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## From the Executive Director

Winter brings the change of seasons for the beginning of a New Year. Chesapeake College and the Resource Center are busy with students, courses, trainers and conferences.

Our **Training and Technical Assistance** Coordinator, Donna Berger and Deanna Tobin are getting ready to start the Healthy Beginnings trainings. Healthy Beginnings is intended for use by anyone who lives or works with infants or young children and was developed by the Maryland State Department of Education. More information can be located at [www.marylandhealthybeginnings.org](http://www.marylandhealthybeginnings.org).

**Project Security Blanket**, our Emergency Preparedness course, has been funded for another year. Courses, both face to face and online webinars, can be found at our website [www.projectsecurityblanket.org](http://www.projectsecurityblanket.org). Please check it out if you need to take the six hours for OCC licensing. Our project coordinator, Carol Weisel, can be reached at [cweiselpsb@comcast.net](mailto:cweiselpsb@comcast.net) or Deanna Tobin x 353 [dtobin@chesapeake.edu](mailto:dtobin@chesapeake.edu) if you have any questions.

**Project Right Steps**, our Early Mental Health Project, also has been funded for another year. This program continues to assist child care providers and parents deal with children with challenging behaviors. Our three staff persons, Susan Patterson, Denise Taylor-Turner and Gail Easterling are available for consultations. You can contact Susan at Ext. 321 at the CCCRC office or by email at: [susan.patterson@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.patterson@yahoo.com)

In order to ensure that all young children in our community experience developmentally appropriate care and are ready to succeed in school, the Chesapeake Child Care Resource Center will be redirecting its resources to focus primarily on helping providers enhance the quality of their programs and expand to include more children in regulated care. The Resource Center is committed to work in training and technical assistance- areas that support providers and contribute to quality improvement through:

- Professional Development for new and experienced providers
- Professional Development focused on Healthy Beginnings, supporting development and learning from Birth through Three Years of Age
- Accreditation assistance
- Credentialing assistance
- Assistance with licensing, regulation compliance and program expansion.

Our providers on the Upper Shore continue to do a wonderful job preparing the children in our care for school readiness. Keep up the good work! You are all an essential part of the Early Care and Education Community.

- Peg Anawalt

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**CHESAPEAKE HELPS!**

*Do any of your parents or staff members need assistance or special resources? Chesapeake HELPS! has up to date information that can help them.*

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Chesapeake HELPS! serves as the “single point of access” for anyone looking for services in the Mid-Shore area. Information and referral specialists are available to help callers find local services in their county for:

- Crisis Assistance
- Food/Housing
- Utilities
- Public Safety
- Civic Groups/Non-Profits
- Transportation/Roads
- Parks and Recreation
- Education/Employment
- Courts/Legal Services
- Children and Families
- Senior Citizen Services
- Mental Health Services
- Business Development

Information is provided through a toll-free telephone Hotline: **1-888-722 HLPS (4577)**

Or Online at: [www.chesapeakehelps.org](http://www.chesapeakehelps.org)

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***The Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund Chesapeake College- Has 24 Students!***

Chesapeake College is one of the colleges selected by MSDE for this program to help students earn their ECE degrees. The CCCPDF Grant is given to credentialed providers based upon an application and approval by the Maryland State Department of Education. Funds for the CCCPDF grant come from Federal Workforce Funding.

The CCCPDF pays for tuition, books and fees for participants in the AAS or AAT degrees in Early Child Development and Education. There is work service agreement that the provider will continue to work in child care while earning the degree and will work after graduation for 2 years in child care for the AAS or AAT degree earned. A GPA of 2.5 must be maintained to remain in the program.

These 24 students have been working in the program over the past 2 ½ years to earn their degrees. They are all credentialed, working in child care and attending Chesapeake College on a part-time basis. We have one graduate so far, Kendra Brooks, who earned her AAS degree.

The students have faced many challenges at college and at work, and their determination and hard work have made their quest for professional development successful!

**NEWS, NEWS, NEWS!**

The CCCPDF Fund is no longer accepting new applications at this time.

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**HEALTH BEGINNINGS:  
SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT  
AND LEARNING FROM BIRTH  
THROUGH THREE YEARS OF  
AGE**



Whether you're a parent, childcare provider or teacher, you want the very best for the children in your life. But how do you know you're giving a child the very best you can? It's a cliché, but it's also true- children simply do not come with instruction manuals.

And that's why we put together *Healthy Beginnings*.

*Healthy Beginnings* is a resource to help you nurture the tremendous potential for learning and growth that every child has...that every child is born with. Specifically designed for caregivers of infants and toddlers, from birth through age three, *Healthy Beginnings* gives you knowledge and support around child care and child development, while our Activity Planner provides you with fun, developmentally appropriate activities that build young children's skills and promote all kinds of learning.

