



# CHILD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL Network News

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## Child Care Survey Results Are In

The Child Development Council has issued a preliminary summary of responses to its 2009 -2010 child care survey of parents. Parents who live in or work in Tompkins County answered questions about the quality, cost and availability of child care. This year the Council also wanted to find out how the economy is affecting child care choices.

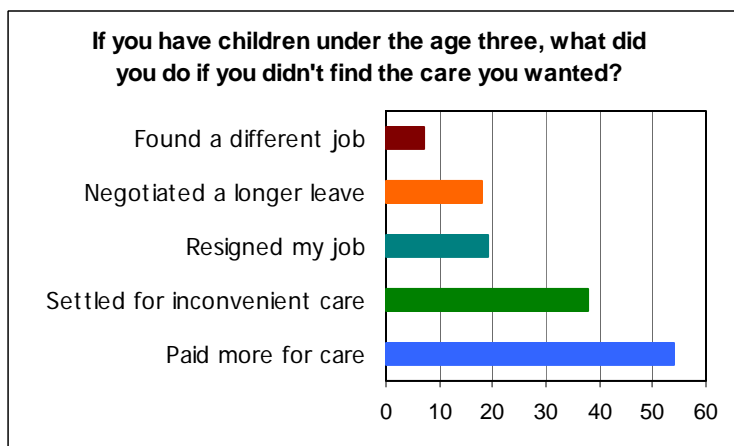
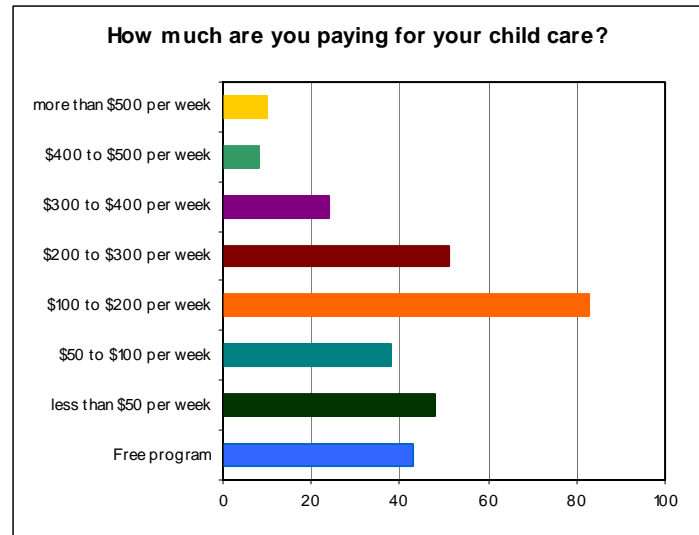
Six hundred nine (609) children were represented in the survey. Approximately 30% were infants or toddlers, 25% were preschoolers ages 3 and 4 and the remaining children were school age.

In many ways, parents' experiences in finding and paying for high quality care were not a surprise, as 95% said they are happy with their child care arrangement, but 94% of those who pay fees said they have trouble affording the care. The Child Development Council has reported for years that there is not enough high quality affordable care in Tompkins County. Parents seeking care for very young children have the hardest time finding care. Educational programs for preschoolers have grown over the past several years, but the cost continues to be a challenge for all families.

The survey did provide some new insights. Parents are now - more than ever before - changing their work arrangements if they cannot find the care they want or can afford. Fifty-six percent (56%) of the parents responding have chosen alternating work schedules to minimize the need for paid child care. For those with children under the age of 3 years old, 32% negotiated a longer leave, resigned or found a different job because they were not able to find the care they wanted or needed.

This information should send a strong message to employers who may be struggling to find workers. While the economy has temporarily impacted their need for more employees, in the long run, finding and retaining a strong workforce is an important goal for our community's economic well-being. Child care is vital for parents to be able to work consistently and productively.

Families reported that the top three most important considerations in finding child care are quality, cost and the teacher. When asked what is the most important indicator of quality, parents ranked relationship with the teacher as the most important, followed by the environment and the experience level of the teacher.



## Amanda's Law

**Amanda's Law** is named after a teenager who lost her life tragically by a carbon monoxide leak from a defective boiler while she was sleeping at a friend's house. **Effective February 22, 2010**, most homes are now required to have a carbon monoxide detector.

