

Douglas County Child Care Association
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President's Letter

April 2024

Not saying “so long”

The time has come to pass the baton, move on, and defiantly not saying... “so long”! Just yet.

I hope to continue teaching and caring for children a few more years and help our association through a transition of new leadership! Letting go is hard. Believing in the mission of our association and trusting it will continue, is a leap of faith! I encourage you, my colleagues, to harness all of your hard-earned knowledge, and experience, and consider a two-year board or volunteer position with the Douglas County Child Care Association. We need you.

Serving as president of the DCCCA for almost eight years now, has been a profoundly whole-life changing experience, and a professionally powerful, uplifting adventure! Highlights will be.....witnessing your professional journeys, your personal growth and development, along with facilitating the elevation of our profession both locally, statewide and nationally.

I am grateful for the board members and DCCCA volunteers I have worked alongside of. You became the “wind under my wings”, a forged partnership of complimenting strengths, a trusted and unmatched alliance! I am grateful for all the special connections made, the shared support and guidance, the combined strength of our membership to preserve together... through so much these past years!

May you continue your journey with abundant supplies, those you rely on beside you, trust in your own strength and abilities, enough courage to listen to your heart and act on your instincts! Never forget the difference you make!

Bon Voyage!

Angela Rosales



Vice President's Letter

April 2024

Dear members, as my time as Vice President comes to a close, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your Vice President.

As Vice President, I have been continually inspired with your commitment to excellence in early childhood. It has helped to shape our industry in such a positive way.

I am grateful for the trust you placed in me to represent this great association. I am confident that under new leadership our association will continue to thrive and achieve even greater success in the future.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as your Vice President. It has been an honor and a privilege to work for and with you all.

I look forward to supporting the Douglas County Child Care Association in any way I can.

Thank you

Vickie Scholl



Spring is here
Spring is fun
Spring with kids playing around
Spring is hot
Sometimes rainy
Spring break! With kids so happy
Spring is good
Spring maybe have bad luck
Sometimes people go indoors
because it is...
So hot! People love spring
So do I!
Spring is here
Spring is very fun
Spring is almost done, so
Say bye- bye!
So now you will see next year
that it will be back to
Spring!!!
By Zoe

Being Born Even a Bit Early Could Harm a Child's Development

HEALTHDAY

By Dennis Thompson HealthDay Reporter



FRIDAY, Jan. 25, 2024 (HealthDay News) -- Babies born even slightly early have a higher long-term risk of developmental difficulties that could affect their behavior and learning ability, a new study finds. Infants born moderately (32-33 weeks) or late preterm (34-36 weeks) are more likely to have epilepsy or problems with brain function, motor skills, vision or hearing, according to analysis of data from more than 1 million Swedish children.

About 80% of preterm births fall into these categories, researchers noted.

“The risks should not be underestimated as these children comprise the largest proportion of children born preterm,” concluded the team led by senior researcher [Dr. Jenny Bolk](#), a consultant neonatologist with the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

“The findings may help professionals and families to better assess risk, follow-up and healthcare systems planning for children born moderately or late preterm,” they added.

Previous studies have shown that babies born early have higher risks of developmental and behavioral disabilities through childhood and adolescence, researchers said.

However, few studies have investigated long-term outcomes of these children, compared with children born at full term.

For this study, researchers analyzed Swedish health data to compare children born at full term (39-40 weeks) compared to moderate- or late-preterm births.

The data included nearly 1.3 million babies born without birth defects in Sweden between 1988 and 2012.

During an average follow-up period of 13 years, more than 75,000 children had at least one diagnosis of developmental impairment.

Babies born moderately or late preterm showed higher risks for any developmental impairment than those born at full-term, results showed.

That included a nearly five-fold increased risk of motor impairment and a nearly two-fold increased risk of epilepsy for children born moderately preterm, the study found.

The results were published Jan. 24 in the [BMJ](#) journal.

Researchers noted in a journal news release that since this was an observational study, they can’t establish a direct cause-and-effect relationship between preterm birth and developmental problems.

For example, they can’t rule out the possibility that factors like alcohol or substance use during pregnancy caused some of the developmental difficulties.

More information

The March of Dimes has more on the [long-term health effects of premature birth](#).

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Treasury Report – 3rd Quarter

January 1, 2024—March 31, 2024

		Balance Forward	\$5,156.71
Income:			
	Total Income	\$0.00	
Expenses:	Website	\$149.98	
	Education	\$338.97	
	Office Supplies	\$78.83	
	Total Expenses	\$567.78	
Ending Balance			\$4,588.93
Respectfully Submitted, Susan Moberly DCCCA/Treasurer/Membership			

January-March 3rd Quarter 2024 Referrals					
Castle Rock		Highlands Ranch		Parker	
Under 18 months	16	Under 18	14	Under 18	5
Full Time:	14	Full Time:	9	Full Time:	4
Part Time:	2	Part Time:	5	Part Time:	1
Over 18 months	14	Over 18	2	Over 18	3
Full Time:	14	Full Time:	2	Full Time:	1
Part Time:	0	Part Time:	0	Part Time:	2
School Age	0	School Age	0	School Age	0
Total	30	Total	16	Total	8
DCCCA WEBSITE	5	DCCCA WEBSITE	8	DCCCA WEBSITE	8
Colorado Shines	13	Colorado Shines	0	Colorado Shines	0
PROVIDER	6	PROVIDER	1	PROVIDER	0
OTHER:	1	OTHER:	2	OTHER:	0

