

## Just a Reminder for Family Child Care Providers

Effective October 1, 2010, all registered Family Child Care Providers need **20 hours** of training **every three years**. This does not count toward your CPR and First Aid training hours. Please check our training schedules on [chsofnj.org](http://chsofnj.org), Ocean County highlighted in yellow, Professional Development and First Steps Training or call 732-557-9633 Professional Development x105, First Steps x 143 for a schedule of trainings.

## Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Providers Profiles Please!

The Division of Family Development has mandated that all regulated child care providers have updated information at The Children's Home Society of NJ in order for our agency to give appropriate child care referrals and payment from the subsidy programs. **If your license or profiles are not current we cannot refer you or pay you.** Profiles are mailed out twice a year; our agency must receive at least one updated yearly. For questions please contact Barbara at x 105.

### Child & Adult Care Food Program:

Through CACFP more than 3.2 million children receive nutritious meals and snacks each day as part of the child care they receive. See how CACFP can make a difference in the quality of your program, whether you are a provider at a child care center or in an afterschool care program. Visit the website: [www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care) or [www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/fn/childadult/food.html](http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/fn/childadult/food.html) for further information. We also suggest visiting the website [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) for menu planners, healthy eating tips and food group information. **Family Child Care Providers:** Contact Linda Shoemaker at 1-800-CHS-OFNJ, x146 to see about adding CACFP to your program.



**Have you ever considered doing child care in your home?** Family child care providers who voluntarily become registered with the State of New Jersey can be eligible to receive reimbursement for meal and snack costs and to receive payment from the state for children whose parents receive a child care subsidy. The next group of training classes needed to become registered are scheduled for April 11th, 12th and 14th in the evening or July 19th and 20th during the day. If you are interested, please contact Joan at 732-557-9633, x136 or Heidi at 732-557-9633, x103.

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# CHS' OCEAN VIEW

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**Has spring sprung? I know the groundhog didn't see his shadow so shouldn't winter be gone very soon? It's been a cold, harsh winter for us; much more snow fell than we are accustomed to seeing (or shoveling!).**

The severe weather we experienced makes us question whether we are prepared for emergencies and/or disasters. We hear and read about personal stories all of the time but never want that story to be about ourselves or a loved one.

As a child care provider, it is essential that your program has a disaster preparedness plan in place. Do you have the answers to these 10 questions? If not, we may be able to help in creating an up to date plan.

1. Do you have an emergency preparedness plan for disasters that are likely to occur in your area? Share with parents regularly in newsletters; practice monthly; call CHS of NJ for technical assistance.
2. How will you safely evacuate the children in your care to a safe predetermined location? Where will you move the children and how will they be moved; have an alternate site available; have transport plans for infants and children who cannot walk; advise parents where to gather
3. If a disaster occurs, how and when will you notify parents? Make sure you have work phone and cell phone numbers of parents; you should have an e-mail address for those parents that have one; update information regularly; get alternate contact information; utilize a telephone tree or designated radio station for information purposes
4. Advise parents how their child will be cared for in the event they cannot get to their child during or after the disaster Make sure all health information is up-to-date; make sure alternate contact information is up-to-date; periodically check that each child has a seasonal change of clothing in case of an emergency
5. **Provide staff training on how to respond to children's physical and emotional needs during and after a disaster.** Staff training is critical; children react differently at varying stages of development and varying types of temperament
6. Teach pre-school and school aged children what to do during an emergency. Have appropriate drills monthly so that children are ready for an emergency; have parents participate in drills; have a disaster/supply kit with three days of supplies; involve parents with gathering supply kit; make sure there is three days of medication for children who require it
7. Advise state and local emergency management agencies about your program. Call and verify that each is aware of who and where you are
8. Solicit help from parents during and after any emergency or disaster. Familiarize parents with all policies and procedures and request their assistance in the event anything occurs; ask for volunteers in setting up supplies and procedures that will benefit everyone
9. A procedure should be in place how parents will be notified about your plan to reopen after a disaster. Develop a plan and make sure that all parents are aware of what it might be; notify parents by phone or e-mail
10. Take care of your own family. Make sure you have an emergency preparedness plan and practice it monthly also.