In order to comply with this law, a minimum of one carbon monoxide detector must be installed in every home where there is a carbon monoxide source. It is required that the detector be placed on the lowest story having a sleeping area. Because the areas used for napping in Family and Group Family Day Care homes are often not on the floor where the provider's family sleeps, it is highly recommended that one unit be installed on each floor of the residence on which there is either a sleeping area or a carbon monoxide source. This recommendation is based on the requirements in place for new construction and is made in consideration of promoting the safety of both children in care as well as the families of providers.

**The Office of Children and Family Services is giving all home-based child care programs a grace period until April 22, 2010 to come into compliance with Amanda's Law. If you have any questions regarding Amanda's Law and if your home requires a Carbon Monoxide Detector, please call our office.**



## **Dora reminds you to include All Little Explorers in the 2010 Census!**

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counted in every census since  
the first one in 1790. Please  
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children when you complete the  
2010 Census form.*



## Earth Day 2010: April 22

*This Earth Day, make a commitment to make one earth friendly change in your life.* Here are some suggestions:

- ◇ Shop with reusable canvas bags (instead of paper or plastic)
- ◇ Use cloth napkins (instead of paper – you can get them at the dollar store)
- ◇ Use reusable containers to store and transport food (instead of plastic food bags)
- ◇ Use refillable water bottles (instead of buying bottles of water)
- ◇ Change to energy saving light bulbs
- ◇ Recycle plastic, paper, glass and aluminum (one ton of recycled paper will save 17 trees)
- ◇ Take public transportation, walk or ride a bike (instead of using your car)
- ◇ Compost your appropriate food scraps

**For children: Build an Earth Day Tree** – Find a tree branch in your yard. Fill a recycled container with small stones or sand. Place the branch in the container. Talk to the children about ways they can help the environment. Using recycled paper and yarn or ribbon, have each child determine a way they will help the environment, write it on the paper and tie it to the tree as a “leaf.”

*Some ideas for the children are:*

- ◇ Pick up litter in your neighborhood or local park
- ◇ Turn off water while brushing your teeth
- ◇ Turn off lights and appliances when not in use
- ◇ Help with a bottle drive for a local charity
- ◇ Drink beverages from a reusable bottle
- ◇ Learn about the earth
- ◇ Plant a tree
- ◇ Plant seeds



My name is Amy Bartimer and I am the new Child Care Specialist. Prior to my position at the Child Development Council, I worked at Tompkins Community College, SUNY Cortland, Cornell, and the Ithaca City School District. I have devoted most of my life (childhood and adult) to education and serving the community.

Currently, I volunteer as an usher at the State Theatre and tutor elementary children enrolled in the Golden Opportunity Program.

It has been a pleasure to connect with more of the community as I meet with the wonderful and dedicated staff at the Child Development Council. I am looking forward to meeting registered day care providers and families of Tompkins County.



**Child Development Council**  
**43rd Annual Meeting and Open House**  
**Date: Thursday, May 6, 2010**  
**Time: 4 - 6 p.m.**  
**Place: Child Development Council**  
**Conference Room**  
**609 W. Clinton St.**  
**Ithaca, NY**

**Welcome to the Provider Corner!**

The Provider Corner is a new section of our newsletter **from** child care providers **to** child care providers. This is an area where child care providers can share information with each other. Our goal is to facilitate sharing all of the wonderful things you do for children and families here in Tompkins County.



**Tips for the Diaper Changing Area**

To keep little ones occupied during diaper changes, one provider hangs a pin wheel above the table and blows on it from time to time. This provider also has a basket of toys that is kept in this area and used only during diaper changes. Another tip came from a provider who found a great deal on disposable gloves. Tony's Fancy Food Outlet at 15 Royal Rd. in Ithaca (off Hanshaw Rd. behind Guthrie) has latex and vinyl gloves for approximately \$4 for a box of 100!

For our next newsletter we are looking for tips on outdoor play/activities. Keep in mind that it should be much warmer when our next newsletter comes out. Please contact Laurie with some of your favorite outdoor activities or tips. You can call 273-0259 or send e-mails to [laurie@ChildDevelopmentCouncil.org](mailto:laurie@ChildDevelopmentCouncil.org) Thanks for your tips and keep them coming!

