

CCPC of KS, Inc.

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28th Annual Conference

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CHILD CARE PROVIDERS COALITION OF KANSAS, INC. (CCPC)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*CCPC is a state wide Family Child Care Organization dedicated to promoting
Quality child care and professionalism in Kansas.*

CCPC is a united voice for Family Child Care in Kansas.

What is the Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas Inc. and what does it do?

The Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas (CCPC) Inc. is the statewide organization for family child care providers. Along with our provider members, we also have many food program sponsors, resource and referral agencies, DCF offices and local health agency personnel who receive our mailings and information and show their support for our organization in a variety of ways. Our board members are all family child care providers who are committed to promoting our profession and the quality of care offered in family child care homes across our state. We strive to help individuals deal with issues that commonly affect the family child care provider. We also recognize the rewards and joy that come from knowing that we actually made a difference in the life of a child or family. These joys and rewards are what keep us in the business year after year.

CCPC members are kept abreast of child care news, including legislation, which affects child care, tax updates, training programs and conferences. We support professional and personal growth and development by supporting Accreditation through National Association for Family Child Care. Each year, scholarship monies are allocated in our budget to help our members with the cost of Accreditation, CDA and the CCPC child care conference, which provides quality training opportunities.

We send representatives to planning sessions with state agencies, resource and referral agencies and other child advocacy groups to "speak" for the family child care profession. We also educate all involved parties about the importance of quality care and the valuable role family child care is playing in the early care and education of young children in our state. We work to broaden community awareness by participating in events like the National Week of the Young Child and Kansas Family Child Care Week. We use media opportunities to educate parents and the public in general about the importance of choosing regulated child care.

CONFERENCE WELCOME



Welcome to the 28th annual Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas, Inc. Conference. The CCPC board is delighted for the opportunity to host our annual event at The Cedars Conference Center. We have strived to plan a professional conference and offer workshops in a variety of content areas. We want to encourage you to collaborate, network and share your business experiences with each other.

While enjoying our continental breakfast we will learn more about rekindling the spark that got us "Crazy for Kids." Harness your path to making a difference through the work you do. Find out how to embrace your crazy side and put some fun and happiness into YOUR day. You will walk away with a renewed understanding and commitment. Learn to unleash the silliness and use it to your advantage. Follow your yellow brick road!

The Awards Banquet and Recognition Ceremony will take place in the large meeting room. Our luncheon will consist of soup and sandwich. The awards and recognition will take place during the luncheon. We will recognize our current board members and announce the election results for the new CCPC board members. Please make sure you take the time to visit the vendors.

Thank You! For joining us and enjoy our 28th Annual Conference, "Crazy for Kids in the Land Of Oz". You can reach me at ccpcfks@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Corinne Carr

Corinne Carr
AKA: Dorothy!
CCPC of Ks. Inc. President

General Conference Information

- **Name Badges & Tickets:**

Your conference name badge will be your admittance to all workshops. If you purchased full conference registration, and/or Lunch and Awards Banquet tickets, you will find them enclosed in your registration packet. Guest tickets you ordered will be in your packet as well.

- **In-Service Hours**

You will receive a certificate and/or sticker at the end of each session. You are expected to attend the entire 2 hours/CEU session in order to receive a certificate.

Inspiring & Creative Keynote Speaker

Patricia Dischler

"Making A Difference In The Life Of A Child!"



Patricia Dischler is the author of several books for early childhood professionals including *From Babysitter to Business Owner* and *Teaching the 3 Cs: Creativity, Curiosity & Courtesy*. Patricia shares her endless creativity in trainings across the country to early childhood professionals and inspires with stories of her 25 years in the field including owner of a nationally accredited family child care business and years as a center teacher. She is the NAFCC President and serves on several Wisconsin early childhood organization boards. She helps participants tap into their own creative juices, raise their level of professionalism and gain a strong positive attitude as they work to change the lives of children.

Keynote Presentation:

CRAZY FOR KIDS!

