Welcome

We are glad you have stopped by to enjoy another issue of the FCCPC newsletter. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office of Child Care Regulation and the Children’s Forum would like to say “Thank You” to all the FCCPC Training Program Providers for your commitment and dedication in providing training and education to the early care and education workforce. For many early care and education professionals, receiving an FCCPC is the catalyst for wanting to go further in their education, especially since many never thought they could take college courses and be successful. I commend you for providing the supports needed to make higher education a reality for many child care practitioners.

Our goal with this year’s newsletter is to spotlight your FCCPC training programs and to get a glimpse into what is going on with other programs across the state. We hope you will enjoy this issue and welcome you to share what’s happening in your programs in the future issues of the newsletter.

Please email your suggestions and newsletter articles to me at fbonner@thechildrensforum.com. You may also email me or Diana McKenzie at diana.mckenzie@myflfamilies.com if technical assistance is needed.

Happy Spring!

-Felicia Bonner
Child Care Evaluation Services Director

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2016 FCCPC Training Program Survey

By now, all FCCPC Training Providers have received the 2016 FCCPC Training Program Survey. Thirty-one FCCPC Providers were asked to complete a short electronic survey, confirming their compliance with the FCCPC training program requirements. The attestation at the end of the survey is shared with the Children’s Forum and will replace the current attestation submitted to the Children’s Forum each year. FCCPC Providers approved to offer multiple FCCPC training programs only need to complete one survey, which will meet the annual attestation requirement for each of their programs. Please continue to submit program changes to Felicia Bonner at fbonner@thechildrensforum.com for approval prior to implementing the change. Beginning next year, in addition to the survey, the Department will resume onsite monitoring visits to a limited number of randomly-selected FCCPC Training Programs. Further information will be provided later in the year. – Diana McKenzie
FCCPC Training Program Provider Audit Results 2014-15

THANK YOU to all of the FCCPC Training Providers for the time and effort taken to complete and submit the 2014-15 FCCPC Self Studies for the annual FCCPC Training Program audit. The 2014-15 FCCPC audit period was between January 13, 2014 and January 12, 2015. The audit captured a snapshot of FCCPC Training/Observation activities and mandates for each FCCPC Training Provider.

Results: There are a total of 31 FCCPC Training Providers (Providers). Twenty-three Providers are accredited and eight Providers are licensed. Below is a breakdown of the number of accredited Providers, the accrediting organization with which they are associated, the number of licensed Providers, and the audit results of the FCCPC Training Program requirements.

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120 clock hrs Training Requirement
Audit Results 100% Compliance

480 clock hrs Work Experience Requirement
Audit Results 100% Compliance

Trainer Qualifications and Training Requirements
Audit Results 100% Compliance

Observer/Advisor Qualifications and Observation Requirements
Audit Results 100% Compliance

Portfolio Requirements
Audit Results 100% Compliance

Student Information Forms (SIF) Requirement
Audit Results 100% Compliance

Program Assurances and Retention Requirement
Audit Results 100% Compliance

In conclusion, the 2014-15 FCCPC Training Program audits resulted in 100% compliance for all 31 FCCPC Training Programs, pursuant to CF-FSP 5191, Birth Through Five Child Care Professional Credential Training Program Application, March 2009, 65C-003(7)(e)f.a., and CF-FSP 5257, School Age FCCPC Training Program Application, March 2009, 65C-003(7)(e)2., Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE ALL EARNED A PERFECT SCORE!
- DIANA MCKENZIE
FCCPC Program Spotlight: Dr. Maureen O’Neil

Maureen O’Neil is originally from Connecticut and holds a Doctorate in Education and Human Development from Boston University. She is a professor of early childhood education at Tallahassee Community College where she has taught for ten years and is currently the chair of the early childhood education program. Dr. O’Neil is also a published author. She co-wrote “Creating Curious Young Minds,” a book of lesson plans for early childhood teachers dealing with areas of science, math, physical development, health and fine arts. Maureen loves the outdoors and all aspects of nature, especially within the state of Florida. She is a certified Green Guide and a Master Naturalist for Coastal Ecology, and has written a book called “The Little Green Guide” which contains stories and lesson plans for young children relating to the wonders that are right outside their back door. Dr. O’Neil is currently serving a two-year term as president of the Florida Community College Early Childhood Educators Network. Her vision for that group is to promote excellence in early childhood programs in the state of Florida through training, collaboration, advocacy and the exchange of ideas. For more information about the FCCPC program at Tallahassee Community College, contact Dr. O’Neil at oneilm@tcc.fl.edu.

TCC’s Early Childhood Education Faculty and Students Participate in Storybook Village During Children’s Week

Children’s Week at the Capitol is a great opportunity for educators in the area to participate in interactive activities with over 2,000 early childhood education students. TCC faculty and students brought the book “The Little Green Guide” to life with nature-based activities that encourage children to appreciate the great outdoors. The children used binoculars and magnifying glasses to examine birds, leaves and sea creatures. Art activities using stencils of things children would find at the beach gave children the opportunity to use their eye-hand coordination and take home a piece of their original art. Children participating in the event learned more about nature and enjoyed some outside time. The activities are designed to instill a love of nature and a desire to protect the environment for the next generation of children to enjoy.
The T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Scholarship Program is a successful three-way partnership between the employer, the teacher and the T.E.A.C.H. program addressing the problems of teacher education, turnover, and compensation in the child care and early learning field. The employer agrees to pay a portion of the costs for tuition and books and provides paid release time weekly for the teacher to handle duties such as attending classes and completing homework assignments. The employer also agrees to provide at least a 2% raise or a bonus at the end of a successful contract. The T.E.A.C.H. scholar agrees to pay a small portion of the tuition and books, and agrees to remain employed at their sponsoring center for one year beyond the end of the contract. The T.E.A.C.H. program agrees to pay a majority of the costs and provides a bonus upon successful completion. The T.E.A.C.H. program, created and licensed by the Child Care Services Association in North Carolina, operates in 24 states and the District of Columbia. The Children’s Forum in Tallahassee holds the license to administer the T.E.A.C.H. program in Florida.

Below are the recent changes to the scholarship program:

T.E.A.C.H. received $10 million in funding during the 2016 legislative session. This more than doubles the current T.E.A.C.H. budget and provides more scholarship opportunities for child care providers.

- T.E.A.C.H. now offers scholarships for bachelor degrees in Early Childhood Education for child care professionals.
- The Release Time Reimbursement, a core component of the shared partnership inherent in T.E.A.C.H., has increased from $5.00 per hour to $8.00 per hour.
- For more information about T.E.A.C.H., call 877-FL-TEACH or visit http://teach-fl.org/
“Who do I contact when...”

- If you need technical assistance with the implementation of the FCCPC Training Program, contact Diana McKenzie.

- If you want to make changes or revisions to an existing FCCPC Training Program or add a new FCCPC Training Program, contact Felicia Bonner at the Children’s Forum. Be sure to copy the e-mail to Diana McKenzie.

- If the FCCPC Training Program is licensed by the Florida DOE Commission for Independent Education (CIE) and your question concerns licensing by the Commission for Independent Education, contact the DOE licensing specialist at the CIE who assisted in getting the original license.

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Important Links:

- Office of Child Care Regulation
- What’s New
- Laws and Requirements
- Staff Credential Verification Application/ CF-FSP Form 5211
- Find Available FCCPC Trainings
- FCCPC Guide for Curriculum Development
- DCF Student Training Transcript
- U.S. Department of Education
- Florida Department of Education
- American Translators Association