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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

Food Programs

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Coffee Filter Butterflies



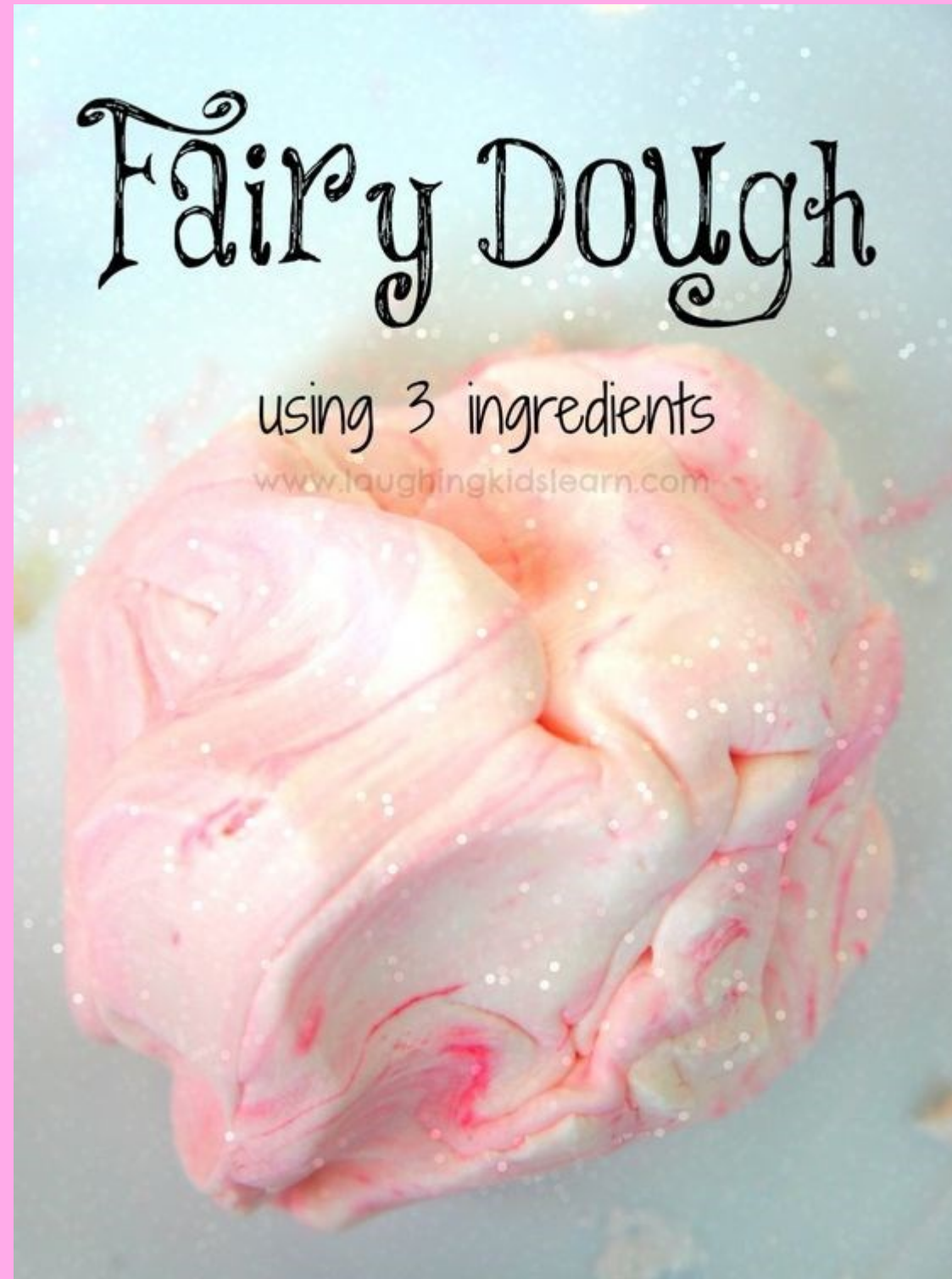
<https://www.organizedisland.com/how-to-make-coffee-filter-butterflies/>

Galaxy Jars



<https://www.momdot.com/diy-nebula-jar-instructions/>

Fairy playdough recipe



<https://laughingkidslearn.com/fairy-playdough-recipe/>

FROZEN BANANA YOGURT POPS



<https://www.theproducemoms.com/frozen-banana-yogurt-pops/>

Frozen Candy Grapes with Jello



<https://kitchenfunwithmy3sons.com/candy-grapes/>

Blueberry Vanilla Greek Yogurt Granola Bars



<https://www.halfbakedharvest.com/blueberry-vanilla-greek-yogurt-granola-bars/>