



Fall & Winter Fun

This month's General Membership Meeting will have fun activities and snacks to create with your children. Don't miss this creative evening of FUN.

The new VCCCA bylaws will also be voted on.

When:

Tuesday September 15, 2015

7:00pm

Where:

Stephanie Mottard's Home

1974 Edgemont Drive

Camarillo CA 93010

(805) 388-7659

Please RSVP so that we may have enough materials for all members who will be attending.



Nominations for the 2016 VCCCA are NOW OPEN. Ballots will be in your November Newsletter.

Please call or email Linda Fuller by November 1, 2015 if you would like to nominate someone for a position on the VCCCA Board. Nominations are open to all members of the Ventura County Child Care Association.

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BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

Please review the following job descriptions when considering a position on the Board.

Terms of Office

Officers shall serve a term of one year, with the exception of President and Treasurer who will serve a two year elected term of office, and shall be eligible for re-election

Office eligibility for President and Treasurer requires two years of active membership on the Board.

NOMINATE NOW!

President:

The VCCCA president presides over meetings of the Association and the Board according to Robert's Rules of Order. Consults with the Executive Board, to establish the agenda for each Board meeting. Makes sure that all Association business is conducted in accordance with the By-Laws and decisions of the General Membership. In consultation with the Board, establishes the agenda for each general meeting. Maintains an up-to-date list of members and makes said list available to the Executive Board. Creates an up-to-date list of members by referral area and makes this list available to the respective Referral Coordinators. Informs the Board of any changes in membership. Appoints all committee chairpersons as needed. Represents the Association at monthly Resource and Referral board meetings, as well as County and State meetings, or appoints a member to do so in her place. Is responsible for public Association correspondence with the assistance of the Executive Board.

Vice-President:

Acts as aide to the President and, in the absence of the President, performs the duties of the President. Provides a program for each general meeting to be approved by the Board. Acts as Good Will Ambassador (i.e. greet visitors, send greeting cards, keep a list of all meeting hostesses, contact newly licensed providers and invite them to attend an Association meeting).

Secretary:

Records the minutes of all General Membership meetings and cause those minutes to be read at the next general meeting. Records the minutes of all Board meetings and cause those minutes to be read at the next Board meeting. Maintains an up-to-date list of members. Is responsible for newsletters and internal Association correspondence with the assistance of the Board. Welcomes each new member by phone.

Treasurer:

With the assistance of the Board, create a projected budget for the new year to be presented at the March general meeting. Receives, and deposits within 3 business days, all dues and other income of the Association at the Bank that is designated. Keeps updated financial records of all receipts and disbursements in a ledger, which will be available upon request of the Board or General Membership. Presents a report at all board and general meetings. Maintains an up-to-date list of members. Insures that all checks are signed by 2 designated officers. Issue checks upon presentation of a completed disbursement form with supporting receipts. Turns over all records to an independent auditor on or about February 15th of each year for the previous calendar year to be audited. Presents the prior year's audit results to the General Membership at the March meeting.

Area Referral Coordinators:

Refer calls received from the community in search of licensed child care to members in good standing on a rotating basis. Present a written report with information regarding calls required for budgeting purposes as directed by the Executive Board, to the Secretary at every Board meeting. Keeps an updated list of member's openings. Acts as a liaison between the membership and the Board.

The Marketing Coordinator:

Is responsible for maintaining the Association website, and keeping it current, reflecting the needs of the membership and the community at large as approved by the Board. Coordinates time sensitive bulletins and send via e-mail to membership. Is responsible for posting promotional information regarding the Association regularly onto appropriate social media sites. Maintains a social media group site to promote productive communication within the Association. Coordinates with the Board, all promotional materials for print and community awareness.

Member(s)-At-Large:

Temporarily fills a vacated office on the Board. Offers support to all board meetings and Association events.

Simple Fall Crafts & Snacks



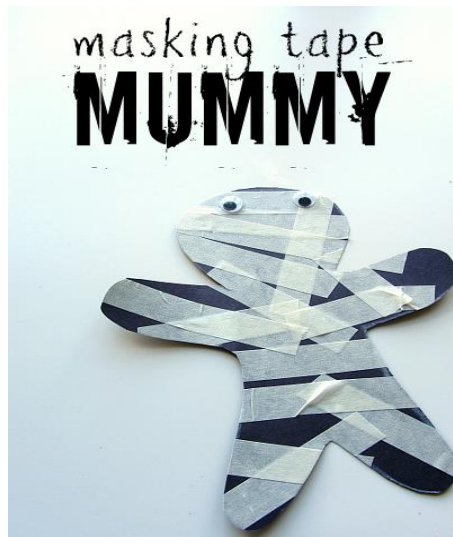
Simple sensory bin with mini pumpkins, beans, corn and scoops.



