



Hello, Child Care Professionals!

Dawn Wahl

Hello, members! This month we are asking for your participation in several areas. One is our members' roster, another is a survey, another is a nominating committee, and another is a slumber party for us on the evening of our association meeting!

The first one is about **helping our members find each other**. We would like to list our members, sorted by zip code, on our forum (message board) at www.sdfcc.net/forums. The forum that is titled **FCCPSD Association Business** can only be seen by association members who have registered on the forum and have been given "Member of FCCPSD" status. We would like to post the roster there listing name, phone, email address, and address so that members who want to find each other have a way to do so. **We will be posting this roster on October 3. If you DO NOT want your information posted (or there is some part of it that you don't want posted) please email admin@sdfcc.org before October 3.** If you don't let us know, your information will be posted where only members can access it. Spammers will not be able to get there.

This, of course, requires members who want to see the roster to go to the forum (message board) and register there. We can't automatically grant **forum** membership to our FCCPSD members—the forum software requires individuals to register themselves. You select your screen name and a password. There is a method to retrieve lost



passwords, and screen names can be changed, if you wish. We hope this will help all of us get to know each other better. Have fun!

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Angela Seefeldt is FCCPSD's 100th Member!

Angela owns Angie's Daycare. She is married and has a new baby girl born this year. She graduated from Clark High School and started Lake Area VoTech in Watertown for generals then went on to South East Tech School in

Sioux Falls and graduated as a surgical technician. She was in the surgical tech profession for 5 1/2 years before coming a day care provider.

Angela has been a provider for 2 years. She always wanted to be a day care provider but didn't have a big enough house. She stays in the field because of her love for her day care children and now in having her own precious little daughter. She thinks the best thing about being a SD provider is she feels it is safer in our smaller towns and you know your families personally.

Angela's favorite time with children is music and craft time. One of her toddlers knows after dinner is music time and heads right for the music. Her advice to new providers would be to talk with other providers and parents before starting a new day care business. Someday I hope my daycare has more space/ maybe add on a room. My change would be to redo my kitchen. I am most proud of the families I do provide care for and how well behaved their children are. My one lasting impression I want them to remember me as the fun loving daycare provider I am.

My off-clock time is spent with family and cleaning and relaxing. My best memory is all the fun times playing softball. I always dreamed of being a daycare provider. My most prized possession would be my daughter. People tell me I'm good at everything I do, but most of all providing care for children and making soy candles. *To read more, visit our web site at sdfcc.org. Be sure to scroll down the page!*

Member Survey

We are asking our members to respond to a survey about this past legislative session's HB 1229. Please go here to respond:

<http://www.sdfcc.org/FPMainPages/MemberSurvey.htm>

The deadline is Oct. 31, 2005. We'll compile the results and include them in the November newsletter.



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Growing Together

FCCPSD Association Meeting
at the lunch break on October 1, 2005
Family Child Care Network Conference
Tom Copeland
Rapid City, SD

We're having a slumber party that evening!
We want to meet you! There are carpools!

To make reservations, email admin@sdfcc.org



Dear Parents:

South Dakota's kids are our most valuable resource. To help protect them, I invite you to be a part of the state's child seat program: Project 8.

Project 8 is South Dakota's new goal to keep kids safe by making sure they are in the best child seat for their height and weight, until they are at least 8 years old. At 8 years, most can safely wear a seat belt because they are taller than 4'9" and weigh more than 80 pounds.

[Project 8 also distributes child seats](#) to income eligible parents and children statewide, by assessing financial need. [Contact a Project 8 program](#) near you for more information.

Sincerely,



To see the web site, go to

<http://www.state.sd.us/project8/default.htm>

Governor Mike Rounds

Patches enjoys his great lunch with his day care buddies at Lynette's house. Lynette sewed his beary cute bib with his name on it! Way to go, Lynette! I'm sure he enjoyed the "Very Hungry Caterpillar" too! Was he a "Very Hungry Bear" that day? And did he mess up the bib?

So, what is our nonprofit status?

Our Articles of Incorporation are at the Secretary of State's office. When those come in, we'll be applying for our 501 (c)3 designation.

Nominating Committee

The steering committee (but not the Chair or Chair-Elect) will be selecting a nominating committee on Oct. 1. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact a steering committee member through sdfcc.org, or by calling them directly.