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Champions of Child Care

Program

May 11, 2017



Programs At A Glance ~

Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.

Child Care Resource and Referral (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Provides information to parents on locating child care, consumer education, referrals, subsidies, services for families
- Recruits child care providers, provides start-up information and technical assistance in meeting regulatory requirements
- Provides the community with education on child care issues and current data needed in planning for community services
- Supports employers in planning, implementing and providing employee child care services



Child Care Registration (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Provides supervision of 67 family day care homes in Dutchess and 12 in Putnam
- Provides supervision of 41 school age programs in Dutchess, and 11 in Putnam
- Includes processing new and renewal applications, monitoring and inspecting programs, providing technical assistance and investigating complaints

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP—Dutchess and Putnam)

- Supports group and family day care providers in providing nutritious, healthful meals and snacks to children in their care
- Manages the CACFP federal reimbursement program for participating providers



Health Care Consultancy Services (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Registered Nurse on staff conducts training on health issues for child care providers
- Reviews and approves health care plans for medication administration
- Conducts training for medication administration

Day Care Subsidy Administration (Putnam)

- Manages the subsidized day care program

Regional Infant-Toddler Technical Assistance Center (Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan)

- Provides training and technical assistance to providers who care for infants and toddlers

Resource Lending Library (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Onsite lending library of toys, equipment, teaching units and professional resources

Child Care Tuition Scholarship Program (Dutchess)

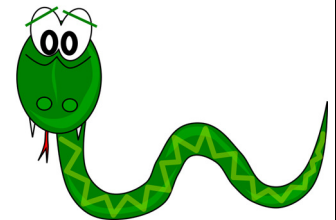
- Administers child care scholarships to income-eligible families whose children attend child care centers. Funded by the Dyson Foundation

Professional Development (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Provides opportunities for child care providers to take trainings in the nine required topic areas
- Training opportunities may be held at the Child Care Council or at the program site.
- Quarterly cluster meetings for home-based child care providers
- Quarterly workshops for child care providers and parents

Babies Step Forward (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Provide Child Development Associate and Medication Administration Training to staff at two day care centers, one in Dutchess and one in Putnam County.



Resilient Children/Resilient Communities Initiative (Putnam)

- The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. is a stakeholder in a pilot project led by the National Center for Disaster Preparedness in partnership with Save the Children to create emergency plans that meet the substantial needs of children in disasters.

Congratulations to all of our nominees!

Day Care Centers

Acorns to Oaks
All Staff
Miss Holly

Acorns to Oaks II Inc.

Blossoming Minds II
Stephanie Edic

Care 4 Me, Inc.
Brandi Curtin

Child Care By Valerie, Inc.

Children's Corner Learning Center

Country Grove Children's Ctr.

Creative Kids Child Care
Monika Forbes
Marisa Iannacito
Kyla Baxter
Regina Mahoney
Kimberly Puhala
Miss Debbie

Creative Kids Child Care Center
Stephanie Bennett
Kathleen McDonald
Shanese Rosado
Jen Takas
Karen Whitaker

Creative Kids Kent, LLC
Ellen Glasser
Lauren Edwards
Jennifer Hanner
Ashley Martin
Jessica Woelfle
Ms. Danielle

Creative Kids Mahopac
Monisha Atkins

Dover Golden Goose Preschool & Senior Center

Dreamland Daycare

Dutchess Community College Day Care Center

Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc.
Lauren Durin
Miss Chris

Heart 2 Heart Child Care Center LLC
Faith Archer
Vicki Beauchesne
RoseMaria DosSantos
Morgan Farrell
Dan Rudolph
Patricia Stone

Honey Bee Child Care Corp
Jessica Colucci
Kayla Dixon
Brianna Hill
Mary Rokitowski

Hudson Valley Community Services Early Childhood

Imagination Station Children's Center, Inc.
Terri Messerich
Janice Evans



Infant Toddler Center at Vassar College
Brittany Longobardi
Krissy Se
Celine Sigmen

Kidz Town Dutchess
Denise Giannasca
Christina Sanchez
Diedra Spacone
Tabitha Butler
Danielle Canero
Caitlin Hernandez
Agnes Lopez
Lulu (Ange) Lopez
Marianne Peci
Barbara Pocorobba

Kidz Town of Dutchess Corporation
Terencia Holebrook
Kaila Kuran
Michelle O'Meara

Little Feet Childcare Center, LLC

Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center
Megan C.
Monica Hunter
Meghan Kennedy
Sara Martell
Leslie Morey
Debby Napoli
Christina Olson
Tiffany Rizzo
Kathy Starr
Jacobina
Karen

Neighborhood Daycare Services, Inc.
Christina Fassone

Stages Childcare Inc.
Eileen Fehr

Step by Step Childcare Center LLC
Susan Deehan
Dainna Lifrieri
Coleen Murray
Debbie Colabatistto
Tara Gigliotti
Michelle Pineiro

Wee Play Children's Center, Inc.