Are we in child care because we're crazy, or are we crazy because we're in child care? What's so strange about wanting to spend a day changing diapers, wiping noses, breaking up fights, getting bit and spit up on? Nothing! The love of children can drive us to do a lot of strange things so let's learn to embrace this silliness and use it to our advantage. Find out how to harness your crazy side, put some fun and happiness into YOUR day, and inspire the lives of children.

Patricia will also be giving "The Parents can't hear me" in the morning session.

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Provider of the year

Stacy Hook

Stacy Hook, owner of Wee Care Family Childcare, in Emporia Kansas is the recipient of an honorable award "2015 Provider of the Year."

She takes great pride in her understanding of children and the quality of care needed to nurture children's growth and development. Her community, resource agencies and the families of the children in her care have expressed great appreciation of her dedication to children, commitment to professionalism and early childhood.



Stacy Hook, is the owner, teacher, cook, accountant etc. at *Wee Care Family Child Care*, a state licensed, child care home located in Emporia, Kansas. She was born in Holton, Ks on January 3, 1971. When she was five years old, her family moved to Emporia, Ks where she grew up and attended grade school and Emporia High School. She graduated in 1989 and attended Emporia State University.

After she married Dennis Hook, in 1990 and they started a family, her college career had to take a back seat. She worked as a manager in the fast food industry in order to help support her new family. After taking her children to a daycare, which was far from quality, she immediately pulled them out. As a temporary daycare solution, her friend, who was also a provider, cared for them until she found permanent care. It was during this time that she decided her children were NOT going to another daycare. With the help of her friend, Stacy opened her own daycare. Not only was she able to make sure that her children were safe and taken care of, but she was also able to make a difference in the lives of other children. She says "My passion IS childcare and that resonates in the quality I strive for in my home child care environment. I enjoy being surrounded by children because of their imagination, innocence, and creativity. Allowing children to grow, explore and learn is a rewarding experience that keeps me excited as I continue caring for children of all ages."

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Affiliate of the Year

The P.L.A.Y. (Partnership in Learning and Advocacy for Young children) Organization, located in Emporia, Ks, is a professional association for licensed childcare providers, teachers and parents who work with children and are dedicated to quality child care. Our members are committed to providing the highest levels of nurturing, academics, social and physical development in a safe and secure environment for the children entrusted to their care. We provide knowledgeable speakers monthly in the early childhood field to promote the well being of children in a quality child care environment and encourage working relationships between caregivers, the Lyon County Health Department, Child Care Aware, Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas along with other agencies.

NAFCC- *The National Family Child Care Organization* (NAFCC) is dedicated to promoting quality child care by strengthening the profession of family child care. The goals of the association are to strengthen state and local associations as the primary support system for individual family child care providers. We promote a professional accreditation program which recognizes and encourages quality care for children. We represent professional family child care providers by advocating for their needs and collaborating with other organizations. We promote the diversity of the family child care profession through training, state and local associations, public education, and Board Membership. My name is Corinne Carr. I am your Region representative membership council in Kansas. Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding NAFCC or Early Childhood issues. You may contact me at: specialblessings42@gmail.com or (620)343-8003

The Hunter Award is reserved for individuals who have shown outstanding devotion in supporting Family Child Care Providers in Kansas and whose leadership has promoted quality standards in the field.



2015 Hunter Award Recipient Maureen Kitzi

Maureen Kitzi successfully launched the Supporting Care Providers through Personal Visits program (SCPV) eight years ago for the Parents as Teachers Olathe, Kansas Consortium. The program, which has now doubled in size and is independently funded by private foundations and limited public funds, has helped to improve the quality of early learning programs and connect providers with resources to help improve Kindergarten readiness. In addition to her work in Kansas, Maureen also served as a consultant for the Consortium in assisting the launch of SCPV program in the Kansas City Missouri School District.

