



Provider News

2010—The Year of "Change"

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! Hopefully everyone had great times during the holidays!

We have a number of things to tell you about what is planned for 2010. You have probably all gotten your membership renewal notices, and many have already renewed or joined. A full year of membership to both Providers' Network and NACCP is only \$150, add a Director or second site for only \$15 (Providers' Network only). The important thing for you to know about membership this year is that the NACCP National Conference is IN CHICAGO THIS YEAR—HURRAY! That's right—conference will be held at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. So mark your calendars for April 20-23 to be sure you are with us. We really want to make a huge showing for Providers' Network at this conference, so please, make plans to attend. **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PRICE IF YOU JOIN WITH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION—\$130 FOR BOTH NACCP & PROVIDERS' NETWORK FOR 2010!** When you send your registration, make sure to write "Providers' Network member" on the form in large letters where they can see it.

The next bit of information is regarding

our meeting format. It seems that many people have had trouble from time to time, with being able to attend meetings. Some attend all, some attend some, others attend some—but we need to be UNITED! So, I have come up with a solution I hope will help everyone, at least part of the time. I am in the process of setting up a conference call meeting format so you can attend on the phone, and even see an agenda and/or slideshow of topics we will discuss each month. The intent is that we will be able to begin in February, saving the "in person" meetings for nicer weather when travel is much faster and safer.

More exciting news for members—NACCP has had, for some time, an online training component, which includes CDA training and much more. Well, Providers' Network is adding our own version to meet the needs of yourselves and your employees. We are partnering with a non-profit organization to offer inexpensive online sessions that are pertinent to your needs. And, since the sponsoring organization is non-profit, any fees paid for training will be completely tax-deductible for your business. A discussion of topics will be on our February Meeting Agenda.

Finally, another important piece of information for you: Ron McGuckin, Child Provider Law, is holding a session in March here in the Chicago area. If you have never attended one of Ron's "Boot Camp" sessions, be sure to get to this one. Ron is entertaining, so the time you are there goes by fast, but more than that, he is THE expert on child care law, including what you can and can not do with your employee policies. Check back with our website, or join us on Facebook for more information on Ron's Boot Camp. This is very valuable information—don't miss it!

NACCP Member Benefits

The National Association of Child Care Professionals offers many, many Membership Benefits...

- Empowered Training Centre—An ONLINE Professional Education Center—as much training as you can complete in a year—at one low price (Administrators & Staff)
- Listing on the NACCP Website
- Director's Hotline 800# to assist you with crisis management issues
- Management Tools of the Trade
- CollectAChek Service to minimize loss from bad checks
- Discounts from major early childhood supply companies
- More...

EXTRA SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS...

NAC CENTER ACCREDITATION—A national accreditation that values the rich and diverse tapestry of early care and education programs and the uniqueness of each. Processes and accreditation standards advocate optimal child development practices that result in high quality experiences for young children. Also available is free assistance through the Accreditation Listserv, where you can ask questions and have them answered, plus read what others in the process are doing to achieve their accreditation. Truly a superior choice for your center's national accreditation. For more info, see www.naccp.org—Accreditation.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE—How Successful Directors Manage is the best National Conference for Administrators! This year's conference will be held at the Chicago Hilton, right on Michigan Ave. Providers' Network's goal is to have a HUGE group from Illinois at the conference. We want to be noticed, and we want you to be noticed as part of the fastest growing ECE organization in the State of IL.