

# January Bulletin

## Alaska Family Child Care Food Program

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### AFCCFP Conference Scholarships

Each year our parent company, The Alaska Family Child Care Association, puts together a training conference for child care providers throughout the state of Alaska. Each year, The Alaska Family Child Care Food Program gives away \$1000.00 in scholarships to participants on our Food Program.

This year "For The Love Of Kids" conference is being held May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Captian Cook Hotel. The deadline for early bird registration is the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2009.

Therefore March 1<sup>st</sup> is going to be our deadline for submitting applications for our scholarships to the conference. To apply for

scholarships you need to do a few things.

First, fill out the box on page 2 of this newsletter and return it with your February claim.

Second, your claim and all relevant paperwork, including attendance (if needed) and enrollment forms for new children, must be in our office or postmarked on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

Third you cannot have any menu errors to qualify for the drawing.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> we will draw from the qualifying names to award the scholarships.

We will contact winners by phone on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.



"Just a sec, honey. Mommy has to cut this up into little pieces, so that the vacuum can pick them up easier."

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### Welcome to our new providers:

- Georgina Perez, Anchorage
- Rhonda Lynch, Palmer
- Arlene Moore, Anchorage
- Nanette Hinthier, Anchorage
- Karra Korpiewski, Eagle River

### Potpourri Newsletter Subscriptions to all providers on AFCCFP

This year we are pleased to announce that all our providers will be receiving Potpourri newsletter in your mailbox each month.

*Potpourri* is a children's health and nutrition newsletter written and designed for Early Childhood Educators and Home Child Care Providers. Anyone with a young child in

his or her life will enjoy the information, activities, and recipes.

Each issue of *Potpourri* includes the following:

- nutrition information specific to children
- an article related to childhood challenges
- a monthly calendar packed with ideas for seasonal activities
- nutritious, child-friendly, quick-to-fix menus and recipes
- a produce profile with nutritional information, preparation tips, and a corresponding recipe
- recommended books and other resources for children and their caregivers
- fitness ideas for getting children to move and play
- a week of snack and meal menu ideas for CACFP providers

## 2009 Record Keeping Calendars Finally Arrive

One benefit of being a Participant on our program is that we provide for you a record keeping calendar each year.

Our supplier this year had a little glitch in their system and forgot our order.

Many of you called wondering where our calendars were and prompted me to call to check on them. Thank you for putting that bee in my

bonnet as they had incorrectly marked our order as sent.

Needless to say, they quickly sent them out and they are now at our office. To save money on postage and make sure providers who do not need or want one do not get one. We are asking you to pick them up at the office with your checks this month.

If you are in no hurry and

want, Carla can bring yours on her next visit. Just know that it may be a few months before she is out your way.

If you have any questions about the Calendars or want to set up a time to pick one up, please call the office at 274-2237. Emily can help you between 9am and 5pm.

Remember we are closed for lunch from 12 to 1 every week day.

## Minute Menu Minute

Our second month of using our new online claiming went well.

I want to make sure we are all on the same page when it comes to claiming online.

Please do not put your attendance online unless you are specifically asked to do so. If you are over your 6 or 8 or 12 children each day please continue to turn in your attendance records to

our office each month.

If you just really want to keep your attendance online for your licensing or personal reasons, we understand and please feel free to do so, just remember that they will be reviewed if submitted.

Don't forget to mark your provider calendars for school out days in January for the days that school was closed for weather. The program is

set to disallow meals for school age children when they were to be in school. Marking school closed will take care of that edit check.

If children in your care have changes in their schedule you need to turn in a new enrollment form. Those times are checked through minute menu and disallowed if children are not scheduled to be in care, or parent did not authorize a certain meal.

*"Help, school is closed. Can I claim school age children for Lunch?" Yes but please make note of it on your meal count sheet.*

## February Birthdays

Olga Gomez- February 17<sup>th</sup>

Georgina Perez- February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Leigh Ann LaCroix-  
February 19<sup>th</sup>

Kari Newton- February 22<sup>nd</sup>

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## Upcoming Food Program Training:

February 7<sup>th</sup> -Making bread and Pizza Dough with Bread Machines  
11am-1pm- Anchorage at the First Congregational Church.

February 21<sup>st</sup>- Making bread and Pizza Dough with Bread Machines  
11am-1pm- Mat-Su at Miss Becky's Daycare.

April 4<sup>th</sup>- Homemade Babyfood- 11am-1pm-Anchorage at the First Congregational Church.

April 18<sup>th</sup>- Homemade Babyfood- 11am-1pm- Mat-Su place TBA. (looking for volunteers to have it at their place)



## Conference Application

Please fill out this slip and check the appropriate lines. Cut it out and get it in by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March with your February Paperwork. (or postmarked by the 1<sup>st</sup>)

Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to attend the annual "For the Love of Kids" Conference on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2009.

I am \_\_\_

I am not \_\_\_

A member of the Alaska Family Child Care Association. If you are, make sure your membership is up to date for the conference. If not, do you know you can join for the price of \$25 for being a member of the Alaska Family Child Care Food Program?

I can attend Friday only \_\_\_

I can attend Saturday only \_\_\_

I can attend Friday and Saturday \_\_\_