Marshmallow Indian Corn



POTATO PRINT GHOSTS
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You will need:

Oreos

Chocolate snack pudding cups

Ghost Peeps

Candy pumpkins

1. Using a food processor or a rolling pin and ziploc bag, finely crush the Oreos.
 2. Open up the pudding cups and sprinkle the Oreo crumbs on top.
 3. Place a Peep ghost in each cup.
 4. Top each cup with a candy pumpkin.
- That's it, you're done.



Leaf Butterfly



WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

Private or public child care centers, preschools, elementary schools and secondary schools cannot admit children unless they are immunized against 10 diseases: diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae type b (bacterial meningitis), measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, rubella, tetanus, hepatitis B and chicken pox.

If the California Department of Public Health decides to add other vaccination requirements, parents will be allowed to obtain personal belief exemptions for those new vaccinations, the law says.

WHAT DID THE LAW CHANGE?

The law eliminated the personal belief exemption for required vaccinations. This exemption allowed parents to opt out of vaccinating their children by completing a form, signed by a health care practitioner, attesting that vaccinations were counter to their personal beliefs.

The law also overrides an allowance for a religious exemption to vaccinations that Brown had inserted three years ago in previous legislation. The religious exemption was not part of state statute.

ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS TO THE NEW LAW?

Yes, there are three: medical, special education, and homeschooling or independent study without classroom instruction.

Medical: Young children and students may obtain a written medical exemption to vaccinations from a licensed physician medical

doctor (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) There is no standard medical exemption form but the statement must say:

- That the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child, which may include family medical history, are such that the required immunization(s) is not indicated
- Which vaccines are being exempted
- Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary
- The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary.

Special Education: A child who has an [individualized education program](#), as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, will be allowed to obtain special education services regardless of whether the child is vaccinated or not.

Homeschooling or independent study: In 2015, students who enroll in a home-based private school or an independent study program — with or without classroom-based instruction — are required to have evidence of immunization or a personal belief exemption.

In 2016 and future years, students who attend a home-based private school or an independent study program without classroom-based instruction are not subject to immunization requirements for entry. Home schools and independent study programs are obligated to maintain records of students' immunization status.

Independent study with classroom instruction: In 2016, students in independent study programs that include classroom-based instruction will need to meet immunization requirements.

WHEN DOES THE LAW GO INTO EFFECT?

July 1, 2016, for school enrollment immunization requirements. Jan. 1, 2016 marks the end of personal belief exemptions.

GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE



Requirements by Age at Entry and Later (Follow-up is required at every age checkpoint after entry.)

Vaccine	2–3 Months	4–5 Months	6–14 Months	15–17 Months	18 Months–5 Years
Polio (OPV or IPV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP or DTP)	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	4 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)				1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday
Hib	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday (only required for children less than 4 years, 6 months.)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR or VZV)					1 dose

INSTRUCTIONS:

To enter a child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center, children must have received immunizations required by California law.

1. Parents must submit their child's immunization record as proof.
2. Copy the date of each vaccine onto the California School Immunization Record (Blue Card, CDPH-286).
3. Determine whether children meet requirements above.

ADMIT A CHILD WHO:

- Is 18 months and older and has all immunizations required for their age, or
- Submits a **personal beliefs exemption** (before January 1, 2016) for missing shot(s) and immunization records with dates for all required shots not exempted, or
- Submits a physician's written statement of a **medical exemption** for missing shot(s) and immunization records with dates for all required shots not exempted.

ADMIT A CHILD CONDITIONALLY IF THE CHILD:

- Is under age 18 months, has received all immunizations required for age, but will have more required at next age checkpoint.
- Is missing a dose(s) in a series, but the next dose is not due yet. (This means the child has received at least one dose in a series and the deadline for the next dose has **not** passed.) The child may not be admitted if the deadline has passed or the child has not yet received the 1st dose.
- Has a temporary medical exemption to certain vaccine(s) and has submitted an immunization record for vaccines not exempted.

WHEN MISSING DOSES CAN BE GIVEN:

Missing Dose	Earliest Date After Previous Dose	Deadline After Previous Dose
Polio #2	6 weeks	10 weeks
Polio #3	6 weeks	12 months
DTP/DTaP #2, #3	4 weeks	8 weeks
DTP or DTaP #4	6 months	12 months
Hib #2	2 months	3 months
Hep B #2	1 month	2 months
Hep B #3 (under age 18 months)	2 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose	12 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose
Hep B #3 (age 18 months and older)	2 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose	6 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose

DO NOT ADMIT A CHILD WHO:

Does not fit one of the prior categories. Refer parents to their physician with a written notice indicating which doses are needed.