Wish Upon A Star Childcare, Inc.
Regina Behler



School Age Child Care

Family Services, Inc.

First Reformed Church of Fishkill

Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc.

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Neighborhood Daycare Services, Inc.
Christina Fassone

Northeast Community Council, Inc.
Jan Brooks
John Mahoney

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Over The Rainbow Learning Center
Jessica Batista
Heather Fiallo
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Philipstown Recreation
Deirdre Knapp

St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Sonia Alvarez
Verna Bergstrom
Janice Nastasi
Mary Ann O'Neil

The Children's Station of Brewster
Lynn Shinkaroff
Victoria Amidon
Miranda Capone
Janice Fischbeck-Laughlin
Julie Gonzalez

Town of Putnam Valley
Vikki McDonald



Group Family Day Care

Care A Lot NY, INC.
Alicia Mastrorilli

Feels Like Home Childcare, INC.

First Friends Day Care
Ellen Rayburn

Guardian Angel Day Care

Jan's Kidz Childcare, Inc.
Jan Jimenez
Jackie Richardson
Kristin LaFalce
Marisela Jaramillo
Meryana Kakish



My Little Angels Daycare/Preschool, Inc.
Denise Clair
Donna Eimicke
Ashley Praise

Peek A Boo Day Care
Dawn Stackhouse

Stage III Daycare, Inc.

Tiny Seeds Daycare
Anne Squeglia

Victorian Teddy Bears/Cedar Tree Preschool
Pauline Fredrickson

Family Day Care

Aunt Bridget's House
Bridget Antalek

Blooming Buddies
Alison Ugarte

Denise Copeland

Elizabeth Casasnovas Calderon

Heaven Sent Child Care
Sharon Rivera
Jessica Ruffolo
Kimberley Ciardullo
Marie Daley

Miss Tracy's Family Daycare
Tracy Ruberg

Tiny Foot Steps Childcare
Margaret Laba

Rhinebeck Family Day Care
Darlene Behrens

Shirley Montelone-Harrington
Sonya McLaurin

Nursery School Programs

Mid Hudson Regional Hospital Preschool
Connections Team



Milestone Anniversaries

Congratulations to the day care providers and staff celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2017.

Five Years

- Verna Bergstrom*—St. Lawrence O’Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Karry Durante—St. Lawrence O’Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Carol Feehan—St. Lawrence O’Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Julie Gonzalez—The Children’s Station of Brewster
Dainna Lifrieri—Step By Step Childcare Center LLC
Dina Murphy—St. Lawrence O’Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Janice Nastasi—St. Lawrence O’Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Christina Olson—Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center
Jennifer Radicone—Creative Kids Childcare
Kristen Serino—Infant Toddler Center at Vassar College
Jacobina Tiani—Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center
Nancy Tucker—St. Lawrence O’Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Ariel Turner—Victorian Teddy Bears/Cedar Tree Preschool



Ten Years

- Monika Forbes*—Creative Kids Childcare
Janice Laughlin—The Children’s Station of Brewster
Regina Mahoney—Creative Kids Childcare
Ellen Morris—Country Grove Children’s Ctr.
Melissa Poppo—Creative Kids Childcare
Linda Rhodes—Creative Kids ChildCare Center

- Michelle Ryan*—Creative Kids Childcare
Karen Sinclair—Country Grove Children’s Ctr.
Jennifer Takacs—Creative Kids ChildCare Center
Danielle Winchcombe—Creative Kids Childcare
Kristina Wynne—Creative Kids Childcare



Fifteen Years

- Victoria Amidon*—The Children’s Station of Brewster
Gina Porcelli—Creative Kids ChildCare Center
Nina Robinson—Country Grove Children’s Ctr.

- Joan Soltysiak*—Vassar College
Dawn Stackhouse—Peek A Boo Day Care
Monica Tamagna—Country Grove Children’s Ctr.

Twenty-Five Years

Dawn Timmons—Vassar College

Kathy Tritschler—Vassar College

Thirty Years

Barbara Stabe—Creative Kids Mahopac

Thirty “Plus” Years

- Janice Evans*—Imagination Station Children’s Station, Inc.
Terri Messerich—Imagination Station Children’s Station, Inc.



Congratulations to our Award Winners!

Dutchess County

Putnam County

Honeybee Childcare Corp.

Dutchess County Council Award of Excellence

Acorns to Oaks

Acorns to Oaks II Inc.

Dutchess County Day Care Center of the Year

Northeast Community Council, Inc.