*Healthy Beginnings* may not be that long-missing instruction manual for child care, but it is a tool that can help you give the very best you can to the infants and toddlers in your life.

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If you or your organization would like more information about trainings for *Healthy Beginnings*, please contact **Donna Berger at ext. 339**. We would be more than happy to set up trainings and technical assistance.

For more information online,

[www.marylandhealthybeginnings.org](http://www.marylandhealthybeginnings.org)

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*"How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?" Satchel Page*

At the first sign of troubling behavior, BEFORE you decide that a child enrolled in your program is not a "good fit" ....

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**Contact: Project Right Steps**

PROJECT RIGHT STEPS can provide strategies for managing behavioral and/or emotional challenges with children in your program. Learn age appropriate supports for a child who:

- Seems anxious or fearful
- Has problems sharing
- Bullies or bites other children
- Has trouble following directions
- Is hard to soothe or comfort
- Has trouble forming relationships

PROJECT RIGHT STEPS services for child care professionals can include:

- Advice and resources by phone
- On-site observation, assessment, and consultation for individual children and classrooms
- Support and intervention for staff, the individual child and the children's family

PROJECT RIGHT STEPS staff members work closely with the Resource Center's Technical Assistance Coordinator, Donna Berger and coordinate strategies with her when they feel that your program may need additional program management support. For this FREE SERVICE, contact

**Susan Patterson, Coordinator PROJECT RIGHT STEPS, at 410-822-5400 ext. 321** or online at

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**CREDENTIALING NEWS:**

**MARYLAND'S CHILD CARE  
CREDENTIALING PROGRAM**

**CELEBRATES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

(FROM THE PARTNERS NEWSLETTER, MSDE FALL 2011)

**Remarks from the Credentialing Branch**

**Chief** "2011 marks an exciting milestone for the Credentialing Branch. We celebrate 10 years of dedicated service to improving professional development in the early childhood workforce and higher standards in early childhood programs. Today, the credentialing program has credentialed over 12,000 child care teachers who have received an estimated ten million dollars in quality incentive bonuses and reimbursements for trainings. Through the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund, we are proud to announce that currently 43 child care teachers have graduated with associate and bachelor degrees in early childhood education. This program continues to fund child care teachers who have received an estimated 4.5 million dollars in funding towards tuitions, books and college fees. Child Care programs continue to receive funding through the Tiered Reimbursement program. Participating programs receive up to 44% in differential payments from Child Care Subsidy. The Accreditation Support project continues to provide funding for programs pursuing National and State accreditation. These quality initiative programs help to improve the quality of early care and education and strengthen professional standards in child care."

- Angeline Bishop-Oshoko,  
Branch Chief, MSDE Credentialing

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**CHANGES TO THE CREDENTIALING  
PROGRAM**

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

Family Child Care providers are required to submit at least one children's attendance sheet with their application for the credentialing program.

Providers applying to become credentialed after January 1, 2012

Will be required to take additional trainings to meet the requirements for Levels Two, Three and Four.

Updates will be provided in the next Partners Newsletter.

Credentialing program applications have been revised and can be downloaded from the MSDE website at the Credentialing Branch page.

[http://maryland-publicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child\\_care/credentials/](http://maryland-publicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/credentials/).



**New LOCATE Numbers**

The LOCATE centralized service in Baltimore has added new numbers:

- For parents seeking child care: 1-877-261-0060
- For parents with children with special needs 1-800-999-0120
- For providers wishing to update their information or call in vacancies: 1-866-752-1614 (24 hour message service)

**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILD  
CARE PROVIDERS AVAILABLE  
AT THE RESOURCE CENTER**



**90 hour Child Development and Curriculum Course- (Child Care 1 and 2):** consists of two 45-hour sessions. Child Care 1 covers child development and Child Care 2 covers methods and materials, for children birth through school-age. There are 15 classes per 45 hour session.

**45 hour Infant/Toddler Course:** This is the required course for those child care providers who have more than two infants in one household with an additional licensed child care provider and for providers who care for infants/toddlers in a child care center. There are 15 classes per 45 hour session.

**45 hour Child Care Administration:** This training is required for those who wish to become a child care director at a center, or those who would like to learn how to run a child care business and COMAR regulations.

**45 hour Early Child Care Mentoring and Coaching:** This course fulfills the requirement for Level 6 staff credential and Level 4 administrator credential.

**Maryland Model for School Readiness (MMSR):** This 54 hour training is based upon the assessment and instructional system to provide parents, teachers and early childhood providers with a common understanding of what children know and are able to do upon entering school. Under the MMSR system, all children entering kindergarten are assessed for level of mastery across the learning domains.