***State Conferences relating to Child Care***

April 23 & 24  
 Family Child Care Assn. of New York State, Inc. (FCCANYS)  
 The Sagamore Resort  
 Bolton Landing, NY  
 Joan Valentine  
[jvalentine@fccanys.org](mailto:jvalentine@fccanys.org)

April 10  
 AfterSchool Works! New York  
 8<sup>th</sup> Annual School-Age Care Training Institute  
 Rochester, NY  
[www.afterschoolworksny.org](http://www.afterschoolworksny.org)

April 29 - May 1  
 NYS Association for the Education of Young Children (NYSAEYC)  
 Turning Stone Resort & Conference Center  
 Verona, NY  
[www.nysaeyc.org](http://www.nysaeyc.org)



# Child Development Council Educational Opportunities

## Important Changes Regarding Registration

Early registration is suggested for all workshops. We will not be able to consider you registered until we receive payment. Cost is \$15 per workshop. However, if you register and pay for 3 workshops in advance, the fee will be \$10 each, \$30 total. Total payment must be made by the early registration date of the first workshop you want to attend. We cannot refund registration fees or exchange workshops. You may transfer the workshop to another provider if you cannot attend. We hope this helps with your planning and avoids any last minute cancellations of workshops due to low attendance.

If a workshop is cancelled due to bad weather or low registration, we will make every effort to contact those who preregister and give you credit.

Emergency Contact phone number during trainings is 607-273-6590 ext. 237.

At every training you are asked to complete an evaluation. The last question – “What ideas do you have for other workshops?” is an opportunity for Council staff to survey your needs and try to schedule workshops you have asked for. In addition to topic areas, if you have heard a particularly good presenter, feel free to pass on the suggestion; please include your name so we can contact you for details.

### PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE STARTING TIME OF EACH WORKSHOP.

These workshops are useful for both new and experienced providers!

**April 20, Tuesday 6:30-8:30p.m. How to Use Your Computer to Store and Maintain your CACFP Records.** Ann Turcsik, CACFP Administrative Assistant, will present. Simplify your record keeping (and reduce needed storage space) and keep menus and attendance on your computer and back up files.

**Serving Family Style** - Betty Yaichuk, Group Family provider, will present. Stop being a waitress at mealtime! The importance of role modeling, mealtime discussions and the skills children learn. **FREE TO CACFP PROVIDERS.** (2 hrs. \*N, \*BR)

\*(Requirements: CD=Principles of Child Development, N=Nutrition and Health, P=Program Development, S=Safety and Security, BR=Business Record Maintenance & Management, CAID=Child Abuse & Maltreatment Identification & Prevention, DCR=Statutes & Regulations Pertaining to Child Day Care, CAR=Statutes & Regulations Pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment, SBS=Shaken Baby Syndrome.)

## Registration Form - Child Development Council Workshops

Please note the changes in this registration form

4/20, Tues. 6:30-8:30 p.m. <i>How to Use Your Computer to Maintain your CACFP Records</i>	Free to CACFP Participants _____
5/1, Sat. 9 - 11 a.m. <i>Expanding Books into Program Activities</i>	\$15 by Apr. 23, \$20 after _____
5/1, Sat. 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. <i>Reading Is More Than Calling Words</i>	\$15 by Apr. 23, \$20 after _____
5/11, Tues. 7 - 9 p.m. <i>Working With Children With Challenging Behaviors</i>	\$15 by May 4, \$20 after _____
6/7, Mon. 6:30-8:30 p.m. <i>Roundtable with Laurie and Amy</i>	FREE _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Program/Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Care \_\_\_\_\_  
(GFDC, SACC, Center) (FDC, GFDC, SACC, Center, Legally Exempt)

Please send completed form and payment to: Child Development Council, 609 W. Clinton St., Ithaca, NY 14850

### **Saturday Workshops: Attend one or both!**

May 1, Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Expanding Books into Program Activities.** Suzanne Foote, Director of East Ithaca Preschool, will present. Take The Very Hungry Caterpillar or If you Take a Mouse to School and turn favorite books into creative and dramatic play. Children love to act out characters and make their books come alive! This will be a fun, hands-on workshop with new ideas for your program. (2 hrs. \*P, \*CD)

