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Recommended Books for Family Child Care

Go to www.ccic.wi.gov and click on the tab **Child Care Library** for borrowing procedures and a searchable online catalog of all CCIC's books and DVDs.

Active Learning Series. Debby Cryer and Thelma Harms. Menlo Park, CA: Addison-Wesley, 1987-1996. Each book has a planning guide, activities for listening and talking, for physical development, creative activities, and activities for children to learn from the world around them.

Active Learning for Infants. 193 pgs

Active Learning for Ones. 218 pgs

Active Learning for Twos. 330 pgs

Active Learning for Threes. 354 pgs

Active Learning for Fours. 402 pgs

Active Learning for Fives. 450 pgs

ASQ-3 Learning Activities. Elizabeth Twombly and Ginger Fink. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Pub., 2013. 129 pgs.

400 fun, fast, easy-to-use, playful learning activities to enhance the growth and development of children from birth to five. The activities, developed to complement the *Ages & Stages Questionnaires*, are arranged by age and developmental area – communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal-social – and are perfect for sharing with parents.

ASQ-SE-2 Learning Activities & More. Elizabeth Twombly, Leslie J. Munson, Lois M. Pribble. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Pub., 2018. 104 pgs.

Social-emotional learning activities for children from birth to age six who are developing typically or need non-intensive support. Includes parent newsletters and topic-specific handouts written at a 4th- to 6th-grade reading level. Specifically developed to complement the *Ages and Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional*.

Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care. 2nd edition. Teri N. Talan and Paula Jorde Bloom. New York: Teachers College Press, 2018. 44 pgs.

Easy-to-use assessment tool measures: qualifications and professional development, income and benefits, work environment, fiscal management, recordkeeping, risk management, provider-parent communication, community resources, marketing and public relations, provider as employer.

Circle of Love: Relationships between Parents, Providers, and Children in Family Child Care. Amy C. Baker and Lynn A. Manfredi/Petitt. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 1998. 130 pgs.

Explores the emotionally charged issue of love in family child care settings. Uses real-life stories to show how parents and providers can work together to meet the attachment needs of children and surround each child with love.

Creating Connections: How to Lead a Family Child Care Support Group. Joan Laurion and Cherie Schmiedicke. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2005. 149 pgs.

This book tells how to organize a family child care support group, which is a small group of providers from the same local area who meet together, usually once a month, to socialize, share knowledge and experiences, help each other solve problems with children and parents, develop new leadership skills, and improve the quality of care in their community.

The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care. 3rd edition. Diane Trister Dodge, Sherrie Rudick, Laura J. Colker, Washington, DC: Teaching Strategies Inc., 2017.

Shows how everyday routines and experiences are opportunities to build relationships and promote learning for children birth to 12. Helps providers be intentional about the activities they plan while still having the flexibility to respond to each child's changing interests and abilities.

Volume 1: The Foundation (212 pgs.)

Volume 2: Routines and Experiences (257 pgs.)

Volume 3: Objectives for Development & Learning, Birth through Third Grade (227 pgs.)

The Creative Curriculum LearningGames. Joseph Sparling and Isabelle Lewis. Washington, DC: Teaching Strategies Inc., 2007-2008.

Five books filled with fun, educational games to play with children from birth through 60 months of age. Developed by the Abecedarian Project and proven to benefit children, the games focus on social, emotional, and cognitive areas of development, especially language.

Volume 1: Birth-12 Months

Volume 2: 12-24 Months

Volume 3: 24-36 Months

Volume 4: 36-48 Months

Volume 5: 48-60 Months

Do-It-Yourself Early Learning: Easy and Fun Activities and Toys from Everyday Home Center Materials. Jeff A. Johnson and Tasha A. Johnson. St Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2006. 218 pgs.

Family child care providers show how everyday items such as PVC pipe, duct tape, nylon twine, and nuts and bolts can be used to create learning toys that draw on the imagination of children aged six months to six years.

Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale. 3rd edition. Thelma Harms, Debby Cryer, Richard M. Clifford, Noreen Yazejian. New York: Teachers College Press, 2019. 81, 14 pgs.

A simple method for providers to evaluate the quality of their child care home on a 33-item scale covering space and furnishings, personal care routines, language and books, activities, interaction, and program structure.