FOLLOW-UP IS REQUIRED AFTER ADMISSION:

- At every age checkpoint above until all doses are received.
- If child was missing a dose(s) in a series, but admitted **conditionally**.
- If child has a temporary medical exemption.

Maintain a list of unimmunized children (exempted or admitted conditionally), so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs. Notify parents of the deadline for missing doses. Review records every 30 days until all required doses are received.

Questions? Visit ShotsForSchool.org or contact your local health department (bit.do/immunization).



PERSONAL BELIEFS EXEMPTION TO REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS



STUDENT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	BIRTHDATE MONTH DAY YEAR ____ / ____ / ____	TELEPHONE NUMBER
PARENT/GUARDIAN – NAME		ADDRESS	

A. AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LICENSED IN CALIFORNIA – FILL OUT THIS SECTION

I am a (check one): ☐ M.D./D.O. ☐ Nurse Practitioner ☐ Physician Assistant ☐ Naturopathic Doctor ☐ Credentialed School Nurse

Provision of information: I have provided the parent or guardian of the student named above, the adult who has assumed responsibility for the care and custody of the student, or the student if an emancipated minor, with information regarding 1) the benefits and risks of immunization and 2) the health risks to the student and to the community of the communicable diseases for which immunization is required in California (immunizations listed in Table below).

Signature of authorized health care practitioner

Date - within 6 months before entry to child care or school

Practitioner name, address, telephone number:

B. PARENT OR GUARDIAN – FILL OUT THESE SECTIONS

I. Check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ **Receipt of information:** I have received information provided by an authorized health care practitioner regarding 1) the benefits and risks of immunization and 2) the health risks to the student named above and to the community of the communicable diseases for which immunization is required in California (immunizations listed in Table below).
- ☐ **Religious beliefs:** I am a member of a religion which prohibits me from seeking medical advice or treatment from authorized health care practitioners. (Signature of a health care practitioner not required in Part A.)

Signature of parent or guardian

Date - within 6 months before entry to child care or school

II. AFFIDAVIT

Immunizations already received: I have provided the child care or school with a record of all immunizations the student has received that are required for admission (California Health and Safety Code §120365).

Immunizations for which exemption is requested: An unimmunized student and the student's contacts at school and home are at greater risk of becoming ill with a vaccine-preventable disease. I understand that an unimmunized student may be excluded from attending school or child care during an outbreak of, or after exposure to, any of these diseases for the protection of the student and others (17 CCR §6060). I hereby request exemption of the student named above from the required immunizations checked below because such immunization is contrary to my beliefs.

School Category	Table of Required Immunizations – Check box(es) to request exemption.
Child Care Only	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Haemophilus influenzae type b</i> (Hib meningitis)
Child Care and K-12 th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis [whooping cough]) <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B <input type="checkbox"/> MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) <input type="checkbox"/> Polio <input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (Chickenpox)
7 th Grade Advancement (or admission at 7-12 th Grade)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tdap (Tetanus, reduced Diphtheria, Pertussis [whooping cough])

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

The California Department of Public Health places strict controls on the gathering and use of personally identifiable data. Personal information is not disclosed, made available, or otherwise used for purposes other than those specified at the time of collection, except with consent or as authorized by law or regulation. The Department's information management practices are consistent with the Information Practices Act (Civil Code Section 1798 et seq.), the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), Government Code Sections 11015.5 and 11019.9, and with other applicable laws pertaining to information privacy.

Questions about upcoming elections, board positions, or the business of child care, contact one of your board members we are always here to help!

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Nomination Open for 2016 Board	
VCCCA General Meeting	Sept. 15
Autumn Begins	Sept. 23
VCCCA Board Meeting	Oct. 7
Columbus Day	Oct. 12
Halloween	Oct. 31
VCCCA Board Meeting	Nov. 4
Veterans Day	Nov. 11
VCCCA Elections Announced	Nov. 17

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T-Shirts and Tank Tops

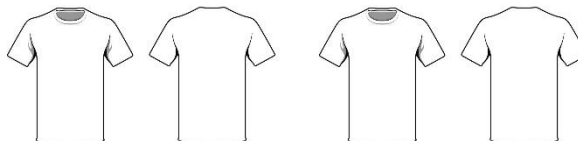
M-XL \$18.50 XXL \$20.00 3XL \$20.50

Sweatshirts

S-XL \$18.50 XXL \$20.00 3XL \$20.50

please call/text Pegi (805) 857-4436

WEAR THEM PROUDLY SUPPORT VCCCA



Can we Talk .. Yes we can

For our members we have created a **Private Group**. This can be found by typing Ventura County Child Care Association into the search bar on Facebook. Our Group has a flower for a symbol. This **PRIVATE** group is for our members to communicate with each other. Only members of the VCCCA may ask to join this group. In our group we can share ideas, inspiration, encouragement, ask questions and get to know each other better. Please keep your posts in this private group related to your own business or the business of child care. Always remember digital is FOREVER. Even though the group is private does not mean that your posts can't find their way into the world. – Send your Friend Request Today!

