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## Provider News

March 2018

### • Family Pages

The March 2018 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.

### • Bringing Stories to Life 30 Day Challenge

*-It's not too late to join!*

During the month of March all child care programs are invited to join the Bringing Stories to Life 30 Day Challenge. Read a story to the children in your care and extend it with an activity. Take a picture of the children engaging in the activity and email the picture to [www.delawareopportunities.org](http://www.delawareopportunities.org). Include the name of the author of the story and a brief explanation of the activity. Limit one picture per day. For every photo you email to us your name will be entered for a chance to win a \$50.00 gift card. For more information and all the details click [here](#) or contact a day care specialist at 607-746-1620.

### • tiny art BIG LEARNING Children's Art Display DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource & Referral will celebrate the Week of the Young Child by displaying children's artwork in the lobby of Delaware Opportunities Inc. and the County Office Building in Delhi during the month of April. Please submit artwork by **March 28, 2018**. For more information including the guidelines and where to submit artwork click [here](#) or contact a day care specialist at 607-746-1620.

### • Week of the Young Child

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. This year's event is April 16-20, 2018.

Need help planning a celebration? Visit <https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview> for activity ideas!

### • Delaware Opportunities Inc. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Festival

**SAVE THE DATE! June 27, 2018 from 10am – 2pm. More information coming soon!**

### • Upcoming Training

#### Math Counts

*with Raquel Saddlemire, the Capital District Child Care Council*

**June 14, 2018 • 5:45pm-7:45pm • Sissy's Little Lambs Children's Center, 383 County Highway 11, Oneonta, NY 13820 • No Cost • 2 hours of training • OCFS: 1,3 CBK: 1,4 ELG: D3, D4 CDA: 1,2**

This training presents the process of introducing math to young children. The participants will develop an understanding of early math concepts. Participants will also explore developmentally-appropriate materials and literature for young children that foster early math and discuss the importance of the teacher as facilitator. It includes planning and implementation of appropriate activities and development of methods and techniques of delivery. Young children learn math and process math skills through discovery and play. Participants will become familiar with NYS Early Learning Guidelines and the goals and objectives related to early math. This is a hands-on training with lots of opportunities to play and learn together. Come join the fun! **Registration is required. Click [here](#) to register or contact a day care specialist at 607-746-1620 or by email at [daycare@delawareopportunities.org](mailto:daycare@delawareopportunities.org).**

## NYAEYC 2018 Annual Conference

April 19-21, 2018 at the Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center. For more information and to register visit: <http://nyaeyc.org/annual-conference-3/>.

- **Webcast Training for Child Care Providers**

- April 12, 2018: **Building Healthy Relationships with Effective Communication**

- June 7, 2018: **Educating for Sustainability**

- October 25, 2018: **Town Hall Meeting: Examining the Business Side of Child Care**

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Training starts promptly at 6:45 pm. No cost. For training descriptions, OCFS training topic areas and to register for the webcast training please visit <https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/>.

- **Collagraph Prints**

### You'll need:

- Craft foam
- Scissors
- Glue
- Corrugated cardboard
- Paint
- Paper
- Foam roller



Art project and photo from Vicki Smith  
<http://vickismithart.blogspot.com/>

Start with a piece of craft foam and scissors. Encourage the children to cut out different shapes from the foam. The shapes do not need to look like anything. Encourage the children to cut little shapes, bigger shapes, straight cuts, curved or wiggly cuts. Attach the foam shapes to a piece of corrugated cardboard to create your print maker. Let dry.

For printing use tempera paint and little foam rollers. Roll the foam roller into the paint and onto the dry print maker and encourage the children to make prints on a sheet of paper.