May 1, Saturday 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. **Reading Is More Than Calling Words.** Marcia Riley, former elementary librarian for Batavia Public Schools, will present. Story-time should open up children's creative juices, making them curious and excited. Learn the techniques of true storytelling to liven up your interest and make reading more than a filler during transition time. (2 hrs. \*P, \*CD)

May 11, Tuesday 7:00-9:00 p.m. **Frustrated? Overwhelmed? Stressed? Not sure What to Do Next? ...A Workshop on Working With Children With Challenging Behaviors.** Brigid Beames, Head of Namaste Montessori School, will present. At some point in their career, every caregiver experiences crazy days, children who test limits, or children who act inappropriately in their environments. Where do you turn when you've used up your bag of tricks and aren't really sure what to do next? How can you prevent discipline concerns from snowballing into disruptive behaviors? This workshop addresses why Toddlers and Preschoolers may act in unacceptable ways, how to help them stop acting in those ways and how to create an environment that supports positive behaviors. We'll talk about practical skills and techniques caregivers can use in their settings to create more peaceful environments. (2 hrs. \*P, \*CD)

June 7, Monday 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Roundtable with Laurie and Amy** The Roundtables are really growing into a popular event! **Family and Group Family Providers** are invited to attend to hear the latest information, discuss business and program issues. FREE (2 hrs. \*BR, \*DCR)

## **SUNY Video Conferences**

***Time and Location: Thursdays - 6:45-9:15 p.m. at the Child Development Council.  
All video conferences are free. Doors are locked at 7:15 p.m.***

**UPDATED INFORMATION:** If you are counting on SUNY video conferences as a significant portion of your training requirement, be aware that the offerings will be less than half of the number we have had previously. Only five more sessions will be offered in 2010. In past years, SUNY produced a dozen video conferences annually. As you plan your required training to meet registration/licensing requirements, keep this alteration in mind. Video conferences are only one of many different kinds of trainings that you can choose.

### **SUNY Video Conference topics for 2010**

**April 22** - Child Abuse and Maltreatment: Child Lures & Shaken Baby Syndrome

**May 20** - Cultural Competence: A Closer Look at Different Types of Families

**June 3** - Summer Safety: Taking Your Program Outside

**September 16** - Developing Literacy in an Electronic Age

**October 14** - Emergency Preparedness

***To register for Video Conferences: Send your name, address, phone number, the dates and titles of sessions you'd like to attend and Site #619 (Tompkins/Ithaca) to: Early Childhood Education and Training Program, 22 Corporate Woods Blvd., 3rd floor, Albany, NY 12211. Fax to (518) 443-5941 or register on-line at [www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu)  
Note: All registrations must be made through SUNY Albany. To confirm your registration, call toll-free # 1-888-399-0549.***



# Parenting Playground

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## Amanda's Law

**Amanda's Law** is named after a teenager who tragically lost her life by a carbon monoxide leak from a defective boiler while she was sleeping at a friend's house. Effective **February 22, 2010**, most homes are now required to have a carbon monoxide detector.

Under Amanda's Law, homes built before January 1, 2008, are permitted to have battery-powered CO alarms, while homes built after this date are required to have the alarms hard-wired into the building. Previously, only homes built or bought after July 30, 2002 were required to have these devices installed. Additionally, Amanda's Law will require contractors in New York State to install a CO alarm when replacing a hot water tank or furnace if the home is not equipped with an alarm.

In order to comply with this law, a minimum of one carbon monoxide detector must be installed in every home where there is a carbon monoxide source.

In addition to installing carbon monoxide alarms, homeowners should take the following actions to help reduce their risk and stay safe:

- Test and/or replace alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions;
- Have heating systems, vents, chimneys and flues tested, inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician each year;
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage;
- Regularly examine vents and chimneys for improper connections, rust, soot or other debris;
- Never run a vehicle, generator or other fuel powered motor indoors, even if garage doors are open to the outdoors;
- Never use a gas oven to heat a home, and only use barbecue grills outdoors – never in a house or garage; and
- Remember that carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should also be installed on every level of a home as well as in or outside all sleeping areas.

For more information regarding this law go to <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/code/COAlarm.htm>



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**Recognize Everyday. Celebrate in May!**



***MAY 7, 2010***

***A yearly event to celebrate child care providers***

Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Momentum and support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout the United States.

