



Building Blocks

A Publication for Family Child Care Providers of the
Wheaton/Glen Ellyn Child Care Association Inc.

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Our Free Referral Line (630) 668-1123
www.wgecca.com referralwgecca@gmail.com

2017-2018 MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION:

National Louis University – Lisle Campus 850
Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL 60532 in Room 302

Monthly Meetings

We will have a “social time” before our monthly meeting beginning at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Please come early and network so we can start our meetings on time. Start time is 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

Tonight's Meeting: DuPage Radon

October 17: Internal & External Collaboration: A Diagnosis & Prescription for Long-Term Success

Speaker: Kristen Walley, Rasmussen College

Description: This session will call upon participants to reflect on their own experiences with internal and external collaboration in early childhood education. Participants will examine principles of collaboration and the steps to making meaningful collaboration ‘stick’ to support early learning.

November 21: YWCA / Keeping Our Bodies Healthy

Speaker - first half: Susan Stewart, YWCA

Topic: Getting to know us and offer us assistance as providers

Speaker - second half: Kathleen "Kasey" Kriz, Physical Therapist

Topic: As a provider Kasey will teach us how to keep our bodies healthy by teaching us proper ways to lift and move as we care for young children.

December 12: Holiday Party

LOCATION: Olive Garden in Downers Grove



If you have
any ideas or
contacts for
our monthly
presentations
or Let's Talk

It Up meetings please
share with Jan Munday
or Carolynn Perpich.
Thank you.

President's Notes:

Welcome to our September 2017 Newsletter!



Welcome everyone to our new year and our new location. I hope that everyone found the building and room OK this evening. We are excited to have this be our permanent meeting location for the year. The library was a great place to meet but they seem to be adding more evening activities that makes the room unavailable. Being here prevents us from having several different locations throughout the year. I would like to welcome our new members and say that I am so glad that you have joined us. I hope that you find that you learn, network and have as much fun as I do with this group. We

will have a new membership list attached to the newsletter next month once Tracy finishes compiling the list. Remember to avoid a late fee if you have not paid your dues yet Tracy needs to receive them by Saturday, September 30, 2017.

I would like to thank Dupage Radon for being here tonight to share their information on Radon. I am interested to find out exactly what Radon is and why it is so harmful.

I started my curriculum last week, which means that we are on letter B this week. This year with so many young ones, a couple 4/5-year-olds and several that are in preschool in their school district I have combined a few activities. For each letter, we are learning a song about an animal that starts with the letter and then we are learning about as many animals as we can find for the letter. The songs are more for the 1-year-olds and the animals are more for the 4/5-year-olds. I have asked that the children bring books each week that are either nonfiction about an animal for the letter or a book that has the animal in the story. So far, I have had 2 families participate, I will keep trying. Each week the kids will also color a picture of their favorite animal for the week and write one fact about the animal on the page. I will keep each page and then at the end of the alphabet they will have an ABC animal/song book to take home and enjoy.

With Jennifer back at college in Pennsylvania and Aaron busy with high school and football, Doug and my evenings have been pretty relaxing, except for Friday night where you will find us at the Football game cheering on the Lions. Right now, they are 2-1 and Aaron is having a good season playing center and in the last game some defensive end where he had a sack and a couple tackles on kick off defense. Sometimes it is interesting to see my 6'2" 185 lb. son go up against the 6'3" 280lb players that we seem to come across while playing Sandwich, Coal City, Wilmington to name a few of the farming towns we visit.

College applications have gone out for Aaron and he is waiting to hear back. With just applying to 2 schools we hope that he receives both acceptance letters. Aaron wants to follow in Doug's footsteps and pursue a Fire Science & Arson Investigation degree so he is looking at Eastern Kentucky (his first choice right now) and the University of New Haven, in CT.

Doug returned to shift work last Wednesday after a year and 8 months off or on light-duty 8-hour days with his rotator cuff injury. Now after having him home every evening I will have to get used to him being gone every 3rd night again, I guess I will have to start cooking once more. □

I hope that everyone had a smooth transition into their school year and that you have enjoyed the warm days and cool evenings recently. I love having the windows open and enjoying the warm air during the day and the cool evenings for sleeping.

