



Building Communities by Strengthening Families since 1975

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Executive Director's Message

On behalf of the staff at Child Development Support Corporation (CDSC) welcome to our first issue of **CDSC Times**. Our mission for this newsletter is to provide access to the work we do and be a catalyst for those who are childcare providers, parents and employers. We offer quality services in all five boroughs, through our Child Care Resource and Referral Program (CCR&R). These services include childcare referrals, start up grants, professional trainings and Technical Assistance. These services help to enhance the skills of individuals to be better educators, caretakers and decision makers. Our Emergency Food Pantry provides assistance to families in need on a weekly basis.

We do more than give food we often have demonstration classes that teaches the recipients how to make better food selections for their families and how to use the produce they receive from us. A few years ago we built a hydroponics farm with the help of funding United Way; this is a way to grow and provide fresh produce throughout the year. Our Head Start and Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs continues to be an integral part of the community; providing preschool education for families who would otherwise not have an option. Each year we get our children prepared for school with the necessary skills to be successful students. In June we celebrated 38 years in existence as a community based organization.

Our longevity is in part due to the support of our community members who have helped us grow into a progressive organization that meets their needs. To them we say a special thank you! Let's continue to build and empower our community.

Best Regards,

Executive Director
Marcia Rowe-Riddick

Historical Snapshot

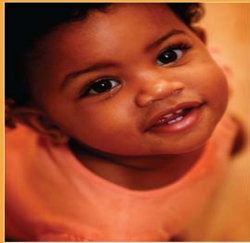
CDSC is a community-based, not-for-profit organization, that's been in operation since 1975. CDSC began as a self-help group headed by parents to provide childcare for families in the Fort Greene and Bedford-Stuyvesant areas of Brooklyn, New York. The origin of CDSC began in 1969, when six single mothers from Central Brooklyn organized a parent support group. Their goal was to provide safe, affordable and quality child care services for one another and the broader community. The sup-

port group was founded on the philosophy that parents should take primary responsibility for the education of their children. Self-help, mutual support and collective responsibility were important values to embrace and pass on to their children. From our modest beginnings of providing only on-site childcare, we have evolved into a multi-service organization that provides a wide range of services to children, youth, and families.



“ We are motivated by the belief that vibrant, healthy communities start with strong, secure families”

CCR&R June Milestones



Resource and Referral #
718.398.6370 Monday-
Friday, 8 am - 6 pm
(Referral Services are
available in English,
Spanish, French and
Haitian- Creole)

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) provides free resource and referral services to families, as well as technical assistance, and training to childcare businesses to help improve the quality and availability of childcare programs throughout New York City.

process in finding care that meets their needs.

For the month of June CDSC workers assisted 353 families with their child care information, throughout the 5 boroughs of New York.

care program, ways to ensure a quality child care environment, and professional career advancement opportunities.

For the month of June CDSC workers assisted 744 child care programs with their provider information, throughout the 5 boroughs of New York.

A referral pertains to a CDSC worker assisting a family in making informed decisions about childcare by offering them centralized information on available services and by facilitating the

Basic, intensive and enhanced technical assistance are available for child care providers, centers, school-age program staff, and anyone interested in opening a child care program. We offer information about regulations and guidelines for licensed child

“Our goal is to create high quality training opportunities that impact the quality of care and education”

Childcare Provider Training Course Acknowledgements

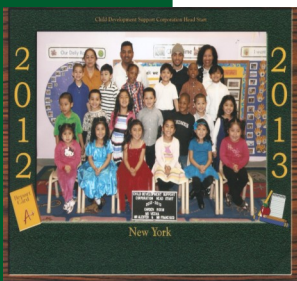
Our Training and Development services offer comprehensive workshops/training programs to the early care and learning community, parents, and the community-at-large. We offered a variety of training programs which includes, Medication Administration Training (MAT), Health and Safety, Infant and Child CPR and First Aid, Business Management and Record Keeping, Nutrition and Wellness, and Financial Literacy.

For the month of June, 14 providers took the Health and Safety training course and receive their certificates. Also 5 providers took the Infant and Child CPR and First Aid training course and received there 2 year certification to administer First Aid/CPR to infants/children.

