



VCCICC News July 2010



Congratulations and Welcome!

The VT Child Care Industry and Careers Council is pleased to announce the successful completion of all requirements for the trade of **Child Care Development Specialist** for the following individuals:

Diane Landry
Irasburg Village School

Jessie Cicia
Champlain Islands Parent Child Center
South Hero

Debbie Bashaw
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Bristol Family Center

Many thanks to Mentors Joan, Rose, Kristle, Melissa and Liz for providing guidance and encouragement for the professional development on the job!

Congratulations to **Star Porter of Starksboro Co-Operative Preschool** for successful completion of the On the Job Training (OJT) Program and to Susan for supporting Star in her training!

New Apprentice Teams

Amy Enos, Apprentice
Sara Driscoll, Mentor

Giggles Family Childcare & Preschool South Burlington

Cindy Dodge, Apprentice
Jennifer Tucker, Mentor
Terrisa Densmore, Apprentice
Jodi Farashahi, Mentor

Pine Street Preschool SEVCA/Windsor County Head Start Springfield

Jamie Morits, Apprentice
Bethany Caruso, Mentor

Nadeau's Playschool, Williston

Crystal Peno, Apprentice
Debbie Mandigo, Mentor

Appletree Learning Center Stowe

Bonnie Cicia, Apprentice
Jennifer Lestage, Mentor
**Champlain Islands Parent Child Center
South Hero**

Allyssa Airoidi, Apprentice
Colleen Cobb, Mentor

Y's Time Children's Center St. Albans

The Vermont Child Care Industry and Careers Council is now on Face Book!

Become a friend, a fan and add our Cause to your page!

Donations received will directly support the VT Child Care Apprenticeship Program!



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and Careers Council
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**We look forward to an exciting year!
Are you looking for a way to give back
to your community?**

Consider lending your time and energy to benefit the VT Child Care Industry and Careers Council!

**Mentor Scholarships
Available for New Fiscal
Year! (which began July 1)**

Mentors (of registered apprentices and OJT participants) may apply for up to \$100.00 for professional development activities!

This could include textbook costs, mileage (\$.50 per mile), application fees to conferences and other training!

Please send your receipts (or other documentation) to VCCICC by June 1, 2011 to access this funding!

**Thank you to the Child Development
Division for funding this support!**

Welcome!

The VT Child Care Industry and Careers Council is pleased to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Janet Fitzpatrick. Janet will be working in the office part-time with Sue Ryan. Janet comes to us with several years of office experience, having worked the past ten years in local high school and technical center offices.

In her spare time, Janet enjoys spending time with her husband and two Labrador retrievers, Olive & Daisy and also enjoys her other part-time job at a local library. When you call the office, you will find Janet to be very friendly and helpful!



Change for Child Care



April 1-30, 2010

Total to date collected \$1,102.15

Many thanks to the following individuals and organizations for your participation!

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| Kathy Allen | Liz King |
| Appletree Learning Center | Suzanne Lague |
| Ascension Child Care | Lamoille Family Center |
| Babble On Day Care | Liz Lamphere |
| Burlington Children's Space | Ashlee Lane |
| Carolyn's Red Balloon Enrichment Center | Local 693 Plumbers and Pipefitters |
| Champlain Islands Parent Child Center South | Mary Johnson Children's Center |
| Discovery Hill Family Child Care | My Second Home |
| Dot's Market | Nadeau's Playschool |
| Early Years Child Development Center | Donna Pollard |
| EJ's Kids Klub, Inc. | Diane Russin |
| 4 Corners Children's Center | Dorothy Sawyer |
| Hand in Hand Creative Learning Center | Amy Smith |
| Home Away from Home | Starksboro Co-Operative Preschool |
| Hunger Mountain Children's Center | Trinity Children's Center |
| Kids and Fitness | Turtle Island Children's Center |
| Kids Quest—Pico Peak | Vermonsters Too/Vermonsters Daycare Center |
| Kim Keiser & neighbors | Renee Vincent |
| Kinderworks | |



The VT Child Care Industry & Careers Council (VCCICC) is a not for profit organization developed to implement and oversee the VT Child Care Apprenticeship Program. Contact us at (802) 985-2700 or www.vtchildcareindustry.org

Certificates of Proficiency for High School Students



Many thanks to the technical center instructors for their work in building the next generation of trained child care workers!

