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## Child Care Resource Development Center for Kennebec and Somerset Counties

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## Issue 6, June 2010

Dear Provider,

Summer is on its way and the staff at Child Care Options are ready to enjoy it! It has been a busy spring with provider trainings, our annual Kids Conference, and many phone calls for child care referrals.

This month we are proud to congratulate a number of providers who have achieved significant milestones in their professional development.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,  
Rita Fullerton, Director  
Child Care Options, SKCDC

### Congratulations!

-Sharon Abair, Education Specialist

To our most recent "Quality for ME" enrollees!!

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Sandra Lagasse             | Michele Stinson |
| Miss Kelly's Learning Loft | Kelly White     |
| Tamran Lavallee            | Kim Cleaves     |
| Courtney Pacholski         | Kelly Campbell  |

To the following members who successfully moved up in "Quality for ME":

|                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jenny Warger                     | Vassalboro B/A School |
| MSAD 40 Albion Elementary School | Angela Beckwith       |
| MSAD Fairfield Primary School    | Brenda L. Beard       |

To Kennebec Valley Community College students recognized at the Class of 2010 Evening of Excellence:

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Katlyn Champagne | Vonnie Coron       |
| Karen Corson     | Christen Davis     |
| Erica Harris     | Jacqueline Millett |
| Joanne Salisbury | Beth Welch         |

If you recently achieved a significant milestone in your professional development, we want to hear from you. Please email us so we can congratulate you in our next newsletter at [training@skcdc.org](mailto:training@skcdc.org)

### Maine Early Care and Education Online Training Calendar Is Launched

- Rita Fullerton, Director



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### Fun Days in June

June 4th - [National Doughnut Day](#)

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June 14th - [Flag Day](#)

June 15th - [National Lobster Day](#)

June 20th - [Father's Day](#)

June 21st - [1st Day of Summer](#)

June 28th - [Paul Bunyan Day](#)

June 30th - [Superman's Birthday](#)

Maine Roads to Quality, in partnership with Maine Expanding Inclusive Opportunities and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Early Childhood Division, are happy to bring you the brand-new Maine Early Care and Education Online Training Calendar. Please click the following link to explore the calendar: <http://ecetrainingcalendar.muskie.usm.maine.edu/public/main.aspx>

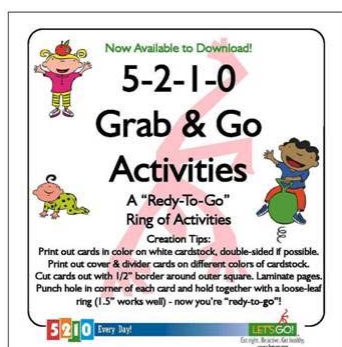
## New Maine Roads to Quality Scholarship Information!

- Pam Soucy, Training Coordinator

Maine Roads to Quality (MRTQ) has received funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), also known as "stimulus funding". These funds will allow MRTQ to offer more scholarship opportunities than ever before! More detailed information and an updated application can be found on the MRTQ website at <http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/maineroads/>

## Let's Go! 5-2-1-0 Goes to Child Care

- Rita Fullerton, Director



The Let's Go! Child Care Intervention seeks to increase healthy eating and physical activity among children in child care settings. The child care environment can play a significant role in the health behaviors of children because it can provide opportunities for physical activity, as well as for healthy eating in a child's formative years. Be sure to check out the Grab & Go Activities. Just click to download.

<http://www.lets-go.org/resources/documents/RedyActivityRingWebFile.pdf>

## Ideas for summer field trips!

- Rita Fullerton, Director

**Viles Arboretum** 2010 Early Childhood Programs Nature Hikes and Activities -open to child cares, Head Start, pre-schools, and homeschool groups. There are a variety of activities available for children ages 2-4. Topics available include wildlife, water habitats, trees and plants, insects, and exploring the different seasons. For more information or to make reservations, phone: 626-7989, email: [toni.pied@vilesarboretum.org](mailto:toni.pied@vilesarboretum.org) or visit the website [www.vilesarboretum.org](http://www.vilesarboretum.org)

**Maine State Museum** The museum offers exhibits on Maine's natural environments, social history and manufacturing heritage. Twenty-eight education programs are available. Admission and education programs are free for all organized groups of children including public and private schools, home schools, scout and church groups and recreation departments.

<http://www.mainestatemuseum.org/>

**Old Fort Western** New England's oldest surviving wooden fort

## June Training Opportunities You Don't Want to Miss:

### Weaving Diversity into Our Work with Children & Families Plus Many Eyes, Many Voices

Date & Time: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Location: Child Care Options, Farmingdale, Cost: \$10-Quality for ME participants, \$15-non Quality for ME participants ( pre-registration is required).

### Lunch & Learn

RELATE: Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation. Date & Time: June 16, 11:30 am-1:00 pm Location: Child Care Options, Farmingdale, Cost: Free (pre-registration is required).

### Science? ME? What Do I Know?

Date & Time: June 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Location: Skowhegan, Somerset County Extension Office Cost: \$10 ( pre-registration is required ).

### Gluten Intolerance ~ Celiac Disease

Date & Time: June 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Location: Child Care Options, Farmingdale Cost: \$10 (pre-registration is required).

building. Costumed staff introduce visitors to 18th century military, community and family life. Fort Western is open Memorial Day through Columbus Day.  
<http://www.oldfortwestern.org/>

## Resource and Referral Corner

- Vanessa Leigh, R&R Specialist

Of the phone referrals completed in the last 6 months, 68% of children need care until 4-6 pm at night. Of that 68%, 37% need a child care that is open past 5:00 pm. On the other end of the spectrum, 73% of children need care starting between 6-8 am in the morning. Of that 73%, 52% need a child care that opens prior to 7:30 am. As a provider, are your hours meeting the needs in your area? It can be tough to balance both family needs with a child care business, and a provider needs to consider both. However, if your enrollment is down, your hours may be something to consider. Are they too restrictive? Could an extra half an hour at the beginning or end of your day make a difference in attracting additional clients? If you need to update your provider profile information email us at [rr@skcdc.org](mailto:rr@skcdc.org).

## University of Maine Farmington Program Information Session [www.farmington.edu/cohort](http://www.farmington.edu/cohort)

June 16, 2010 6 to 7 p.m.  
King Hall Room 122  
Kennebec Valley Community College  
92 Western Avenue, Fairfield

Students with an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent can complete this bachelor's degree program in the Fairfield/Waterville area. The program is designed for working professionals. Early Childhood courses are offered on evenings and weekends.

For more information:  
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[Carolyn.drugge@maine.edu](mailto:Carolyn.drugge@maine.edu)

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