# *Thank You for your Support in 2009*

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*We are grateful to those who support our efforts throughout the year. The listed individuals and organizations have helped the Council to provide its core services to children, families and the community. We appreciate the support of all of our contributors.*

*Any omissions are inadvertent.*

*To all, Thank You!*

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## **CDA (Child Development Associate)**

**By Michelle Fuller**

My name is Michelle Fuller and I have been doing child care for 25 years and decided to get my CDA (Child Development Associate) in Family Child Care. The cost was an issue, so I contacted the Child Development Council. I was able to obtain a \$1,000 retention grant from the Council.

The CDA required 450 hours of experience working with young children in a state-registered or licensed home. In addition, there were 126 mandatory clock hours of training through Care Courses. These Care Courses were composed of several books exploring different areas of child development. Each book contained notebook assignments and concluded with a test to be mailed in for grading. There was no time limit for any of these courses. These Care Courses also contribute toward the required 30 hours of training to renew a day care registration/license.

The certification also requires you to become certified in Infant CPR and First Aid. I had to distribute a parent opinion questionnaire to each of my families to return to me in a sealed envelope. In addition, I had to complete a professional resource file. This resource file consisted of an autobiography, statements of competence, and a resource collection consisting of 17 specific items. The resource file notebook of documentation that I assembled went with me to my final assessment. In addition, I had a formal observation completed by an Advisor. The Advisor completed a CDA Assessment Observation instrument and returned it to me in a sealed envelope. I also had to become a member of the NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care), which requires yearly dues.

After completing all the requirements, you have to purchase an assessment application. A CDA Council Representative will contact you to schedule a date for a final Assessment test. This test consists of 60 multiple choice questions and an oral interview. In the oral interview you will be shown a picture and a CDA Council Rep will read a written description of the pictured activity. The Council Rep will then pose a question and you have to respond.

Within a month after doing the final assessment, your results are mailed to you. Once you have received your CDA, you have to renew it before three years or you are forced to start over. The whole process took me a year to complete, and I continue applying what I've learned to my own day care program.

If you are interested in receiving your CDA and would like more information or would like to see the Care Course, please contact Laurie at the Child Development Council and she can put you in touch with me.

<u><b>Nursery School Network</b></u>	<u><b>SACC Forums</b></u>	<u><b>Center Directors' Group</b></u>
Second Wednesdays 1 - 2:30 p.m.	Second Tuesdays 10:30 - Noon	Second Thursdays 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
April 14 at Pine Tree Nursery School	at Child Development Council	at Child Development Council
May 12 at Sprout Nursery School	April 13 May 11	April 8 May 13
June 9 at East Ithaca Preschool	June 8	June 10

### Obesity: Some Startling Facts

- ◇ Child obesity has tripled over the past decade
- ◇ Nearly 1 in 3 children are overweight or obese
- ◇ Nearly 1 in 3 children born after 2000 will have diabetes at some point in their life
- ◇ Obesity related health care costs are up to \$147 billion per year
- ◇ Obesity is a common disqualifier for military service
- ◇ 74% of Americans need to improve their diet

Overall – only 2% of school age children consume the recommended daily number of servings from all major food groups. (*data from Let's Move press release and USDA*)

**Let's Move:** First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign that will combat the epidemic of childhood obesity through a comprehensive approach that builds on effective strategies, and mobilizes public and private sector resources.

#### **Key Points:**

- ◇ The first Task Force on Childhood Obesity
- ◇ Helping parents make healthy family choices
- ◇ Serving healthier food in schools
- ◇ Accessing healthy affordable food
- ◇ Increasing physical activity
- ◇ Partnership for a Healthy America

For more information go to [www.LetsMove.gov](http://www.LetsMove.gov)  
To see where your area falls in relation to healthy choices, find the Food Environment Atlas at [www.ers.usda.gov/foodatlas](http://www.ers.usda.gov/foodatlas)



### **Snacking Fun!**

Children often snack 3 or more times per day. According to Penny Warner, in her article for Family Fun Magazine, children consume about ¼ of their daily calories from snacks. This prompts her to consider snacking as the fourth meal of the day. With a little preparation, children CAN have *nutritious* and *fun* snacks!



#### **Buggy Bags**

Crush a graham cracker into a sandwich size plastic bag. Place several raisin or other dried fruit “bugs” in the bag. Children will have fun finding and eating the “bugs” and the “dirt.”

