# Douglas County Child Care Association Newsletter October-December 2022 Issue





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#### President's Letter October 2022

#### On the Horizon

Fall is beautiful in Colorado, and many declare it to be their favorite time of year! Our eyes automatically navigate to the trees, the sky, the sunsets and then remain fixated until we almost lose our balance. So much ahead of us... and so much above us.

The same could be said for the advancing 2022-2023 calendar months pertaining to our early childhood profession, and our family childcare businesses. So much ahead of us....and so much above us. All the planning, organization, development, communications, outreach, and implementation happening at the state and local levels, feels chaotic, frantic, and overwhelming! Emails, meetings, surveys, updates, directions, trainings, townhalls, etc. all equates to information overload. Striving to absorb it all, participate where you can, to gain a solid understanding, almost feels impossible! We have weathered so much and now we realize, just on the horizon, many changes will be taking fruition in our field, requiring us to learn enough in order to make informed decisions for our own businesses and personal growth directions.

Change and learning can be challenging. Change and learning IS a process NOT an event! We get this, as caregivers and teachers! Just BREATHE.....apply what we teach and do for others, to ourselves. With available supports and the ability to ask for help, we have what it takes to weather this and come out better, stronger, renewed, revitalized, proud, more proficient, and DYNAMIC vs static. Small steps, with necessary periods of rest......really do add up. "You don't have to take a (Big) step, but you do have to take (A) step." Molly Kennedy, motivational speaker.

A small step could be any one of the following or other starter goals you might have in mind; taking instructional trainings on navigating PDIS until it becomes easier. Meet Diane Smith director of the Douglas County Early Childhood Council and attend a virtual meeting regarding universal preschool this month. Explore benefits of the ECPC-Early Childhood Professional Credential and apply someday. Connect with Beth Burke our ECE Site Coach for general help, guidance or to explore advancing to a Level II Colorado Shines. Connect with Katie Nester to explore grant opportunities or advancing to a Colorado Shines Level III- V. Sit in on a state, county, or DCCCA zoom meeting for first-hand information regarding Universal Preschool, Rules and Regs, Legislative bills, grants etc.

Click on the DCCCA, CAFCC, Colorado Department of Early Childhood websites to find information, answers, trainings, current updates. Join an early childhood professional organization outside of family childcare. Learn how to organize your emails to minimize the brain damage. Discover the visual gift of YouTube for professional and personal learning, watch a previously recorded meeting, find a PDIS instructional video, a Tom Copeland tape. Seek out technical support and instruction to increase your computer/phone competency. We can now do ZOOM with ease!

