

# grow your



# World

2009

## Howard County Family Child Care Conference

As a family child care provider, you concentrate every day on creating a safe, fun learning environment for the children. Sometimes it's nice to get out of the house and **stretch your own horizons** a bit.

Join your family care colleagues for **Grow Your World**, a family provider-focused conference that will provide **training hours, new information on regulations and opportunities, and a chance to network with your fellow providers.** Have breakfast as you enjoy a roundtable discussion of common concerns for family providers: marketing, LOCATE, changes to OCC regulations, and professional practices to help you improve your program (2 hours PRO credit). Choose two of eight breakout workshops tailored to your interests and needs, and talk with other providers over lunch about the challenges and rewards of family child care.

**Complete half of your required renewal training in one day, and have some fun at the same time!**

**Date and Time:**  
**Saturday, Sept. 26**  
**8:30 am - 4 pm**

**Location:**  
Glenwood Community Center  
2400 Route 97  
Cocksville, MD 21723

**Cost: \$20**  
(includes light breakfast and lunch)

**Credit:**  
7 hours (varies according to your workshop choices)

**Registration Deadline:**  
September 18

**Questions?**  
**410-313-1940**

## Agenda for the Day

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| 8:15 - 8:30   | Arrival and Sign-In, Light Breakfast                  |
| 8:30 - 10     | Professional Practices Roundtable                     |
| 10 - noon     | Morning Workshop Sessions (see reverse for choices)   |
| 12:15 - 12:45 | Lunch and Networking                                  |
| 1 - 4         | Afternoon Workshop Sessions (see reverse for choices) |
- Certificates will be mailed to participants after pre/post tests are graded, within 10 business days.
  - Door prizes will be given throughout the day!



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# Choose your Workshop Topics

Sign up for one 2-hour morning workshop, and one 3-hour afternoon workshop. Registration is first come, first served, so **rank all the workshops on your registration form** and we'll place you in your highest-ranked choices that still have space.

## Morning Sessions

**Introduction to Observation and Assessment (2 PRO)** Assessment helps you get to know a child through observation and gathering information about his or her development and learning. You can use the knowledge you gain through assessment to make better decisions when planning activities in your program for an individual child and for the group.

**Greening Your Environment (2 HSN)** Children are affected by the environment around them, so make sure it's safe and healthy! Adapt your program to be more eco-friendly and healthy, discuss "green" products and small changes you can make that have a big impact on the world around us.

**Not Just Time Out: Discipline with a Positive Touch (2 CD)** Identify positive discipline techniques and how to implement them in your everyday practices. Learn what to do when challenging behaviors arise, and how to integrate positive practices throughout the day.

**Interactive Art for All Ages (2 CUR)** Art is more than coloring pages! Try out some new ideas for art activities that can be adapted to include toddlers, preschoolers, and school-agers. Learn how hands-on art experiences contribute to children's development.

## Afternoon Sessions

**Way to Grow 3: Routines for Infants and Toddlers (2 CUR + 1 CD)** Explore ways to plan for infants and toddlers in your program. Discuss appropriate routines and activities that take into account the individual needs, skills, and interests of each child. Learn how to plan for mixed age groups, ensure that at-home and program routines are complementary, and how your role as primary caregiver helps with social and emotional development.

**Way to Grow 14: Physical Development of Infants and Toddlers (1 CD + 2 CUR)** Discover and celebrate infants and toddlers as they grow and begin critical tasks such as rolling over, crawling, walking, and running around your program! Share ways to support physical development with fun activities, enlisting parental support, and other ideas.

**Mix It Up! Working with Mixed Age Groups (1.5 CD + 1.5 CUR)** Working with a group of children who are different ages presents child care providers with unique challenges and opportunities. Learn strategies to overcome these challenges, plan daily schedules, and meet the needs of each child in your program.

**Social-Emotional Teaching Strategies (3 CD)** To acquire social-emotional skills, children must learn about feelings, self-regulation, interacting with peers, and how to be a friend. Learn what works and what doesn't!

## Family Child Care Conference Registration: Grow Your World, Saturday Sept. 26

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Rank all of the session choices for morning and afternoon classes, 1 - 4 (1 is your first choice, 4 is your last choice).

1-4 ↓

Morning Sessions

- \_\_\_ Introduction to Observation and Assessment
- \_\_\_ Greening Your Environment
- \_\_\_ Not Just Time Out
- \_\_\_ Interactive Art for All Ages

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Afternoon Sessions

- \_\_\_ Way to Grow 3: Routines
- \_\_\_ Way to Grow 14: Physical Development
- \_\_\_ Mix It Up! Working with Mixed Age Groups
- \_\_\_ Social-Emotional Teaching Strategies

**Payment: Please enclose your check or money order for \$20** (payable to Director of Finance). Mail this registration form and your payment to:  
 Howard County Child Care Resource Center  
 3300 N. Ridge Rd. Suite 380  
 Ellicott City, MD 21043

