

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! We are all ready for the brand new year and are excited to share some recent changes with the Wildwood staff. As mentioned in previous newsletters, Wildwood is now working with Daycare Centers as well as Daycare Homes. Due to the increase in Centers, we need to increase the staff that is dedicated specifically for Centers. Mary Palmer, our Field Rep for the south and southeast part of the state, has accepted the challenge of working exclusively with Centers. Though I know she will be missed by all of the home providers that worked with Mary, we have found a wonderful replacement. Amy Geske, formerly a provider on the Wildwood food program, will begin working with Wildwood on January 2, 2014. Her knowledge as a provider will be a huge asset in learning the Field Rep position. There are few other changes in the Field Reps caseload and postcards will be sent to any Providers that have had a change.

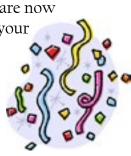
We are very excited about the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Healthier Meals Initiative. The last workshop that all the Sponsors conducted, "Healthier Futures for Our Children," addressed these four initiatives: serve less processed meat, serve juice only twice a week, serve one whole grain per day, and 1% or skim milk for all children after they turn two years old. The milk initiative is already a requirement. The other three are what we are striving to achieve. Your field reps will have more information on upcoming visits so that we can make sure all of our children are getting the healthiest start possible.

Minute Menu Kids Pro is available for all providers claiming online. If you haven't signed up for it yet, jump on board. The comments that we have heard from providers that are now using Kids Pro love it. It truly gives you a professional edge with other providers in your neighborhood.



Happy New Year!

Kati Wagner



Everyone at Wildwood would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following providers with January birthdays: Ana Ambriz, Kelly Baker, Maria Bath, Traci Biehle, Chris Brack, Christy Brown, Toni Carman, Syringa Carrizalez, Nicole Conrad, Judy Cooper, Patricia Cummings, Tracy Delliquadri, Birgit Doerr, Mary Ann Emerson, Laura Enriquez Sanchez, Sandy Geesaman, Amy Geske, Denise Glassman, Beverly Glover, Yolanda R Gonzales, Shellie Griego-Romero, Sharon Heiner, Kelly Hendrickson, Jeannine Henry, Stephanie Hummer, Jenifer Jackson, Patsy Janeba, Christina Kerns, Teresa Klein, Marilyn Klippert, Shelli Lang, Rita Lucero, Lois MacDonald, Teresa Mael, Anna Maldonado, Verla Martucci, Amber McClung, Janet McColm, Cynthia McKelvey, Heather Moon, Vickie Nelson, Sheila Ochsner, Adelia Okvath-Paul, Marylin Peatrowsky, Leslie Pierson, Linda Pilkington, Elizabeth Pittman, Candy Plum, Anna Polson, Joyce Reimnitz, Diann Reimondo, Lisa Rickard, Dianna Shull, Christine Skorkowsky, Relyn Soliday, Cindy Valdez, Carol Vollendorf, Debra Wellen, and Sheryl Williams

CLAIMS CORNER

TIPS FOR ALL:

If your license was due for renewal in January, Wildwood must have a copy of the license with the 2015 sticker attached before we can request funds to pay your claim. Please mail, email or fax a copy to the office. Watch for your continuation notice to arrive in the mail and act on it as soon as possible.

If you claim any children on New Year's Day please document that you provided care on this major holiday. Document school closures for winter break.

Thank you all for a wonderful year. You all do such a great job on your claims.

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Have you completed your Let's Move Child Care! action plan? Here is the link to the website that will get you started: it's quick, easy and fun!

www.healthykidshealthyfuture.org/home/startearly/howtosignup.html



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