



Dear Early Childhood Professional:

Thank you for your dedication, commitment, and compassion. We appreciate you. These are uncertain times, and we understand that some child care programs are temporarily closed. During this stressful time, it is so important to take care of YOU. **To show our appreciation for all you do, we have organized some fun ways to celebrate YOUR DAY.**

The Action for Happiness resource on the back of this letter includes 30 actions and reminders to look after YOU, especially as we face this global crisis together.

Provider Appreciation Stickers: We are asking families to help celebrate. Please share these Provider Appreciation stickers and the poster with parents. If you prefer to print off the poster, the original is posted on the Childcaring website. We can also mail more stickers, while supplies last. Feel free to share these stickers all year round.

Provider Appreciation Nomination: Providers and parents can complete the short form on our Facebook page by May 7 to be entered into a drawing to win a gift card. *Only families and child care providers in our service delivery area are eligible to win.*

Childcaring Messenger Bag / T-Shirt Give-A-Way: Childcaring designed t-shirts to show our support of the Child Care Workforce. We will draw the names of two regulated child care providers. The winners will be notified by phone, and can choose their prize: Childcaring bag or a T-Shirt.

Comment on the Childcaring Facebook Post: What do you enjoy the most about providing child care? Everyone who comments is entered in a drawing for a chance to win a gift card. This goes until Sunday, May 10. One winner will be selected and announced on Facebook Monday, May 11.

Provider Appreciation Day Drawing: Childcaring coordinates a drawing to include the names of every regulated child care provider in our 10 county service area. Two regulated child care provider names will be drawn on Provider Appreciation Day to win a gift card. Winners will be notified and the names will be posted on Facebook.

Stay Connected - We Are Here to Help

We are all in this together. *COVID-19* has created a lot of unknowns, one thing is for sure, we can rely on each other to get through this. Feel free to call, email, or set up a video chat with Childcaring staff about any questions or concerns you may have.

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- ⇒ Like & Follow @ChildcaringInc on Facebook
- ⇒ Subscribe to Childcaring Email Listservs
- ⇒ Subscribe to the DCF Child Care Listserv



THANK YOU for all you do.
We are happy to celebrate, recognize,
and show appreciation for YOU!
Sincerely, Childcaring Staff

Ode to a Child Care Provider

Little children come to me for hugs and books and such
I care for all their simple needs and I also fix them lunch.
I pick up toys, I mop their spills and often dry their tears.
I change their diapers, settle fights, and kiss away their tears
I tie their shoes, I button coats and push them on the swing.
I really love these kids, you see, but there is just one thing
Call me Mom or Aunt or Anne, and those names just might fit.
But please don't call me SITTER, because I never get to SIT!

- Unknown Author -