The following Certificates were awarded in June 2010 :

River Bend Career Center (Bradford)

Amy Fahey, Instructor

Engaging a Child in Conversation (7)

Handwashing (7)

Stafford Technical Center (Rutland)

Sue Densmore, Instructor

Engaging a Child in Conversation (12)

Handwashing (2)

Meeting or Circle Time (3)

Choice Time (1)

Hartford Area Career and Technical Center (White River Junction)

Jeff Spiegel, Instructor

Engaging a Child in Conversation (2)

Handwashing (3)

Engaging in Dramatic Play (2)

Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center (Middlebury)

Priscilla Powers, Instructor

Engaging a Child in Conversation (1)

Certificates are based on national standards and were signed by Governor Douglas, Commissioner Dale from the VT Department for Children and Families, Commissioner Moulton-Powden from the VT Department of Labor and the VCCICC Board President, Ann Ross.

VCCICC would like to thank

Independent Assessors

Heather Mattison.

Tami Stagner,

and

Jo-Anne McDonough

for their commitment to

Vermont's students.





Advocacy Update

SAVE THE DATE!

**State House Open House -
Saturday, November 13, 2010**



Last year, 150 parents with their children, early childhood organizations and child care providers gathered at the State House to learn how Vermont's government works through a series of fun and interactive skits. The event closed with a rally featuring Senator Bernie Sanders and children's music from Jon Gailmor and Rik & Bec. The event was co-hosted by the Kids Are Priority One Coalition and Every Child Matters, as well as co-sponsored by over 50 organizations, agencies and businesses.

*In the skit on **How a Bill Becomes a Law**, a "citizen" proposed a bill requiring children to eat Vermont-made ice cream for breakfast to Representative Warren Kitzmiller in the front lobby. The group moved it through the bill-filing room, House Gallery and Senate Chamber before celebrating its passage with a "mock" press conference in the Cedar Creek Room.*