How Many Children can I care for in my Licensed Family Child Care?

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102416.5 STAFFING RATIO AND CAPACITY



Infant: A child under the age of two years.



Child: over the age of two years.



School Age: Child enrolled in Kindergarten or at least 6 years of age.

SMALL FAMILY CHILD CARE

For a Small Family Child Care Home, the maximum number of children cared for, including children under age 10 who live in the home, is one(1) of the following:

Four (4) infants

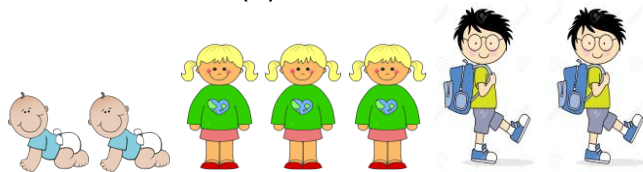


or

Six (6) children, no more than three (3) of whom may be infants.



Six(6) children, or up to eight(8) children when one(1) child is at least six years of age and one(1) child is enrolled in and attending kindergarten or elementary school and no more than two(2) infants are in care.

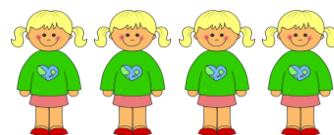


Parent notification and property owner consent must be on file.

LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE

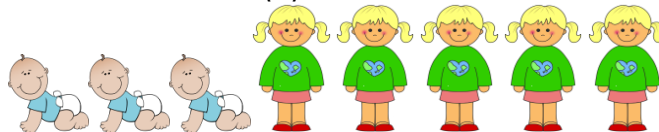
For a Large Family Child Care Home, the maximum number of children cared for when there is an assistant provider in the home, including children under age 10 who live in the home, and the assistant provider's children under age 10, is either:

Twelve (12) children, no more than four of whom may be infants,



or

Up to Fourteen (14) children when one(1) child is at least six years of age and one(1)child is enrolled in and attending kindergarten or elementary school, and no more than three(3) infants are in care.



Parent notification and property owner consent must be on file.



It is important to remember that it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to stay current with Licensing Requirements and Changes.

<http://cclد.ca.gov>

OR

www.VenturaCountyChildCare.com

"Members"

Community Care Licensing
click on Quarterly Updates

**BE READY FOR YOUR NEXT
LICENSING VISIT**

[www.cclد.ca.gov/res/pdf/FamilyChild
CareSelf-Assess1Guide.pdf](http://www.cclد.ca.gov/res/pdf/FamilyChildCareSelf-Assess1Guide.pdf)

Are You Obligated to Continue Caring for a Child?

AUGUST 3, 2015

Do family child care providers have a legal obligation to continue caring for a child in their program?

That's the question a provider asked me today.

She has cared for two children from one family for almost four years. The parents pay on time and follow all of her guidelines.

The problem is that the children are creating a lot of stress for the provider, her husband and their assistant. The children won't follow directions, the infant screams and there doesn't appear to be anything they can do that makes a difference.

The provider is concerned about how these children's behavior is affecting the other children and her own family.

For most family child care providers it's the parents who are usually the cause of stress, not the children.

In this case it's the children.

What to do?

First, providers are under no legal or moral obligation to continue to care for all of the children in their program. Second, providers should do what they can to try and meet the needs of every child in their program. Sometimes this may mean asking for outside help on how to deal with difficult children.

In my experience, providers generally go out of their way to try and make things work with the children in their care.

If particular children aren't responding well and you've done everything you can, and the situation is creating a high level of stress for you, it's probably in the best interests of everyone that you terminate your agreement. If your contract requires you to give them a notice, then follow your contract. Otherwise, you can terminate your agreement at any time.

I always recommend that providers include this language in their contract: "Provider may terminate at will."

Assuming that you have talked with the parents a number of times about the problems you are having with the child, and you are at the end of your rope, it's time to terminate your contract.

Here's some examples of language you might consider using when you tell the parents that you can no longer provide care for their child.

** "I don't think this is the best place for your children anymore."*

** "I'm not able to provide the type of care I think your children should be getting."*

** "Your child does not seem happy in my program and I don't know what else I can do that would make a difference."*

When you talk to the parents about terminating your agreement, don't say anything that blames the parent or child. It's not their fault. Focus on the fact that you are not the best caregiver for their child at this time.

If the parent is upset, contact your licensor and explain that you terminated a family who is now very unhappy.

You want your licensor to hear about this first from you, in case the parent makes a complaint.

What do you say to a parent when you are ready to terminate their contract because of the stress surrounding the care of their child?

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