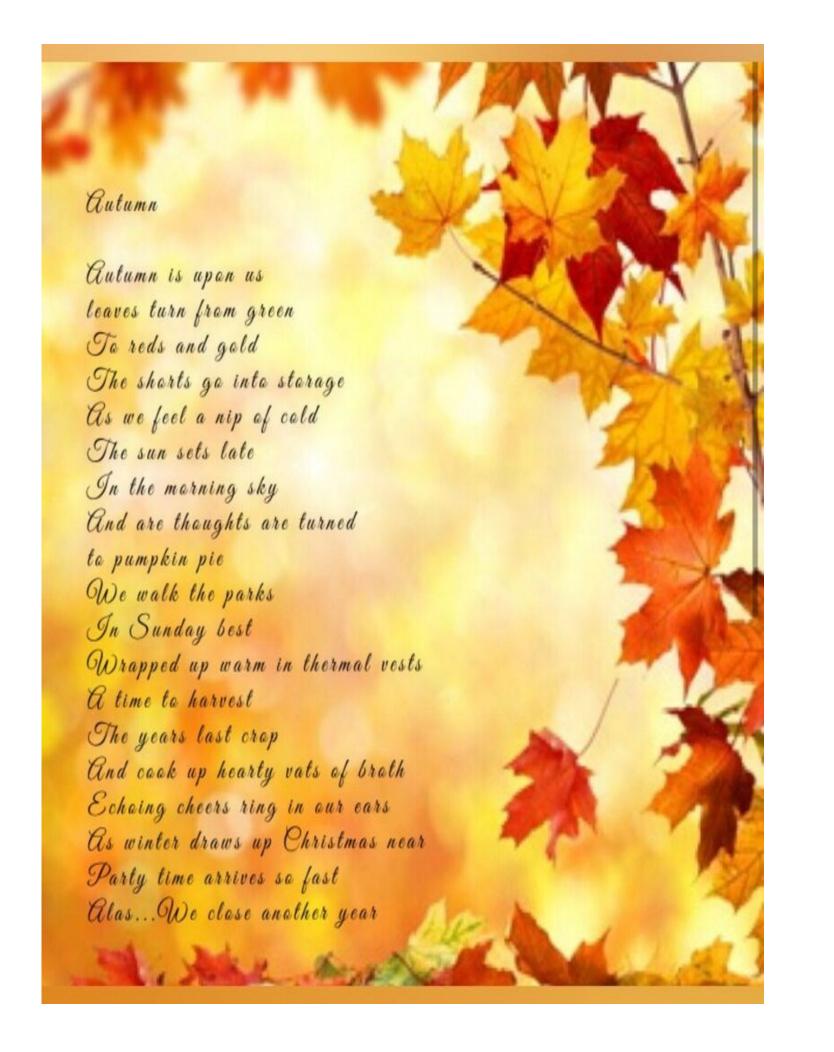
And when we take a peek back, it is easy to see how far we've come and recall how each journey began with a small, intentional and courageous step. You now have greater knowledge, experience, and wisdom than ever before. Testing the waters and taking a leap or just (A) step.... really ends up empowering the spirit and adding personal meaning to our lives, our work. You may even become more energized!

On the horizon, our early childhood profession in Colorado will continue to evolve at a vigorous pace. Family Child Care Home providers have representation and a seat at the table. Individual voices, really matter. In the months ahead, you will be charged in making personal and business decisions that best fit your values, standards, beliefs, needs, and abilities. Strive to make your best "educated" and "informed" decisions. We are here for you!

Eyes up, and feet moving forward,

Angela Rosales

DCCCA



#### In the Spotlight



#### Diane Smith—Director of the Douglas County Early Childhood Council

#### What is your profession/with whom and how long?

I have been an educator for over 40 years. I started as a teacher in elementary schools, became a principal and then a principal supervisor. I have worked as a staff developer, leadership coach and in special edu-

cation. I primarily worked in school districts.

#### What made you decide on your profession?

I have always loved children. I have 5 siblings and I took care of the 3 younger kids as we grew up. I wanted to be a teacher my whole life.

#### What are some of your biggest challenges in your current position?

I think the biggest challenge is figuring out how to reach all of the parents of preschoolers to be sure they are aware of the services we offer and so they know about UPK and their options. I can email providers, but parents are not as easy to reach.

#### What are some of the most satisfying things in your position?

Visiting preschool programs has been fabulous. There's nothing better than seeing the children we are working to support.

#### Tell us a little about your life outside of work. Family, hobbies, etc.

I have been married for 43 years. I met my husband while doing a teaching exchange in England. I tell him that he was my souvenir from that year. We have two grown children, a boy and a girl, and 3 grandchildren. I love to read, but love being with my grandchildren the most. Cameron is 14 and is a freshman in high school. Brielle is 8 and in third grade. Hunter will be 3 in October. He is my little sweetheart.

Diane has been an educator for over 40 years. She has served as a teacher, principal, principal supervisor and professional developer. She brings extensive leadership skills and a deep commitment to improving education for children. One of her favorite quotes, and one in which she deeply believes, comes from Christa McAuliffe, "I touch the future, I teach." She knows that our efforts to support early childhood education will have a long lasting impact on our future.