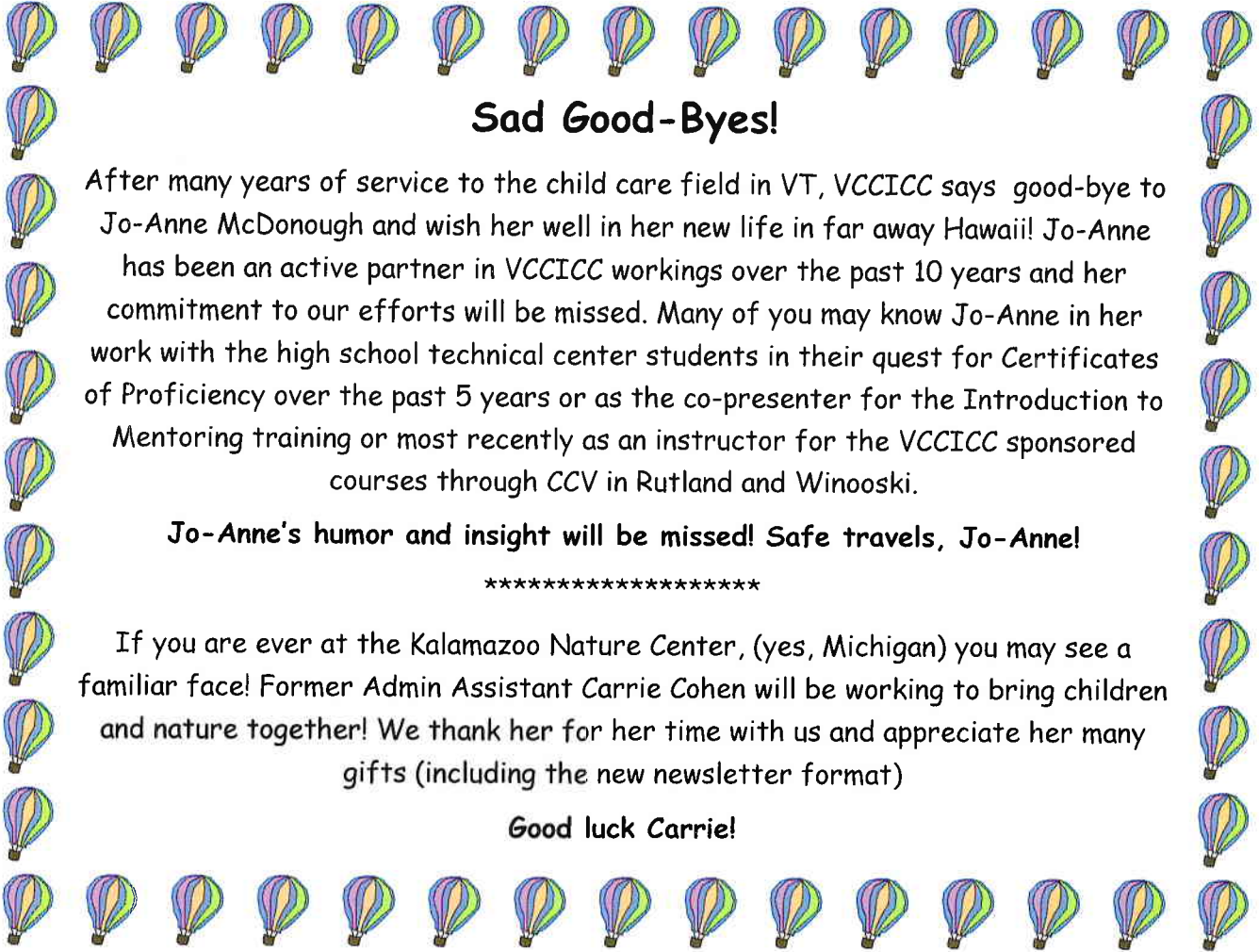


In the Committee Room, Representative Lippert listened as two brothers gave testimony in favor of the bill ("good for Vermont dairy farmers," makes kids happy and therefore they will do better in school") to which parents offered up opposition ("not good for Vermont vegetable farmers," "what about the lactose-intolerant?").

*In the skit on **How the State Budget is Crafted**, Deputy Commissioner Susan Zeller asked kids to identify ingredients for an apple pie as a way to begin discussing how the state budget is crafted. Then, Representative Howard Crawford managed negotiations on how the slices of the "budget pie" (representing public funds) should be dispersed.*

For more information, contact Kelly Ault, Community Organizer for the Kids Are Priority One Coalition,

802-272-0795 or kault1@earthlink.net



Sad Good-Byes!

After many years of service to the child care field in VT, VCCICC says good-bye to Jo-Anne McDonough and wish her well in her new life in far away Hawaii! Jo-Anne has been an active partner in VCCICC workings over the past 10 years and her commitment to our efforts will be missed. Many of you may know Jo-Anne in her work with the high school technical center students in their quest for Certificates of Proficiency over the past 5 years or as the co-presenter for the Introduction to Mentoring training or most recently as an instructor for the VCCICC sponsored courses through CCV in Rutland and Winooski.

Jo-Anne's humor and insight will be missed! Safe travels, Jo-Anne!

If you are ever at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, (yes, Michigan) you may see a familiar face! Former Admin Assistant Carrie Cohen will be working to bring children and nature together! We thank her for her time with us and appreciate her many gifts (including the new newsletter format)

Good luck Carrie!

SAVE THE DATE!

VCCICC Annual Meeting

October 14, 2010

6-8:30

Doubletree Inn, South Burlington

A time to look back...

A time to look forward...

Hear some of the proposed changes to the Council...

A time to help us celebrate our accomplishments

Look for more information in September!



**TUITION FREE
COLLEGE COURSES!!**



(Classes begin the week of Labor Day!)

VCCICC sponsored courses, offered in partnership with
Community College of Vermont (CCV)...

All courses are held from 6-9pm. Deadline to enroll is August 24th!

Program Management

St Albans (Wed) and Rutland (Tues)

Curriculum Development

Chittenden County (Mon)

Communication in the ECE and As Workplace

Chittenden County (Thurs)

Springfield (Tues)

If you are not currently attending classes at CCV—Now is the time to get started!

- 1) Please complete a CCV admissions form at www.ccv.edu/apply
- 2) Check with an on-call advisor at your local CCV office regarding your need to take the Basic Skills Assessment Test (Accu-placer) or whether this requirement will be waived.

It's early yet, but take a minute to look ahead to the Spring Semester!

Infant Toddler Development and Care

Chittenden County and Springfield


Program Management

Chittenden County

Leadership, Mentoring and Supervision

St. Albans and Rutland

Instructors and scheduled nights are still to be announced!



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