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"Building Excellence in Child Care"

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Provider News

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• Family Pages

The December 2017 edition of the Family Pages newsletter is now available. Please feel free to share with families! Click [here](#) to find it on the Delaware Opportunities Inc. website.

• Every Day Sensory 30 Day Challenge

-Congratulations to Carol Bovee!!

During the month of November Child Care Resource & Referral invited Family Child Care programs to participate in the Every Day Sensory 30 Day Challenge. There was a total of 6 programs that participated. Thank you to all who joined in the fun! We received 38 photos of children exploring in sensory tables, making and playing with play dough, using natural materials to re-create stories and build homes for toy animals, taste tests, and much more! From the 38 photo entries, a winner was drawn. Congratulations to Family Day Care Provider, Carol Bovee!



Carol Bovee, Family Day Care, Tasting the rainbow and charting likes and dislikes

• Training

-Books, Baby Babbles, and You!

with Kathleen Harland, Infant Toddler Specialist from the Capital District Child Care Council

February 7, 2018 • 6:30pm-8:30pm • Delaware Opportunities, 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY 13782

Babies are born ready to learn and respond to their environments right from birth. Babies tall and small are constantly communicating with us through a variety of means. Our job is to develop a playful and passionate love of language and books. In this training, we will prepare you with a "tool chest" of games and experiences that build language and communication skills. We will watch videos to further examine the "serve and return" of shared language experiences. We will also discuss applying these skills to shared reading experiences. Many fabulous children's books will be on hand for us to read and review! [Click here to register and for more info.](#)

• Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

What is ITA?

ITA is program designed to help YOU enhance your child care program. You decide on an area you would like to focus on and a day care specialist will provide assistance in your child care program. A day care specialist will work with you individually to schedule 1, 2, 3 or 4 visits. Each visit is scheduled for one hour.

What is the cost? There is no cost

Can you earn training credit? Yes!

For more information: Contact a day care specialist at 607-746-1620 or by email at daycare@delawareopportunities.org

"Having you come into my program has been the best! I don't know why I didn't take advantage. You may be just doing your job but with all sincerity I have to tell you that you are helping me be the best provider I can be. Encouragement goes a long way." -Karena Cline

- **Child Care in our Community**
-The Pumpkin Project

Theresa Lynn, a family day care provider in the Davenport area shared a pumpkin activity she did with the children in her care. It started with Theresa and the children planting pumpkin seeds in the yard. Over the summer the children helped by watering the plants and watching the pumpkins grow. When the pumpkins were big enough each child picked a pumpkin for the next part of the activity...decorating! Theresa took the children on a nature walk and together they collected flowers and leaves and other beauties from nature. They used these items to decorate the pumpkin! They also traced their hands, cut them out and added them to their masterpiece. The children gave the pumpkins to their parents as a gift...that keeps on giving! The pumpkins they grew were pie pumpkins so families could use them to make something else like pie or muffins!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

I made a pumpkin,
 IT'S SPECIAL just like me!

We grew it,
 Found natural beauty and glued it on
 (Non-toxic of course)

IT'S A PIE PUMPKIN

So after Halloween,
 You can skin it and bake it
 And we can make something new,
 Like pie or muffins.

YUMMY!

GreetingsIsland

- **Invitation to Play with Treasure Baskets**
Parent and Child Play Group

January 9, 2018 • 10:30am-11:30am • William B. Ogden Free Library, 42 Gardiner Place, Walton, NY 13856

Join Delaware Opportunities Inc. Child Care Resource and Referral program at the library to explore treasure baskets for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Save those boxes!**

Did you know that the cardboard box is in the National Toy Hall of Fame?

“With nothing more than a little imagination, boxes can be transformed into forts, houses, spaceships or submarines, castles or caves. Inside a big cardboard box, a child is transported to a world of his or her own, one where anything is possible.” -National Toy Hall of Fame

Things to Do with a Cardboard Box

Simply put out the box or boxes and see where the play unfolds.

Have some open-ended materials available that children can easily get to and combine with their play box (tape, material, paper, crayon and markers, glue, sheets and blankets, pillows yogurt cups, cardboard tubes, etc.).



Photo from The Big Play Box