#### Helping a New Child, Then Stepping Back

I'd like to share with you something I learned last Fall. It was mid-September, and there was a new little boy in the room, one of many. This boy however, rather than bond with all the teachers equally, bonded exclusively with me. I must admit, it made me feel special. I alone had the power to comfort this little one. I was happy to give him a comforting smile when he looked for me. I was delighted to pick him up when he reached for me. Our dynamic continued in this way for a week or two.

I gave him the security and comfort he needed and this little boy adjusted well to life at The Rose Garden. However, he soon seemed to be stifled by his need for me. He wasn't able to get engaged in play because he was so busy seeking my attention.

My moment of enlightenment came when one of the other teachers told me that even though he cried at first when I left the room, he soon was able to engross himself in play, make connections with other teachers, and interact with his peers. When I left, he mourned a moment, and then, free of my apparently gravitational presence, was able to let go.

So, I stepped back. I stepped back and beamed confidence at him. Almost instantly, as if to say, "Finally!" this little boy relaxed and let himself fully integrate into the classroom. My trust and love had done their work, and now I was able to see the benefits. A healthy, curious, open-eyed child blossomed in front of me.

This experience taught me that with children, as with life, sometimes less is more. Sometimes distance is freedom, and always, trust is love. As we resign ourselves to the cooler weather of Autumn, and we get cozy in small indoor spaces, we must remind ourselves to give ourselves and each other the freedom to blossom.

Xan Moomaw (LifeWays)

Xan Moomaw teaches at <u>The Rose Garden Early Childhood Center</u> in Buffalo, NY. She wrote this article when she worked as an assistant, and she is now a Lead Teacher there.

## Treasury Report July 1, 2022—Sept. 30, 2022

		Balance Forward	\$4,980.66
Income:			
	Fraud Charge Reversal	\$33.06	
	Bank Analysis Charge Reversal	\$80.00	
	Membership Grant	\$1,840.00	
	Membership Dues	\$180.00	
	State Membership Dues	\$210.00	
	Total Income	\$7,324.72	
Expenses:	Telephone	\$173.11	
	Website SOS4NET	\$65.00	
	Office Supplies	\$507.26	
	Education	\$38.97	
	CAFCC Affiliate Dues	\$84.00	
	CAFCC Membership Dues	\$240.00	
	Bank Analysis Charge	\$40.00	
	Membership Dues Refund	\$21.00	
	Total Expenses	\$1,170.21	
Ending Balance			\$6,154.51
Respectfully Submitted, Susan Moberly DCCCA/Treasurer/Membership			-