Marian Wright Edelman said, "We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee."

I hope this has been helpful,  
*Maureen Lawrence*

Waldenbooks, in the Ocean County Mall, is having a book donation drive. Once again, **the local bookstore has chosen The Children's Home Society of New Jersey** to receive the donated books. The books will then be distributed to Ocean County children whose lives will be enriched by owning new books of their own. If you get a chance, please stop by Waldenbooks, and help the pile grow. **We love to see the children's faces when we tell them they can keep a book and take it home!**

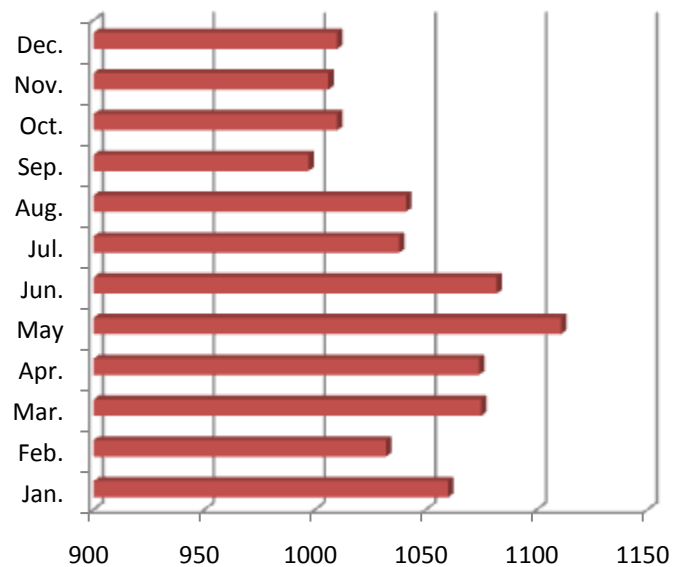


**On October 29th The Children's Home Society** was visited by many different characters for trick or treating. Staff member's families and friends came by to show off their Halloween costumes and received some treats.