Remember to please update your information each month if you have openings or not in your child care. Also on the referral sign in sheet you will notice that there is a spot to list when you expect your next infant opening. This is so when I receive calls from parents that are pregnant and looking ahead I can hopefully give them names of members that expect openings at the time they are looking for.

If anyone has any ideas for topics please share them with us. We have some new topics coming in the next couple of months that I am hoping everyone will find interesting and helpful.

Have a great one,

Annette

Melissa & Doug Fundraiser:

Our next order will be October 20, our holiday order.

Please check your emails for the link to download the Melissa and Doug catalog as a PDF file to your computer. If you have any questions please email Annette at **arcail@comcast.net**.



CPR/First Aid Scheduled Classes:

November 11, 2017 February 3, 2018 March 31, 2018 August 11, 2018



Important CPR Class Day Reminders Arrive by 7:45AM @4440 Basswood Drive Lisle. Class begins at 8:00 a.m. If you arrive after 8:05 AM you will be turned away and no refund will be given.

- CPR and First Aid Procedures** Cost \$45 w/o book \$60 w/ book * Good for 2 years
- * Reimbursable from YWCA * Send check to reserve your spot * Sign up at least 2 weeks before
 - * Cancellation must be made 2 weeks prior for refund * Minimum 5 people, Maximum 10 in each class
- ◆ Send Check made out to Doug Cail, 4440 Basswood Drive, Lisle IL 60532
- * CPR/First Aid cards will be given at completion of course and is needed for DCFS. If you lose the card a \$5 replacement fee will be charged payable to Doug Cail. Your certificate from WGECCA is used for your continuing education only and is not accepted by DCFS for CPR/First Aid class requirements. Any questions please contact Annette Cail at (630) 963-8734

Membership Chair:

Please remember to renew your membership for the new year. Cost before October 1, 2017, is \$40 per member, after it will be \$45. Renewal forms need to be filled out for each year. You can pick up a form at the meeting or you can also fill out the on-line form found on our website WGECCA.com or with the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/xsmiKCYwH8oYcx4D3>

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$2,190.74 Savings: \$9,629.50 Phone Bill: \$25.24
Deposits (memberships): August 31 \$800.00 September \$320.00 Interest Earned: \$.08

Referral Line:

All providers who want to be on the referral line must attend one meeting per quarter. If any of your information changes, please send an email with those changes to referralwgecca@gmail.com. In addition, if you do not fill out the form with your openings at the meeting you need to please send an email with the number of openings and ages you have. If we do not hear from you the assumption is you have no current openings.

August 15, 2017 - September 12, 2017 : 8 calls

5 Infant calls - 2 two year olds - 3 three year olds



Find us on
Facebook

Networking through Facebook

If you don't have a Facebook page, we warmly invite you to open one, even if it is only for these networking opportunities. When something is posed on either the public or private Facebook page, you will get an e-mail notification, so you don't need to go to Facebook to check everyday.

Public Page

Our Association has a public Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wheaton-Glen-Ellyn-Child-Care-Association-Inc>

Make sure to go to this link and like it. We will be posting upcoming meetings, small announcements and related articles to our business on this page. This is also a great way to double check dates and locations for Monthly Meetings and Talk It Ups.

Please invite your clients to like this page. It is a great way to advertise our group. The more people that hear and know about us, the more referrals we are going to receive.

Private Page

The Wheaton Glen/Ellyn Child Care Association Private Facebook page is a Provider only page and cannot be viewed by the public.

To become a member, you must be invited by either Josh/Jurgita or Annette. To invite you, we need your email address that is linked to your Facebook page.

This page was created for the purpose of provider networking, where providers can ask questions or start conversations that will only be seen by Association members. Any member can respond to a post if they want.

Some examples of questions or conversations would be:

- *Meals for kids with allergies
- *Provider policies
- *Specific work situations
- *Parent problems

Members are expected to be polite on the page. Inappropriate language or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated and may result in that member being deleted from the page.



