

The Twig - January 2023

Official Newsletter of Infant Toddler Family Day Care

2023: Infant Toddler Family Day Care's 40th Anniversary!



In-Person Interview with Phyllis Cassell and Wynne Busman:

In honor of Infant Toddler Family Day Care's 40th anniversary, two of our staff members visited Co-Founder, Phyllis Cassell, and retired ITFDC Executive Director, Wynne Busman. They talked about what Infant Toddler Family Day Care's journey has been like throughout the 40 years of service in the Northern Virginia community. The business venture began in 1983 at Phyllis' home in Annandale with staff members Sherry Butler, Phyllis Cassell, Ileene Hoffman, and Betsy Shelsby. Infant Toddler became a thriving organization and a unique model that supports family child care in Northern Virginia. During the 40 years there has been much interest about our model of care throughout the state and the country.

The vision of ITFDC was to serve small groups of children in family child care homes. The goal was and still is to provide high quality child care and to support our family child care educators. Infant Toddler Family Day Care currently serves hundreds of families and family child care educators throughout Northern Virginia.

There have, of course, been challenges as well as many successes. Our original staff provided pro bono services for the first two years. Everyone remained flexible and committed to the mission. Initially, we started with an electric typewriter and a small copy machine. In the early 2000's we successfully changed from paper records to a custom database. One of our

major successes is that many of our providers currently with Infant Toddler Family Day Care, have been with us for years and are dedicated to the organization. In addition, we have expanded our grant writing and partnerships to provide funding for our varied projects. And it is heart-warming to receive many accolades of appreciation from parents and providers.

For the future Wynne and Phyllis expect that Infant Toddler will continue to grow and thrive, provide important services to our family child care educators, and provide high quality child care.

We genuinely thank Phyllis and Wynne for sharing their thoughts and memories with us and providing us with valuable insight on the journey that Infant Toddler Family Day Care went through to become what it is today: a thriving organization serving Northern Virginia since 1983!



Upcoming Closings

President's Day
Monday, February 20, 2023

Memorial Day
Monday, May 29th, 2023

Our 2023 calendar is available!
2023 Holiday Calendar



Tax Season Reminder

Tax ID – During the tax return season, many parents contact our office for their providers' tax id. Please note that for security reason, our office cannot share the information. Please contact your provider directly. Since providers are self-employed, they are required to either

Emergency Closing Policy

The ITFDC office and family child care homes will be **CLOSED** when the Federal Government is **CLOSED** for the full/entire day to the public due to inclement weather or other emergencies.

The ITFDC office and family child care homes will **OPEN** on time if the Federal Government has a delayed opening.

The ITFDC office and family child care homes



Upcoming Trainings:

Title: Engaging
Environments for Infants,

Toddlers and Twos with Julie Renne

Description: Safe, inviting, and interesting environments for infants, toddlers, and twos are essential for healthy growth and development. Join us to discover how to create engaging environments that promote positive early learning and developmental outcomes for young children.

Date: Feb 8, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 EST

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8700068701540746069>

obtain a tax id or use SS#s for tax-reporting purposes.

Past Invoices – Please note that we do not provide a print-out/summary of invoices for the year. We recommend that you keep your monthly invoices for your records and you may also reference your bank records for payments made.

will not close early if the Federal Government is closing early for the day. When an individual jurisdiction closes, i.e. Fairfax County, Arlington County, Falls Church City etc., our office and day care homes will remain open.

All closures will be posted on the web site and on our Facebook page.



It is Flu/ Cold/ RSV Season!

It's cold, flu, and RSV season! Here are the ways to tell them apart, and the common symptoms between them. This is ITFDC's sick policy below. More information on Fairfax County Health Department's link on RSV which is a serious and very contagious virus: Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) | Health (fairfaxcounty.gov)

COVID-19, Flu, RSV and Colds:
Check Your Child's Symptoms


How To Tell Them Apart

Common symptoms of all four illnesses include fever, cough, fatigue, stuffy, runny nose and congestion. Some symptoms that may be different include:

Illness	Sudden loss of taste or smell	Headache	Loss of appetite	Sore throat	Sneezing
COVID-19	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Flu		✓	✓	✓	✓
Cold				✓	✓
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)					✓

Call your pediatrician if your child has any of the following symptoms:

- Rapid breathing, flaring nostrils, wheezing and grunting
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Chest caving in with each breath
- Very ill or drowsy
- Poor feeding
- Dehydration
- Vomiting for more than 24 hours
- Bloody diarrhea
- Fever:
 - above 104°F in any child
 - above 100.4°F if child is under 2 months old
 - above 103°F for more than 24 hours

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