#### **Banana Scream**

Cut a very ripe banana in half, wrap in plastic and freeze until firm. Blend in the blender with 2 Tablespoons fat free milk for each banana. A healthy ice cream!

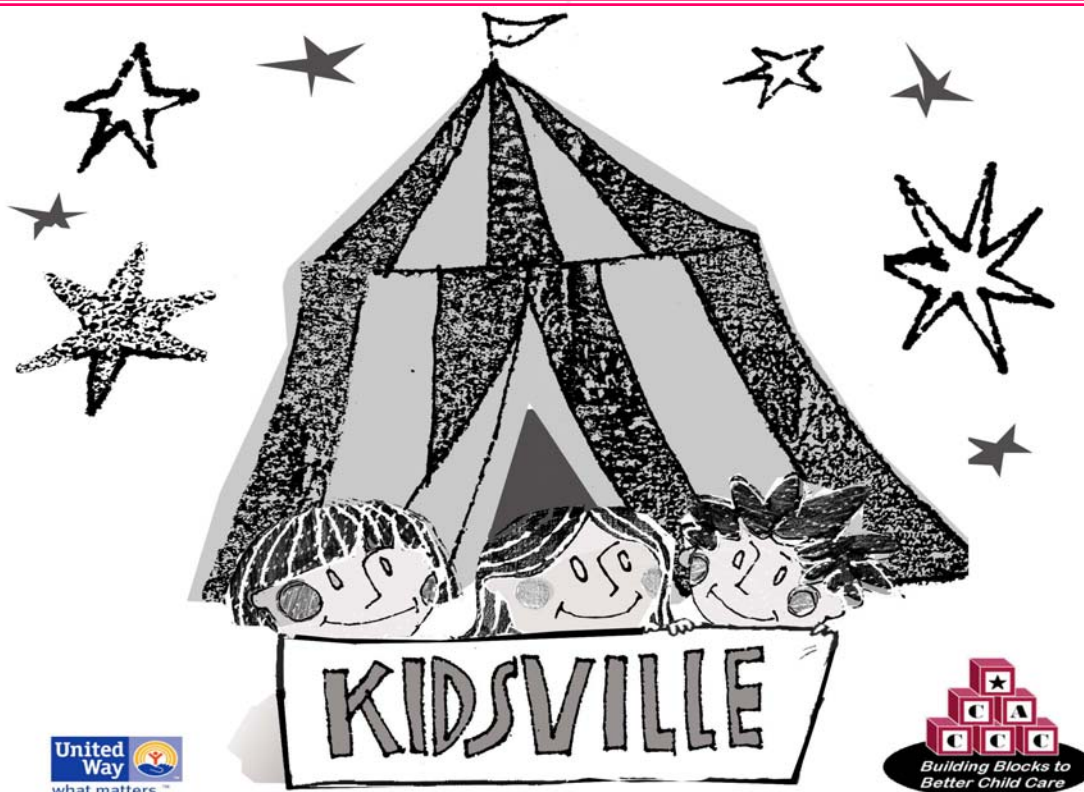


**Early Years are Learning Years**  
**Celebrate the Week of the Young Child - April 11 - 17**  
**Thanks to you who teach and care for all our children !**

**In appreciation for the work of all early childhood educators and caregivers, the Council has solicited gifts from community businesses.** To be entered into the drawing, which will be held April 16th, complete and return the coupon. One per person – Center and SACC staff members, GFDC assistants, as well as FDC and GFDC owners are all eligible. We will contact the winners.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Where employed \_\_\_\_\_

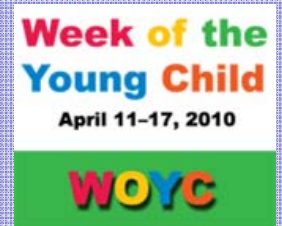


Event: Kidsville  
Theme: C is for Circus  
Sponsored by: Cortland Area Child Care Council  
Details: A Free Children's Fair  
Hands-on activities and information for children & families  
25 participating community organizations  
Special Guest Performer: Magical John  
Juggling, Balloon animals, stilts and magic  
Date: Saturday, April 17th  
Time: 10 am - 1 pm  
Place: County Office Building Gym, 60 Central Ave., Cortland  
For more Info: 753-0106



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**The Council will be closed:**

May 31

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