

Wildwood ^{at home} October 2015

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President's Message

Samantha Marshall, one of our speakers from the August 2015 Provider Conference, posted her comments about our conference on her website – www.childcareinfo.com. Sam also offered to do a webinar for providers interested in setting up their own website!

Always Learning From You - Wildwood CACFP Child Care Conference

I recently had the opportunity to speak at the Wildwood CACFP Child Care Conference. My talk was about valuing what you do, as child care providers, and providing ideas on how to do that, with a focus of creating an online presence. While I do hope that the providers were able to take at least one thing (hopefully more!) home with them. I wanted to share with you the several things I took home with me. I love being able to talk to you all, I always learn so much! Please share your thoughts in the comments below!

A Few Things...

1. Opinions vary regarding the importance, value, and security of having a website or a Facebook page. Although, most seem to have some sort of an online presence such as a listing on care.com, craigslist or some other type of directory. Some providers were very interested in attending a webinar to learn how to create their own website. Comment below if you'd be interested in attending!
2. When talking about your program and it's value to your community and future families it is important to consider what makes you unique such as a "grandma type atmosphere for children who don't get to see their grandmas." I hadn't thought of this one before and I love it. What makes your program unique from others?
3. There are some really neat things people are doing for literacy! Depending on where you live (and seemed like all of Colorado does this) librarians from your local library will come to your child care, read to the children (some do a craft) and then leave books. They come twice a month (depending on where you live)! Someone else mentioned there was a mobile book and snack program that came to their curb every week. Look for community services that come to your home!
4. You forget to tell people how hard you work, in the most positive way, of course! Make sure parents know about all of the training and continuing education you are attending. Tell them about industry magazine subscriptions so they know all that you are doing to stay up with trends in the field.
5. You like the idea of being called Brain Architects, which you are. Who is with the children the most other than the parents? You are! Research shows that 90% of a child's brain develops in the first 5 years of life (www.first5california.com). You are helping them build their brains. When people ask you what you do, tell them you are a brain architect.

Just a Reminder...
The last day we can
accept **original**
July claims or
upward revisions is
October 26, 2015.

Thank you to those who attended the Wildwood CACFP conference and shared with me your thoughts and experiences. It is always humbling to be with the wonderful people that are child care providers.

If you are interested in setting up a website and would like to attend a webinar, email us at info@wildwoodcacfp.org and we

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Claims Corner

Internet Claimers: Please be sure to send renewed enrollment forms before the 25th of the month so that your children won't drop off of your roster when we advance our claim month. If the form expired 9-30-15 then we need the form by 10-23-15 and it needs to be dated 9-2015.

Don't forget to document all school closures on every claim you submit. We want you to receive as much reimbursement as possible. Thank you for your help.

Please be sure to check your email in case we have emailed you for important information that we need to process your claims. We have sent a lot of emails regarding kindergarten information with no responses. Thank you.

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If you have already updated your device, you can use the kids2go.mobi site in Safari. Just open up Safari and go to kids2go.mobi. Use your normal login and password to log in, and you'll be able to do all of the functions that you can do in the app.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Minute Menu support department either by phone at 972-671-5211 or via email at hx-support@minutemenu.com.

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The Wildwood CACFP Annual Conference was a success! We all had such a great time and would like to thank all of the providers who joined us. We would also like to thank our speakers: Samantha Marshall, Sarah Delcourt, Travis Messervey, Kyle Logan, and Kati Wagner!!

We are posting lots of great info and recipes from our speakers on our website (www.wildwoodonline.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WildwoodCACFP), and Twitter (www.twitter.com/WildwoodCACFP)

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