# July-September 2022 Referrals

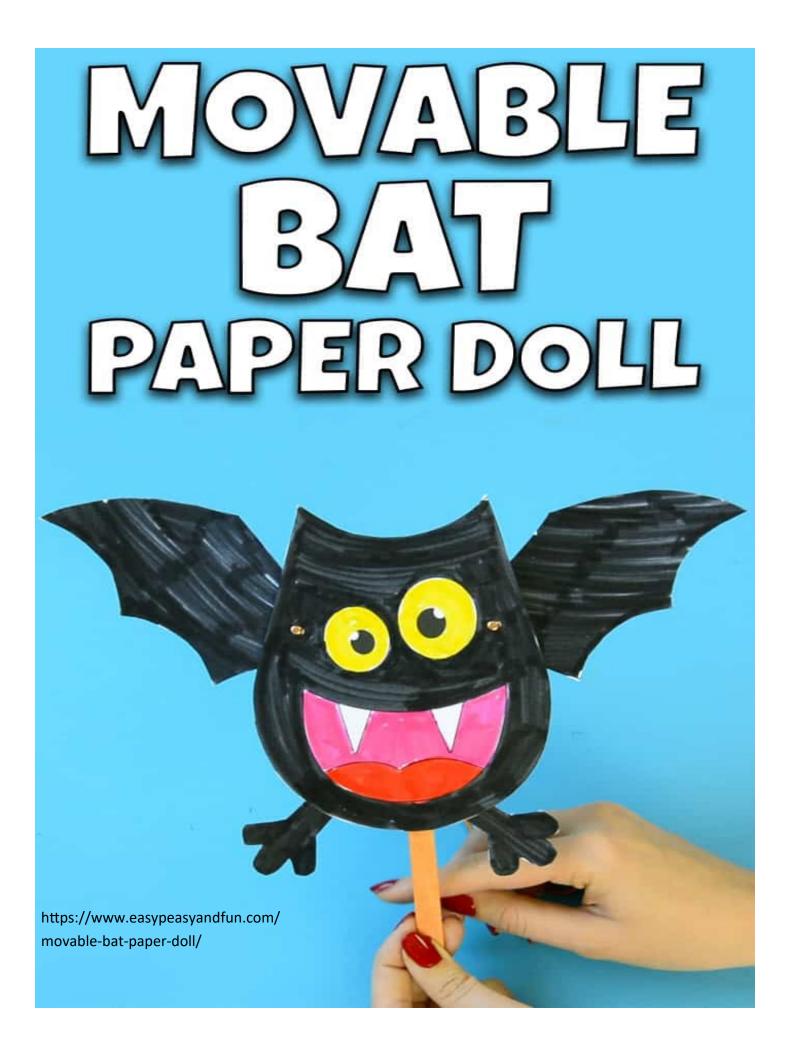
		Highlands			
Castle Rock		Ranch		Parker	
Under 18 months	23	Under 18	12	Under 18	14
Full Time:	18	Full Time:	6	Full Time:	10
Part Time:	5	Part Time:	1	Part Time:	4
Over 18 months	20	Over 18	7	Over 18	12
Full Time:	16	Full Time:	4	Full Time:	9
Part Time:	4	Part Time:	1	Part Time:	3
School Age	0	School Age	0	School Age	3
Drop In	0	Drop In	0	Drop In	0
Total	43	Total	19	Total	29
DCCCA WEBSITE	13	DCCCA WEBSITE	5	DCCCA WEBSITE	23
Colorado Shines	19	Colorado Shines	2	Colorado Shines	0
DCCCA Referral Line	0	DCCCA Referral Line	2	DCCCA Referral Line	0
PROVIDER	2	PROVIDER	2	PROVIDER	3
OTHER:	3	OTHER:	0	OTHER:	0

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADDITIONAL DCCCA VOLUNTEERS			
President	Angela Rosales	303-766-9241	amagr8rose@q.com
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Continuing Education Committee	OPEN		
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State Representative	OPEN		
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Newsletter Editor	Vickie Scholl		
Douglas County Zoning	OPEN		
Employer Identification	EIN#	1-800-829-4933	http://www.irs.gov/businesses/ smallbusinessesself-employed/ employer-idnumbers

LICENSING SPECIALIST INFORMATION AND OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS			
Supervisor	Christa Ferrari	720-425-6294 <a href="mailto:christa.Ferrari@state.co.us">Christa.Ferrari@state.co.us</a>	
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Castle Rock: 80101, 80104, 80108, 80109, 80135, 80116,80118	Heather Sporrer	720-237-2298 heather.sporrer@state.co.us	
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QRIS Level 1-2 Coach/ Navigator/PDIS/Licensure	Beth Burke	720-287-9882 Beth.Burke@rrcc.edu	
Colorado Department of Early Childhood	1-800-799-5876	https://cdec.colorado.gov/	
24 Hour Child Protective Line	303-271-4131		
Immunization Line	303-237-7178		
Rocky Mountain Poison Control	303-222-1222		
NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care)	800-359-3817		
Child Find for Douglas County	720-433-0020	https://www.dcsdk12.org/cms/ One.aspx? portalId=220484&pageId=5759334	
	<b>Food Programs</b>		
Kids Nutrition Company	303-987-4851		
Southwest Food Program	719-573-2246		
Wildwood Food Program	303-730-0460		

