



Child Care Update

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The key to the future is quality child care.



Get Ready for the Olympics!

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The Olympics can be a wonderful thing to share with kids. It helps to know what's happening! You can find all the information you need at www.Vancouver2010.com. And the Olympics don't just happen on TV... they happen live! In the snow! In the outdoors! The opportunities for you to have with kids are endless! Create your own games indoors or out. Here are few simple ideas from pbskids.org.

Bobsled

two ice cubes, each dyed different colors
a large cardboard box that has a flat surface and a slope

Each "bobsledder" has to blow their ice cubes across the flat surface to the slope. The ice cube then slides down the slope, just like a bobsled. The player whose ice cube flies down the track first wins.

Figure Skating

three signs that say, "Upright Spin", "Seated Spin," and "Triple Axel"
starting line
socks

This is a race where each "skater" has to complete three moves. The player who completes all three moves first wins. The first station is the "Upright Spin," where you spin around once on the floor on one foot. The second station is the "Seated Spin," where you spin around once on your bottom, like a breakdance move. The third and final station is the "Triple Axel." You have to jump 360° three times. Try to land on one foot as well. The ZOOMers slide out to each station on their socks, and are racing to complete each move. The ZOOMer who completes each skating trick and slides back to the starting line wins the figure skating event.

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Valentine's Day
February 14



Presidents' Day
February 15
ACDJFS Closed



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 14



St. Patrick's Day
March 17

Don't forget to purchase 2010 dog licenses!



Important Billing Changes

The Ohio Bureau of Child Care and Development is making changes to the way that providers will be paid for services. Each provider will need to respond to the notices sent to your mailbox in order to prevent a delay in reimbursement for April. All providers must enter into an agreement with the state (formerly your contract) and provide the state with banking information so that your check can be directly deposited into your account. Please watch your mailbox for this important information and respond promptly.



Once this change takes place you will no longer receive a check from Athens, it will be processed at the state. Athens county providers will continue to be reimbursed monthly according to the billing calendar.

Home Visit Paperwork Review

As we begin a new year of home visits we wanted to remind you about some of the forms we will be checking when we come out, especially since some of them are new.

Child Medical Statement: This form must be on file in your home for each child (including your own) who is not yet enrolled in Kindergarten or above (within 30 days of the child's first day of attendance). The forms must be completed and signed by a doctor every 13 months and be accompanied by an up-to-date immunization record. Please check your CMS forms to be sure they are up to date.

Child Enrollment and Health Information: This form must be completed for each child in your care and updated annually. If it has been over a year since the parent signed the form you must have the parent review the form, initial/sign and date it to indicate that the information is still current.

Liability Insurance Statement: This form must be on file in your home for each family in your care to indicate that you have informed them that you do not carry the minimum amount of liability insurance on your residence. If you do have the minimum liability insurance, the form is not required.

Child Care Handbook for Caretakers: Each family in your care must be given a copy of your handbook. We will be checking the Caretaker/Provider Agreement to be sure that the parent has checked the box to indicate that he/she has received the handbook from you.

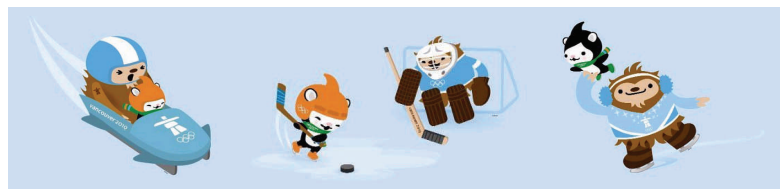
Olympic Games *(continued)*

Slalom

two cardboard box tops decorated with a track and paper flags
two ping pong balls

The object of this race is to steer a ping pong ball through pairs of flags by tipping the cardboard frame back and forth. The first "skier" to navigate her ball between all of the flag pairs wins the event.

Meet the Vancouver 2010 Mascots



Sumi, Quatchi and Miga are the mascots for the 2010 Vancouver games. You can find out more about them and do lots of online games, activities and videos with them at www.Vancouver2010.com.