Millerton Site

Dutchess County School Age Program of the Year

Tiny Seeds Daycare

Anne Squeglia

Dutchess County Group Family Day Care
Program of the Year

Blooming Buddies

Alison Ugarte

Dutchess County Family Day Care
Program of the Year

Denise Giannasca

Kidz Town of Dutchess

Dutchess County Outstanding
Special Needs Award

Barbara Pocerobba

Kidz Town of Dutchess

Dutchess County Outstanding
Special Needs Award

Regina Behler

Wish Upon A Star Childcare, Inc.

Dutchess County Director of the Year

Meghan Kennedy

Leslie Morey

Christina Olson

Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center

Dutchess County Staff Members of the Year

Brittany Longobardi

Infant Toddler Center @ Vassar College

Dutchess County Rookie of the Year

Victoria Amidon

The Children's Station of Brewster

Putnam County Council Award of Excellence

Creative Kids Child Care Center

Creative Kids Kent, LLC

Creative Kids Mahopac

Putnam County Day Care Center of the Year

Mt. Tremper Outdoor Ministries

Matthew Patterson Site

Mt. Tremper Outdoor Ministries

Kent Elementary Site

Mt. Tremper Outdoor Ministries, Inc.

Putnam County School Age Program of the Year

Marisela Jaramillo

Putnam County Group Family Day Care
Program of the Year

Tiny Foot Steps Childcare

Margaret Laba

Putnam County Family Day Care
Program of the Year

Jan's Kidz Childcare, Inc.

Putnam County Outstanding
Special Needs Award

Daniel Rudolph

Heart 2 Heart Child Care Center LLC

Putnam County Director of the Year

Jessica Woelfle

Creative Kids Kent, LLC

Putnam County Staff Member of the Year

Miranda Capone

The Children's Station of Brewster

Putnam County Rookie of the Year



2017 Education Awards

*Congratulations to the following persons who have achieved an Education Milestone during 2016.
We salute your efforts to further your education to enhance what you offer to children and their families.*

Danielle Ford

Creative Kids Kent, LLC

Masters of Science in Adolescent Education, Dual Certification

Ashley Martin

Creative Kids Kent, LLC

Bachelors in Early Childhood and Administration

Brittany Longobardi

Infant Toddler Center at Vassar College

Associates in Applied Science, Early Childhood

Caitlin Connors

Imagination Station Children's Center, Inc.

Associates in Applied Science, Early Childhood

Denise Smith

Dover Golden Goose Preschool & Senior Center

Associates in Applied Science, Early Childhood



Giannela Aldana

Stages Childcare, Inc.

Child Development Associate, Infant/Toddler

Jessica Reynolds

Stages Childcare, Inc.

Child Development Associate, Infant/Toddler

Deborah DiToro

Stages Childcare, Inc.

Child Development Associate, Preschool

Melissa Robinson

Astor Early Childhood Program

Child Development Associate

Rosemaria Dossantos

Heart 2 Heart Child Care Center LLC

Child Development Associate

Christina Sanchez

Kidz Town of Dutchess

Child Development Associate

Christina McIvor

Astor Early Childhood Program

Child Development Associate

Vickie McDonald

Town of Putnam Valley

School Age Child Care Credential

Trudy Lackner

The Children's Corner

National Association for Family Child Care Re-Accreditation



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11 years

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11 years

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Day Care Registration Supervisor
11 years

Rosemarie Lawton

Infant/Toddler Specialist
11 years

Kim Wolfe

Putnam County Day Care Services Administrator
11 years

Dawn Haecker

Putnam County Day Care Services Assistant
10 years

Carol Taylor

Day Care Registrar
10 years

Mary Schreiber

Putnam County Early Childhood Specialist
9 years

Darla Fulmer

Day Care Registrar/Professional
Development Coordinator
6 years

Jessica Harnish

Day Care Registrar
2 years

George Bartalsky

Financial Manager
2 years

Cara Hinney

Day Care Registrar
2 years

Jennifer Brainard

Day Care Registrar
1 year

Brittany Tallegrand

Referral Specialist
6 months

Megan Weber, RN

Health Care Consultant
5 months

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The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.
would like to **congratulate** all of this years nominees and
award winners!
Many thanks for all your **hard work** and everything you have
done for the children of our community!
The dedication you bring to your program is invaluable!

Ode to a Child Care Provider

Little children come to me for hugs and books and such.

I care for all their simple needs and I also fix them lunch.

I pick up toys, I mop their spills and often dry their tears.

I change their diapers, settle fights, and kiss away their tears.

I tie their shoes, I button coats and push them on the swing.

I really love these kids, you see, but there is just one thing...

Call me Mom or Aunt or Anne, and those names might just fit.