**MMSR Domain Training:** 7 trainings covering the domains of language and literacy, social and emotional, physical development, math, science, social studies and the arts. This training helps providers learn ways to incorporate these domains into your everyday routines.

**Project Security Blanket- Emergency Preparedness Training:** This requirement for child care providers is a six hour training that will assist you in developing a plan in case of disaster, weather or emergency related. This training can be face to face or online by webinar.

**Medication Administration:** This course is provided by a licensed Registered Nurse. It is required for centers but helpful for family child care. Procedures and regulations that pertain to giving medicine to children. Six hour course.

**45 hour School Age Child Care:** This course will give providers of school age children a program of best practices for school age care. Children in high quality school-age programs do better in school, learn social skills more efficiently and are engaged in schools and communities. There are 15 classes per 45 hour session.

**Interacting with Children With Special Needs:** This course will give providers a basic introduction into working with children who may have special needs.



We can do many other trainings for your organization that will fit your training needs.

Just give us a call and we can customize trainings for you and your organization.

**WHAT IS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE?**

Technical Assistance is the provision of individual or small group focused, hands on support for a specific issue or topic. This support can be provided through a telephone call, provision of resources, an on-site visit, a support group meeting at the Resource Center, or support provided by a CCCRC training after a training session is completed. Many people refer to technical assistance as **mentoring or coaching**. CCCRC currently provides free technical assistance for:

- Licensing concerns when referred by your licensing specialist
- Program Accreditation. In depth assistance for program accreditation can be provided for a fee
- Credentialing
- Requirements and Application for the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund (CCCPDF)
- Assessing MSDE training and program start up vouchers
- Project Right Steps: Children's challenging behaviors
- Orientation to the use of the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (SEFEL) strategies

Contact: Donna Berger x 339  
Deanna Tobin x 353  
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For More Information



**Resource Room: Hours and Information FREE! FREE!  
FREE! FREE!**

Monday Through Friday  
10:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am to 12 Noon

**ALL HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!**

Call Donna Berger x 339  
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We have:  
Resource Books, Activity Books, Curriculum Books, Laminator, Die –Cut Machine (No Children, Please!)



**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE!\*\*\***

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

**Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**PROFESSIONAL DAY  
FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS  
Please Register Early-  
Spaces Are Limited!**

CCCRC TRAINING CALENDAR  
January 2012

**Project Security Blanket:  
Emergency Preparedness for CC**  
1/7/12- Saturday CEU 773B (Class) Core  
Of Knowledge: Professionalism 3 hours  
HSN-3 hours



1/11/12, 1/12/12, 1/13/12

**Webinar-** CEU 773 NJ (Online)  
Core Of Knowledge: Professionalism 3 hours  
HSN-3 hours

1/23/12, 1/24/12, 1/25/12

**Webinar-** CEU 773 NK (Online)  
Core Of Knowledge: Professionalism 3 hours  
HSN-3 hours

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**Medication Administration Training**

1/21/12 - Saturday  
CEU 838G \$55.00

Core of Knowledge- Health and Safety

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**School Age Child Care**

1/24/12 through 5/8/12--No class 3/13/12  
CEU 822 A

Core Of Knowledge: Curriculum 45

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**Child Care II: Activities for Young  
Children CEU- 813A**

1/26/12 through 5/10/12--No Class 3/15/12  
Core Of Knowledge- Combo 45 hours

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**Child Care Administration**

1/20/12 through 3/2/12-Fridays- 7 sessions  
3/10/12-Saturday - 1 session  
CEU 786 A

Core Of Knowledge- Professionalism 45 hours



HAPPY HOLIDAYS! TO  
ALL OF OUR CHILD  
CARE PROVIDERS

WHO TIRELESSLY TAKE CARE OF OUR  
FUTURE GENERATIONS AS THEY START  
OUT IN THE WORLD

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOLIDAY  
SEASON AND A  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!



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**Training Reminders:**

- Register early, classes must have a minimum number of participants to run
- Register early, our classes are limited in size and often there is no room for walk-ins
- No refunds will be given unless CCCRC cancels the workshop, or unless you call 48 hours prior to the start of class to cancel your enrollment
- You must be present and participate in the entire workshop for certificates to be awarded. Partial credit will not be given
- In case of inclement weather, trainings will be cancelled according to Chesapeake College's schedule. Listen to Weather alerts/closings on local TV stations.
- Workshops/trainings are for adults only- no children, PLEASE



**Professional Activity Units**

Providers who are seeking to build their professional portfolio with the addition of professional activity units are encouraged to contact CCCRC to volunteer their services.

Please contact Donna Berger 410-822-5400 x

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