Prior to joining the Parents as Teachers Olathe Consortium, Maureen served as a Family Provider Specialist with the Midwest Whole Child Development Group. Maureen's primary responsibility as a Family Provider Specialist was coaching providers participating in the Quality Rating System in the Kansas City area.

Maureen's experience in the early childhood field also spans a number of years as a classroom teacher for Montessori preschool and kindergarten students at St. Augustine School in Kansas City Missouri, St. Gabriel School in Kansas City Missouri, Children's Village in Merriam Kansas, and St. Joseph's Early Childhood Center in Shawnee Kansas. Maureen also served as a trainer for Great Plains Montessori Teacher Training Program of Omaha Nebraska, and the Bishop Helmsing Early Childhood Center Montessori Teacher Training Program in Kansas City Missouri. In both instances, Maureen was responsible for the training and supervision of student interns, and demonstrating Montessori materials for teacher certification.

Maureen received her Montessori Teacher Training certification from St. Mary's College in Leavenworth Kansas. She has been a member of the National Center for Montessori Education, Parents as First Teachers Program, Youth Friends, and is an active member of St. Pius Church in Mission Kansas.

Maureen has been married for 30+ years, has two sons and three grandchildren and lives in Merriam Kansas.

About the Presenters:

Dr. Catherine Strecker- Educational Consultant and President of Catherine Strecker Educational Strategies. Her client base includes school districts, businesses, organizations, health care, and individual groups and consulting.

Connie Sosa- Born and raised in Emporia, Ks. attended college in Topeka and Manhattan. Graduated K-state with a Bachelors in Business. Connie returned to Emporia to work at the Emporia Airport until her son suffered a head injury and she had to find a job to stay home. Connie started a daycare in 1995. She later had a daughter, now 6 yrs. Old. Connie serves as the treasurer for her local child care organization, P.L.A.Y. and on the CCPC Board and is a member of NAFCC. She is expanding into the training of providers by working with FCSS on offering a nutrition training.

Kasey Kile- Training and Curriculum Specialist for Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities

Beth Reeder- Has a BA in Elementary education/ Speech Communications from Southwestern College. Beth reflects her love for working with and advocating for children. She has a natural ability to be humorous and engaging.

9:15 a.m

The Parents Can't Hear Me!- Banquet Room 1
Presented by Patricia Dischler

Learn general principles for successful communication with parents, specific techniques to reach all the parents and guidelines for conducting interviews and conferences

Preventing Obesity and Promoting Wellness- Banquet Room 2
Presented by KCTTO , Kasey Kile

Child obesity is at sadly epidemic levels due to poor nutrition and lack of physical activity. One-third of the children in America are carrying too much weight. Early childhood programs can lead the way in educating young children and their families on the importance of healthy eating habits and physical activity. Utilizing interactive video segments with over 80 experts in pediatrics, nutrition, movement, child development, and adult education, there will be active discussion and movement activities to promote a healthy lifestyle for children and families.

1:00 p.m.

**Multiple Intellegence (CEU.2) – Banquet Room 1
Presenter Catherine Strecker**

To provide people an oppportunity to engage in learning using their dominant intelligences and multiple ways of learning. To provide participants strategies using their dominant intelligences that will help them teach students in school or career.

**Creative Snacks with Connie Sosa- Banquet Room 2
Presented by Connie Sosa**

As a child care provider you help create a healthier generation by taking steps to prevent obesity and encouraging healthy habits. You will learn to help children learn about healthy choices.

3:15 p.m

***Brain-Based Learning(CEU.2)- Banquet Room 1
Presenter Catherine Strecker***

Brain-based learning explains how teachers can implement ways to help improve the learning environment for students, such as Teachers combine knowledge about their profession with the findings from brain research to create learner centered classrooms.

By understanding how the brain works and implementing the components of brain-based learning in an effort to create a brain-compatible classroom, teachers can help students learn effectively.

**Mystery Session-
Presenter Beth Reeder- Session Title to be announced**

***Look for the 29th Annual Conference April 16, 2016
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