#### **Child Care Insurance Options**

Dawna Nolan, Broker	720-519-0291	dawna@cowest.com
ADCO General Daycare	303-893-5770	
Insurance		
Adults &Children Alliance	800-433-8108 x2028	acainc.org/partners.html
Allstate Insurance	303-833-5588	
Assure Child Care	855-818-5437	Assurechildcare.com
Cherry Creek Insurance Group	303-799-0110	travelers.com
Child, Inc. Liability Insurance	800-844-8288 x108	
Child Care Insurance	800-819-9992	
Dan Gillespie, Insurance Broker	303-656-6912	
Daycare Defender	800-414-1066	scdefender.com
DC Insurance Services, Inc.	800-624-0912	dcins.com/contactus.html
Farmers Insurance—Daniel	303-970-0315	
Cashmore		
Mike Boling Markel	888-515-8537	
New England Ins. Services, Inc.	888-845-8288	neisinc.com
State Farm Ins.—Daniel West	303-790-4333	





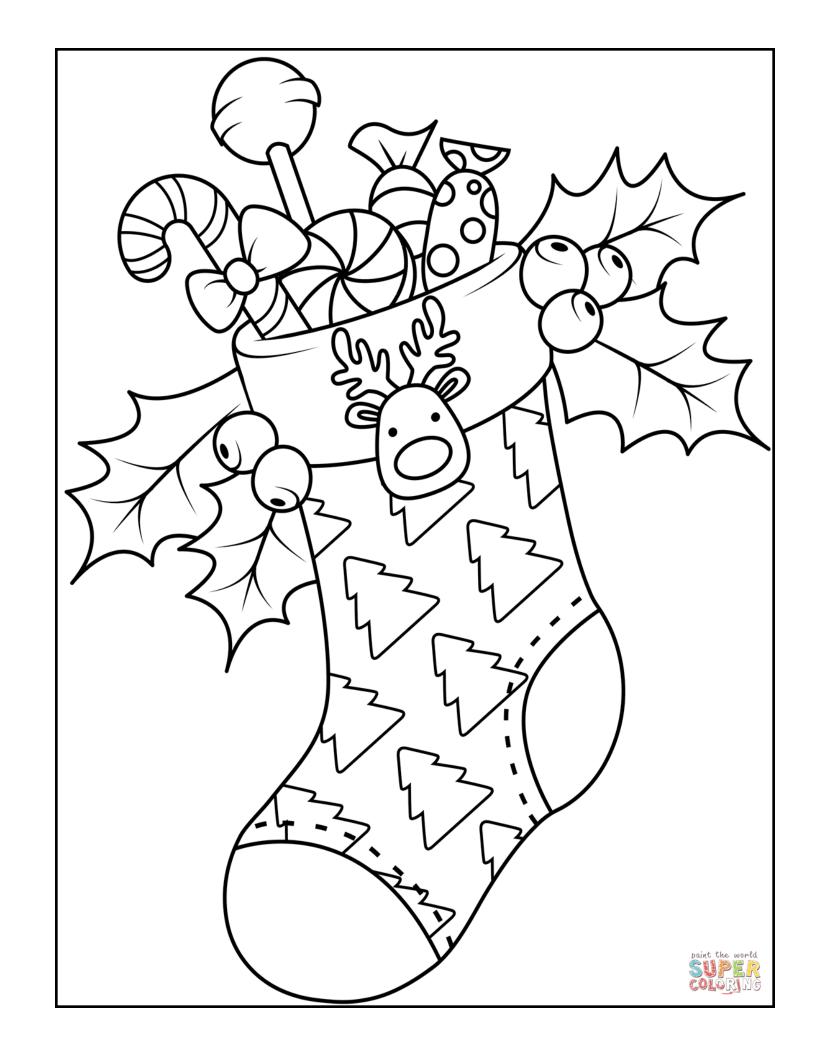


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