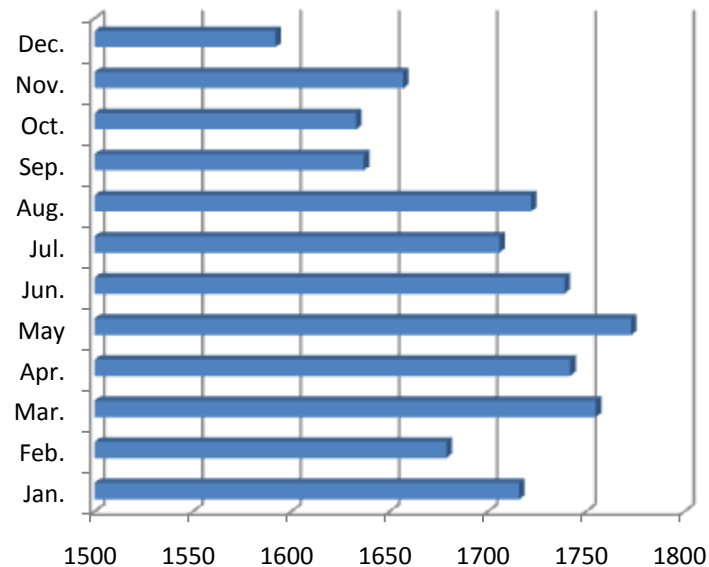
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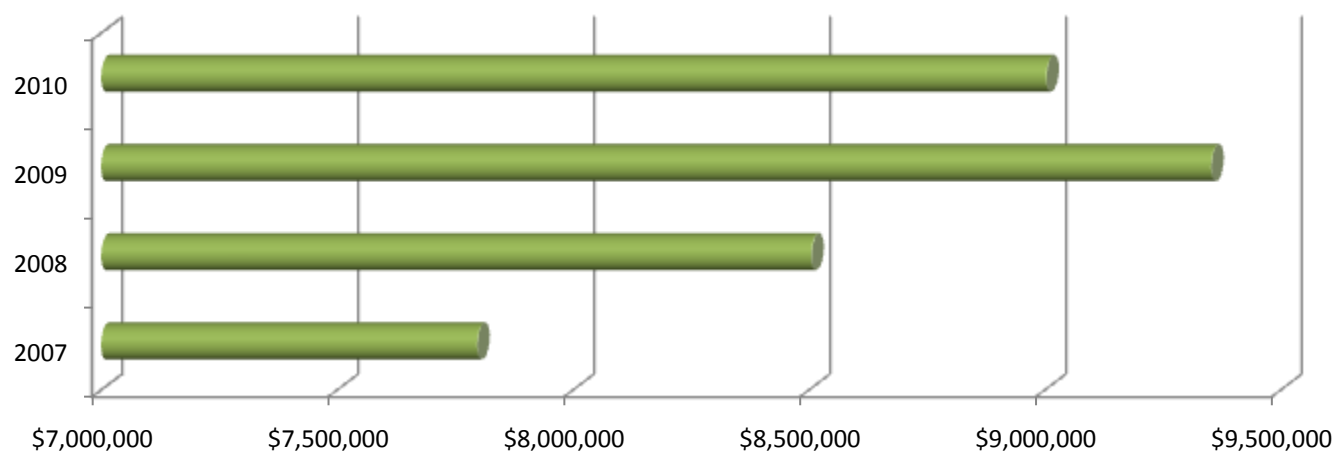
**Number of Families Served 2010**



**Number of Children Served 2010**



**Child Care Dollars Disbursed 2007-2010**



-St. Joseph's Carpenters Apprentices Club for donating enough food for two families to have a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Inspired by all the generosity we see, The Children's Home Society of NJ, Ocean County staff also collected food for Thanksgiving and were able to provide several Ocean County families with a holiday feast.

## Recognizing the generosity of...

-Brownie Troop 170, Silver Bay School for contributing a "Birthday Box". The troop filled a box with all the paper products, party favors, cake mix, presents and more. The box was given to a lucky young lady who turned eight in December.

-Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, for collecting warm pajamas and donating them for our clients' children.

## Thank you, to all our 2010 Santas!

Despite the economy's effect on virtually everyone, our generous friends of the agency helped over 300 children have a brighter holiday this year!

One of the biggest benefits of being a CHS of NJ staff member just may be having the opportunity to see people's giving nature in action. Every year, we look forward to working with some contributors who "Wow" us over and over again with the thought, effort and expense they put into shopping for other people's children. This year, we had the pleasure of having many new individuals, The Goddard School of Forked River and Mater Dei Prep join us. Your combined efforts made the holidays possible for so many families!

- Lisa Blackler
- Bosco's
- Nancy Cameron & Son
- Robin Emerson
- Employee Center for Young Children
- Episcopal Church Women
- Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore
- The Goddard School
- Eileen Graham
- Haven at Silverwoods
- Hilman, Inc.
- Joyce Jones
- Knit Wits
- Lucas Family
- Deborah Mason
- Mater Dei Prep
- Melodiers
- Laura Memali
- Mom's Club of Jackson West
- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC
- Mountain Hill School
- Mulligan's Bar & Grill
- Kimberly Pacheco
- Pajama Program, NJ Chapter
- Payless Shoes
- Melissa Przemielewski
- Seventh-Day Adventist Church of TR
- Shore Chiropractic
- Rebecca Spears
- TAMI, LLC
- United Way of Ocean County

