

Online Child Care Professional Education Center is new from naccrra.com. The training courses are designed to help early childhood professionals complete training requirements and acquire required training hours for those seeking a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, CDA credential renewal or in service training courses on topics designed specifically for the early childhood professional. Course titles other than CDA are Promoting Nutrition & Physical Activity in Child Care, Child Abuse Awareness for Center Staff and Creating and Sustaining Inclusive Environments for Young Children. To view this information go to naccrra.com and click on Child Care Aware Training Academy for online course outline and fees.

CUNA Cycles

Cycle 9 will begin on June 14th and will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the Lakewood Branch of the Ocean County Library (301 Lexington Avenue, Lakewood). We are currently registering participants for our next cycle. If you know of an expectant mother residing in Lakewood that would like to participate please contact Fatima Reynolds at 732-557-9633, x 133.

CUNA Baby Shower

CUNA Cycle 8 came to a close on May 24th. The six mothers celebrated the completion of the program with games, traditional food and raffles. If you would like to donate items for future showers please contact Fatima Reynolds at 732-674-7996.

Attention all Providers!

Please be sure to keep CHS updated with your **most current email address** so we can be sure to send you all the information you need. Via email we will forward you announcements of trainings, including Professional Development, First Steps, CPR, NJ Registry and events outside of our agency that will provide you with training hours. Emails will also include letters of importance from our agency. **If your email address is on file with us, we will only contact you electronically and not by the mail service.** Please contact Barbara by phone at 732-557-9633, x105 or by email at bschoen@chsofnj.org if you would like to add or update your email.



Newsletter The Children's Home Society of New Jersey ~ Ocean County Office Summer 2011

Hello!

September 1st will be here before you know it. For many, that means closing your summer home; sending the children off to school; saying goodbye to friends made at summer camp and hello to the new teachers they will see this fall.

For Ocean County and its child care providers it means “**e-Child Care**”. Ocean County has been chosen as a pilot for this new program and this is quite a big responsibility. This is a big change for us, isn't it? Will we be ready? What do you need to know? Will CHS of NJ still be there for me? Please be assured that, while its brand new for all of us at CHS, we will still deliver the excellent technical assistance you have come to expect each time you call our office.

Right now, what do you need to know? In order to receive any subsidy payment, a telephone that is known as a “landline” must be present at the place where child care occurs. This means that while you may continue to communicate with CHS of NJ with your cell phone, you will not be eligible to receive a subsidy payment if this is the only telephone you own. You must have a telephone that is hard wired into your house or place of business. In addition, you must have a bank account. The company that will deliver the payments, Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) will be in touch with all child care providers to get the information needed for you to receive the electronic payments.

How will you learn about all of this? ACS will have a series of trainings that will be convenient to you and your working lives. All of the staff at CHS of NJ is going to be trained on the Electronic Payment Processing Control Information (EPPIC) system also and we will be assisting you each step of the way. I am hopeful that all of the trainings that will be made available to us can be accessed on the EPPIC website. This way, CHS of NJ can continue to help you deliver the child care in a professional manner and understand all of these new changes that we are facing.

Parents will receive a swipe card and may have up to two individuals designated to pick up their children who may swipe them in and out for attendance purposes. These swipe cards are not transferrable and may not be used by any other individual. When none of the authorized card holder are available, contingencies have been put in place to assure you that you will still receive the correct payment.

I know there are still many more questions that you may have. I have questions, too! Please feel free to call or e-mail me and I will get the answers you need so that together we can face this new challenge. My extension is 108 and my e-mail is mlawrence@chsofnj.org.

Look for flyers and letters about trainings to start to arrive in the mail soon! Have a great day!

Maureen

THANK YOU!

The Carpenter's Apprentice Club at St. Joseph's Toms River

donated a variety of spring baskets filled with activities and treats for the children of Ocean County to enjoy. Thank you for the colorful, assorted baskets and bags!



Thank you to Karen Bearce of Brick for donating diapers and formula to the Ocean County office. The donated items went to participating families in the Reunification Program, Ocean County office.

The students of **Point Pleasant Memorial Middle School, Pt. Pleasant**, held a book drive under the supervision and coordination of Ellen Keelan. Hundreds of books were donated to the agency and were distributed to children and providers in Ocean County. Thank you for all your hard work and effort for this drive.

Bosco's Friends Helping Friends

The Children's Home Society of NJ will be participating in Bosco's Friends Helping Friends on Tuesday October 4, 2011. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at The Children's Home Society anytime before the event. The ticket will give you discounts on purchases and enter you for door prizes.

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS: ACS will be contacting every provider for training. Please be sure to attend a training as it will inform you of how you will be paid for subsidy children in your care.



Erica McKay distributing information on the agency and brochures related to early childhood.

On March 12, 2011 The Children's Home Society of NJ participated in **The Children's Fair at the Stafford Township Arts Center**. Staff members Kim Pascucci and Erica McKay helped the children with a make and take craft, springtime butterflies. The parents were offered brochures about our agencies services and on various subjects referring to young children.



Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. The Children's Home Society offered a day of recognition celebrated on May 7th. The providers that participated observed the day with a luncheon, received books and participated in projects on "Going Green."



The **"Live United" Vendor Village** hosted by The United Way of Ocean County on the boardwalk in front of the Aztec took place on Saturday May 21st at the Seaside Music Festival. There was nonstop action with live music performances on the outdoor stage, boardwalk rides and attractions. The Children's Home Society of NJ was represented by Maureen Lawrence, Sara Lemig and

Red Rose Day took place on April 8, 2011. This fundraiser supports the Infant Foster Care Program that is run strictly through fundraising since there is no government funding. Fundraising helps defray the cost of diapers, formula and everyday needs for the foster moms. CHS staff sold bouquets of roses and spring flower arrangements with over \$2,000.00 in sales. The event was held in the lobby of the Bayview Corporate building, the location of the Ocean County office. Thank you to all of those who purchased flowers.



In Remembrance: Cathy Tamburri-Leuci

It is with great sadness that the Ocean County office of CHS must deliver the news that we lost a former co-worker and dear friend. Cathy Tamburri-Leuci lost her courageous battle with cancer on January 30, 2011. Cathy had a wonderful spirit and remarkable sense of humor. To share a laugh with Cathy just one more time would be a gift! For those who had the pleasure to work with her, we remember her fondly and wish her friends and family much love, and sympathy. Rest in peace, Cathy.

Congratulations to **Joe Zdeb** on his promotion to Supervisor of the Ocean Intensive Services Program, Ocean Reunification Program and Ocean Therapeutic Visitation program.



Patty Crane, was married to Richard Reseter on May 8, 2011. The celebration of marriage was shared with their children on a beautiful beach in Key West, Florida. From now on, when looking for the Administrative Assistant for the Ocean County office, please ask for Patty Reseter. We wish them a wonderful and happy life together.

The Children's Home Society of NJ, Ocean Office would like to welcome:



Isabel Barreiro
Supervisor of Kinship Cares



Amanda Uhrig
Social Worker II,
Program Clinician Ocean Reunification Program



MaryJean Padalino
Ocean Therapeutic Visitation Program Social Worker

On April 28th the Ocean office welcomed 5 young students to participate in **Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day**. The program mentors children showing them the value of their education. It helps them discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and family life. Take our Daughters & Sons to Work Day provides them an opportunity to share how they envision the future and begin steps toward their end goals in a hands-on and interactive environment using it as a key to achieve success. The 2011 theme "Invent the Future" indicates the importance of working today for tomorrow's success. The children participated in employee interviews, simple work tasks and were informed of the purpose of our agency.