Family Child Care Homes: Creative Spaces for Children to Learn. Linda J. Armstrong. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2012. 202 pgs.

Colorful photographs of beautiful indoor and outdoor spaces illustrate low-cost tips for selecting items, organizing materials, designing learning zones, and creating a place that feels like a second home to the children in your care.

Finding Your Smile Again: A Child Care Professional's Guide to Reducing Stress and Avoiding Burnout. Jeff A. Johnson. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2007. 162 pgs.

The author is a family child care provider and former center director. Using humor and empathy, he offers dozens of ways to cope with the stressors common among child care professionals.

From Babysitter to Business Owner: Getting the Most Out of Your Home Child Care Business. Patricia Dischler. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2005. 197 pgs.

Excellent advice on family child care business practices: selecting new clients and retaining valued clients, developing and using a thorough parent handbook, selecting an appropriate and manageable curriculum, creating work spaces in your home, and setting long-term personal and business goals.

Look & Cook: A Step-by-Step Guide to Healthy Meals in Family Child Care Homes. St. Paul, MN: Partners in Nutrition and the Chef Marshall O'Brien Group, 2016. 183 pgs.

Includes step-by-step instructions and photos for 160 recipes that all fit the CACFP guidelines, a seasonal menu, including a four-week cycle menu for lunch, plus a two-week cycle menu for breakfasts and snacks.

Model Work Standards for Early Educators in Family Child Care. 3rd edition. Berkeley, CA: Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California, Berkeley. Washington DC: American Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation, 2019. 52 pgs. **Available online only:**
<https://cscce.berkeley.edu/publications/report/creating-better-child-care-jobs-model-work-standards/>

Describes components of the family child care work environment that enable providers to do their jobs well and continue on the job for a longer time. Many of these standards rely on a greater public investment, so the book is an educational and organizing tool as well as an assessment and planning tool.

Preschool Activities for Family Child Care. Suzanne Gainsley. Ypsilanti, MI: HighScope Press, 2010. 71 pgs.

The fun activities in this book use the HighScope active learning approach for children 2½ - 5.

Redleaf Family Child Care Curriculum: Teaching through Quality Care. 2nd edition. Sharon Woodward. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2015. 241 pgs.

Creative and inclusive learning activities for family child care, arranged by age and developmental domain: physical and motor, cognitive, communication and language, social and emotional, and approaches to learning.

Teaching the 3 Cs: Creativity, Curiosity, and Courtesy: Activities that Build a Foundation for Success. Patricia A. Dischler. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin, 2010. 175 pgs.

Lots of ideas for activities that will enhance children's natural abilities to be creative, curious, and courteous, and thus give them a strong foundation for all future learning and enjoyment of life.

Tips and Tidbits: a Book for Family Day Care Providers. Janet Gonzalez-Mena. Washington, DC: NAEYC, 1991. 66 pgs.

Practical information and advice to help you solve some of the most persistent problems in your work with children: difficult separations, children who lie or tattle, how to calm children, how to improve naptime, and much more.

Tips from Tina: Help Around the House: Hundreds of Practical Ideas to Make Family Child Care Easier and More Fun. Tina Koch and Mary-Lane Kamberg. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 1995. 120 pgs.

Tips to simplify routines, organize your home, make your time with kids more fun, and make your family child care business run more smoothly.

Redleaf Business Series. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press.

Family Child Care Business Planning Guide. Tom Copeland. 2009. 85 pgs.

Family Child Care Contracts and Policies: How to Be Businesslike in a Caring Profession. 4th edition. Tom Copeland. 2018. 174 pgs.

Family Child Care: Guide to Visits, Inspections, and Interviews. Donna C. Hurley. 2013. 125 pgs.

Family Child Care Legal and Insurance Guide: How to Reduce the Risks of Running Your Business. Tom Copeland. 2004. 207 pgs.

Family Child Care Marketing Guide. 2nd edition. Tom Copeland. 2012. 203 pgs.

Family Child Care Money Management & Retirement Guide. Tom Copeland. 2008. 193 pgs.

Family Child Care Record-Keeping Guide. 9th edition. Tom Copeland. 2014. 200 pgs.

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