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May 10th is Provider Appreciation Day!

Provider Appreciation Day was started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, who saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes Child Care Resource & Referral agencies, child care advocates, community-based organizations, government entities and individuals throughout the United States

Provider Appreciation Day® is celebrated the Friday before Mother's Day every year to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere.

Child Care Aware of America convenes Provider Appreciation Day® each year to amplify our nation's collective gratitude for those who support the social, emotional and physical care of our youngest children.

Click Below for a Self-Care Challenge for Providers.

<https://info.childcareaware.org/hubfs/Self-Care%20Challenge.pdf>



With the seasons changing, here is a Spring and Summer Safety Chart for Child Care Programs.

Seasonal Safety Chart

Spring

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Test HVAC system | <input type="checkbox"/> Review policies with staff and parents for transportation, field trips, discipline, emergency notification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replace batteries in fire and carbon monoxide alarms (Daylight Savings Time) | <input type="checkbox"/> Review Blue Cards with parents and update information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check outdoor areas and equipment for wear or damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule Spring Cleaning of all program areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect/rake all play area surfacing as necessary every day | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restock and separately store children's individual sunscreens, bug spray, hats | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a shelter-in-place drill | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean and test all toys/bikes/helmets | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Summer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for outdoor time with sunscreen if necessary; apply with separate gloves for each child 30 mins before going outdoors; reapply every 2 hours children are outdoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Thoroughly check all children for ticks and signs of heat illness immediately after coming inside, and wash hands and arms/legs to remove insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limit outdoor time during peak sun intensity between 10am-3pm, and watch for signs of heat-related illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down interior areas regularly to remove pollen and other environmental irritants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect/rake all play area surfacing as necessary every day | <input type="checkbox"/> Start preparing for influenza season |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keep yards and shrubs maintained and free of debris that can contain ticks | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

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Spring is here, and so are April Showers!



Child Care Aware® of America has some great resources for providers. Thunderstorms and lighting can be scary to some children. Click the link below for some helpful and useful tips to help children in your program.

[Thunderstorms and Lightning - Child Care Aware® of America](#)

With the nice weather slowly approaching. It’s tempting to buy wading pools for the children to cool off. Below is the Regulation for wading pools, hot tubs and spa pools.

417.5 (g)(1)- The use of spa pools, hot tubs and fill-and drain wading pools are prohibited.



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