy/state_licensing/#inspections) for centers and family child care homes, as well as information on the availability of inspection results.

Licensed child care: Nationally, there are more than 335,000 licensed child care facilities. [NACCRRRA has resources that show, state by state, the types and numbers of licensed facilities](http://www.naccrra.org/policy/state_licensing/#licensing), (http://www.naccrra.org/policy/state_licensing/#licensing) how many children must be present before a license is required, and the distinction between a small family child care home and a large family child care home.

Follow standard safety and health procedures: The following are examples of common health and safety issues that need to be addressed in child care settings:

Handwashing: Frequent handwashing is the most effective defense against illness and the spread of germs at home and in child care. Wash hands when arriving at child care; before preparing food or bottles, meals or snacks, giving medications or first aid; after using the bathroom, diapering, coughing or sneezing. Watch the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) video for proper handwashing techniques](http://www.cdc.gov/cdctv/handstogether/). (http://www.cdc.gov/cdctv/handstogether/)

Coughing and Sneezing: The [CDC recommends coughing or sneezing](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/pdf/covercough_school8-5x11.pdf) (http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/pdf/covercough_school8-5x11.pdf) into the crook of the arm so germs are not transferred onto the hands.

Lice, pinworm, impetigo, and pink eye (conjunctivitis): No one likes to talk about them, but [lice](http://www.cdc.gov/lice/), (http://www.cdc.gov/lice/) [pinworm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/pinworm/factsht_pinworm.htm), (http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/pinworm/factsht_pinworm.htm) [impetigo](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/impetigo/DS00464) (http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/impetigo/DS00464) and [pink eye](http://www.cdc.gov/conjunctivitis/index.html) (http://www.cdc.gov/conjunctivitis/index.html)

Check out NACCRRRA's newest nationwide parent poll: [The Economy's Impact on Parents' Choices and Perceptions about Child Care](http://www.naccrra.org/membership/economy-impact) (http://www.naccrra.org/membership/economy-impact)

Listen to the latest Child Care Aware® Parent Network webinar! [Is Media the Other Parent? The Influence of Media and Technology on Young Children.](http://www.ccaparentnetwork.org/members/webinars/) (http://www.ccaparentnetwork.org/members/webinars/) Presented on Aug 24, 2010, by Rebecca Randall (Common Sense Media).

are common in child care settings and schools across the country. Although they rarely pose a health threat, they are unpleasant and can be hard to control. These conditions spread quickly because of the way children play together - head to head or hand in hand. Check your children carefully if there is an outbreak, and teach your children to wash their hands regularly and not to share other children's blankets, stuffed animals and hats.

Transportation: Injuries are more likely to occur during the times when a child is in transit and when a child's surroundings or routine changes. The [U.S. Department of Transportation offers travel and safety tips for children](http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/childps/newtips/index.htm). (http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/childps/newtips/index.htm)

Crib Safety: The [Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\) has a video on how to use your crib safely](http://www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html) (http://www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html) and just proposed [new safety standards](http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/frnotices/fr10/cribstd.pdf) (http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/frnotices/fr10/cribstd.pdf) for full-size and non-full-size baby cribs. These standards will apply to all owners and operators of child care facilities, including family child care homes.

Indoor Safety: Watch indoor spaces for:

- Improperly stored cleaning supplies
- Broken toys
- Clutter that could trip a child
- Sharp objects (scissors, knives)
- Open containers of water
- Exposed electrical outlets or cords
- Small items that could present a choking hazard
- Non-secured TV or video equipment on moveable carts

Outdoor Safety: Children need and enjoy outdoor time every day. Outdoor play space should include the following:

- Soft surface beneath play structures
- Equipment that is sturdy, well-maintained and free of splinters
- Good adult supervision
- Fenced-in area protected from the street

For More Information

Child Care Aware® (<http://www.childcareaware.org/>) provides links to your state licensing agency, accreditation information, and tips on how your Child Care Resource & Referral agency can help you.

American Academy of Pediatrics (<http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/childcare.cfm>) covers child care topics of interest to parents of children of all ages.

Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care, (<http://nrckids.org/CFOC/HTMLVersion/TOC.html>) from the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education, lists national health and safety standards for child care programs in an easy-to-understand format.

Is This the Right Place for My Child? 38 Research-Based Indicators for High-Quality Child Care, (<http://www.naccrra.org/publications/naccrra-publications/is-this-the-right-place-for-my-child>) by NACCRRRA, was created as a guide for parents to help them better judge quality when considering child care programs. All of the questions are based on research about what is important to your child's health, safety, and development.

RAISE YOUR HAND FOR CHILD CARE! Join the Network designed for parents and those who care about access to safe, affordable and nurturing child care at Child Care Aware.



Sign-up to receive the Parent Central newsletter by email at:
www.ccaparentnetwork.org

Parent Central Express is the monthly e-newsletter of Parent Central, a program dedicated to helping parents access information on children's issues and resources on parenting. Parent Central is a program of the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA).


CCR&R Services for Parents

- Referrals to child care programs
- Answers to child raising questions
- Information about quality child care
- Parent educational workshops
- Information about financial assistance for the cost of child care

For information or assistance

Call Kathy at SCCCCC

535-7964



I think everybody longs to be loved, and longs to know that he or she is lovable. And, consequently, the greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they're loved and capable of loving.

~Fred Rogers



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