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Anna Harrison 9/6	Hemaxi Mistry 10/11	Kylie McGrenera 10/21
Tracy Colangelo 10/23	Cathy Alcantara 10/29	Jan Munday 11/2
Susanne Wong 11/2	Josh McFadden 11/4	Maureen Launing 11/6
	Carole Tadvich 11/26	

Our Mission: Our focus is on children and childcare providers irrespective of race, color, religion, national origin or sex. We are dedicated to build and maintain a professional base from which providers can reach out and gain support as well as recognition for their chosen profession through networking and education.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION / RESOURCES



Saturday, September 23rd
10:00a – 1:00p

Central DuPage Hospital
25 N. Winfield Rd.
Winfield

FREE
 No appointment necessary

People's Resource Center

630-682-5402

www.peoplesrc.org

Wheaton
 201 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

This source is available for free to us. We can take computer classes for MS Word, Excel and Power Point. This is also a source to donate old computers that are refurbished and given to the needy.

Drop off old medicines safely

RxBOX Locations

Addison Police Department
 1 Friendship Plaza, Addison, IL 60101

Bloomington Police Department
 201 S. Bloomington Road, Bloomington, IL 60108

Burr Ridge Police Department
 7660 S. County Line Rd # 1, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Carol Stream Police Department
 500 N. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188

DuPage County Sheriff
 501 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

Glendale Heights Police Department
 300 Civic Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Lemont Police Department
 14600 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Lisle Police Department
 5040 Lincoln Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532

Oak Brook Police Department
 1200 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook, IL 60521

Schaumburg Police Department
 1000 W. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194

Wood Dale Police Department
 404 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191

Silver Access Program Guidelines

DO YOU NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ACA HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM?

The Health Insurance Marketplace is a government website where you can buy health insurance. You will pay a premium (monthly payment) for your insurance.

Silver Access is a DuPage Health Coalition Program that can help you pay your premium. Silver Access is *not* health insurance.

DO I QUALIFY?
 To Qualify you, must meet the following guidelines

- 1) Be able to enroll in health insurance from the ACA Marketplace
- 2) Live in DuPage County, Illinois, and be a US Citizen or legal resident.
- 3) Not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare.
- 4) Meet the income guidelines (See Chart)

Maximum Income Guidelines (Before Taxes)

FAMILY SIZE	PER MONTH	PER YEAR
1	\$1,980	\$23,760
2	\$2,670	\$32,040
3	\$3,360	\$40,320
4	\$4,050	\$48,600
5	\$4,740	\$56,880
6	\$5,430	\$65,160
FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON ADD	\$690	\$8,280

STEPS TO APPLY

- 1 Buy & Enroll in Health Insurance from www.healthcare.gov
- 2 Choose a Silver Level Plan
*Bronze or Gold Plans may have alternative \$000
- 3 Use your entire Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC)
- 4 Select a Plan from one of the following insurance companies: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Ambetter/Celtic
- 5 Apply for Silver Access

ONCE ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM: Members will qualify for up to \$150 a month in premium assistance

- Silver Access will ask members to set up a payment plan (or pay in full) for a portion of the member's health insurance costs. Member payments need to set up before Silver Access enrollment begins.
- Members will pay 1– 2 months of premium costs. See chart for more information.
- Silver Access will not pay out of pocket cost such as deductible or copayments— those will be member's responsibility
- Members must give Silver Access permission to communicate with insurance company and the agency that referred to the program
- Members must file taxes (jointly if married) and inform the marketplace and silver access of any changes to household income throughout the year

Family Size	1 Month Of Premium Costs	1.5 Months Of Premium Costs	2 Months Of Premium Costs
	0 - 100 % FPL	101 - 150 % FPL	151 - 200 % FPL
1	Up to 11,880	Up to 17,820	Up to 23,760
2	16,020	24,030	32,040
3	20,160	30,240	40,320
4	24,300	36,450	48,600
5	28,440	42,660	56,880
6	32,580	48,870	65,160

For Questions, visit the website at www.accessdupage.org, or call 630-510-8720 M-F, 8 am–4 pm