Head Start Graduation



Graduating
Class of
2012-2013
CDSC Head
Start



Graduation is a wonderful time in the lives of both parents and students. It is also recognition for the outstanding work of the staff, as well as, an emotional

day for the parents to see their child graduate. CDSC would

like to say a special congratulations to the students and parents of CDSC Head Start. 20 of our Head Start students graduated to Kindergarten as well as 33 moved up to a higher level in our program. Our program serves 53 families in Community District 3. Our Head Start population is made up of low income Span-

ish, Portuguese, and English speaking families. Most are first generation immigrants.

CDSC Training & Events for July and August



We offer professional development opportunities and workshops to child care providers, center directors and the child care community on state mandated child care topics as well as on current child development issues. The courses we offer are:

Health and Safety Training pertains to protecting the health and safety of children in child care. To become a licensed Family Child Care provider in New York State, applicants must complete the Health and Safety training before they are issued a registration or license.

- July 1st-3rd 9:30am-4:30pm
- August 5-7th 9:30-4:30pm

NYS Medication Administration Training is a competency-based course approved by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to train child care providers to safely administer

medication in their programs.

- July 18th & 19th 9:00am-5:00pm; 9:00am-2:00pm
- August 29th & 30th 9:00am-5:00pm; 9:00am-2:00pm

Infant & Child CPR/First Aid training provides the knowledge and skills necessary to recognize, prevent, and provide basic first aid care for injuries and sudden illnesses as well as basic care breathing and cardiac emergencies in infant and children 0-12 years of age.

- July 12th 10:00am- 4:00pm
- August 16th 10:am-4:00pm

Essentials in Starting a Child Care Business workshop gives participants a clear understanding of the process involved in becoming a licensed child care provider and an overview of the current NYS Child Care regulations.

- July 6th 9:00am-12:00pm
- August 3rd 9:00am-12:00pm

Super Saturday Training consist of 2 topics at a discounted rate. This training is a two part course total hours of the course is 5.

- July 13th 9:00am-2:00pm

Part 1: Building Healthy Brains; Setting up a safe

and healthy environment to promote learning

Part 2: Assessing your own childcare environment and planning or improvements.

- August 24th 9:00am-2:00pm

Part 1: Learning through play; Creating developmentally appropriate lesson plans

Part 2: Exploring age appropriate and evidence based curriculum

Free Workshop Courses:

- Poison Control
July 20th 10:00am-12:00pm
August 24th 10:00am-12:00pm
- Early Intervention
August 24th 12:00pm-2:00pm

For additional information regarding registration and fees for the course Call 718-398-6738 ext. 8888 between 9:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Or visit our website at cdscnyc.org

Clases en Espanol

Para mas informacion por favor llamar al: 718-398-6370

CDSC Additional Services

Health Care Consultancy Services is conducted by our staff nurse. She assists childcare providers who needs to meet New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) regulations in the administration of medication to children.

Childcare providers who need assistance with writing a health care plan can call the nurse for an ap-

pointment. 718-398-2050 ext. 8534 Our Resource Library provides access to a wide-range of resources to interested parents and child care providers. Call in advance to make an appointment.

Program Grant Information: Funding is available for new and existing child care programs from the OCFS. These grants are awarded to

promote safe and healthy childcare environments, enhance the quality of the program, promote early literacy and school readiness. Providers can receive up to \$500 in grants to cover the cost of toys, books and other eligible expenses. Grants are limited and some are based on income eligibility

“Funding is available for new and existing child care programs”

The mission of CDSC is “to provide programs that empower families by helping them to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for successful living in today's society”.

CDSC’s staff recognizes that a thriving community is measured by how well it takes care of its members, especially its most vulnerable. Together with policy makers, community members and partnerships with broad low-income representation, we ensure comprehensive support service delivery systems that promote self sufficiency, pride and community spirit for the people in Central Brooklyn.

We pride ourselves in offering relevant quality services to the community in a caring and respectful manner. In order to maintain high standards of service, we internally practice the values that we seek to foster in the community. Those values include quality work, honesty, and mutual respect, along with teamwork and creativity in problem solving.

CDSC Programs

Child Development Support Corporation currently has five programs: Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R), Head Start, Universal Pre-Kindergarten, Infant Toddler Resource Center, and Emergency Food Panty.