But please don't call me SITTER, because I never get to SIT!



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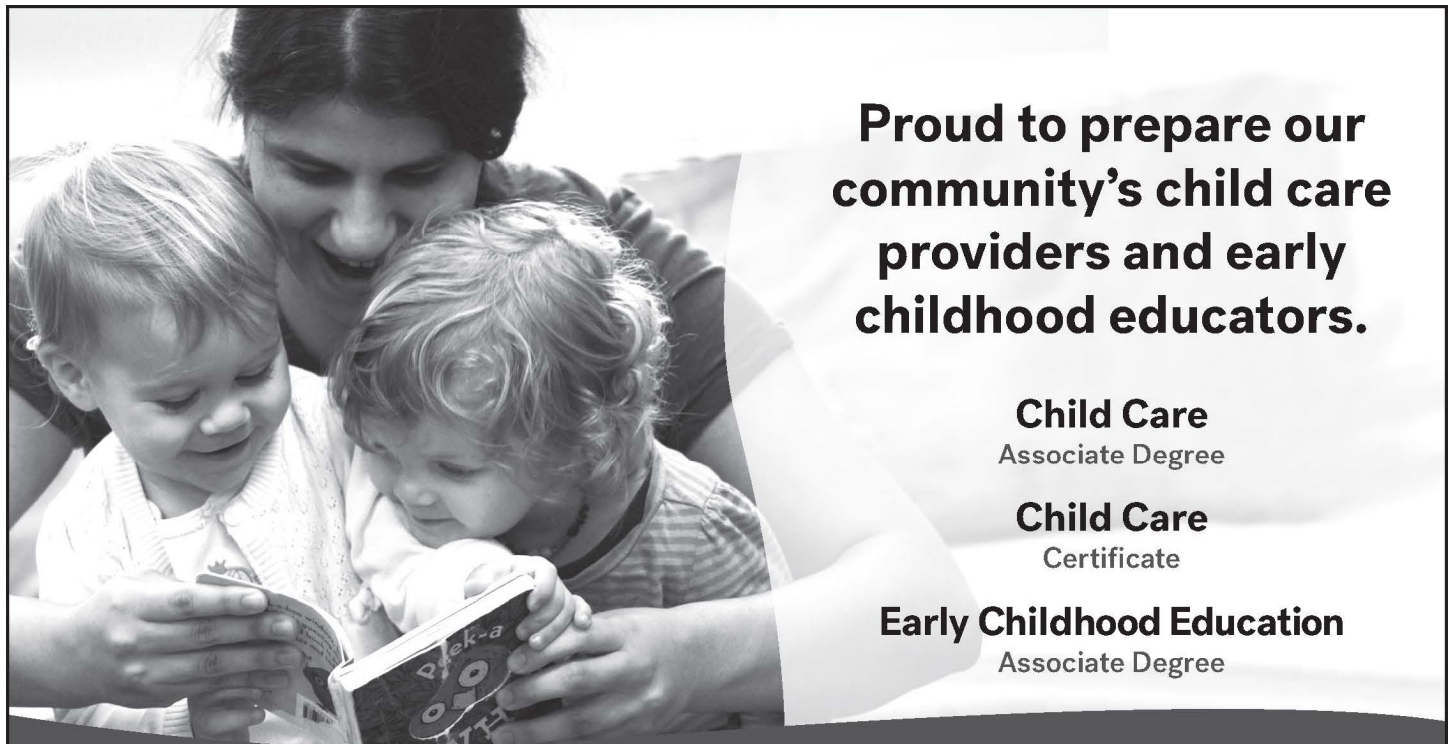
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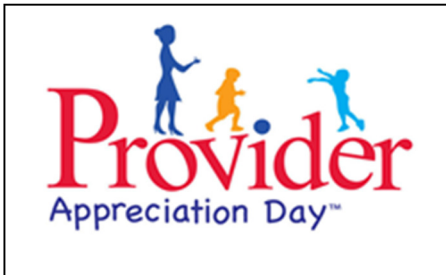
The Marist College community salutes

Child Care Council of

Dutchess and Putnam, Inc

and all the Champions of Care

National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day: May 12, 2017



The second Sunday in May has long been recognized as the day to honor mothers and their commitment to children. **The Friday before Mother's Day, May 12, 2017, is Provider Appreciation Day**, a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all those who work with children and are responsible for their education and care. **It is estimated**

that nearly 11 million children under age 5 are cared for by 2.8 million child care providers in the United States.

Provider Appreciation Day began in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey who saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Momentum and support for this event has grown each year, and recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout North America, Europe, and Asia.

To learn more about Provider Appreciation Day, visit www.providerappreciationday.org.

To learn more, visit
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