

The Twig –July 2024
Official Newsletter of Infant Toddler Family Day Care

MEET OUR STAFF!



Melinda Higbee (Executive Assistant)

Hello, my name is Melinda Higbee. I have been with Infant Toddler Family Day Care since 2014 as the Executive Assistant to our Director. Prior to joining Infant Toddler Family Day Care, I earned my BS degree in Business Administration from Strayer University. After graduating, I worked for a large corporation as an Executive Assistant for many years. Since then, my husband and I have raised our 2 daughters, whom we are very proud of. Through the years in raising my children, I know how important it is in choosing quality, trusted child care that is a good fit for the family. I am happy to be part of ITFDC and enjoy working with the families and providers to accomplish this goal.



**Traci Jackson-McCray
(Administrative Assistant)**

Hello, my name is Traci Jackson-McCray and I am the Front Desk Administrative Assistant at ITFDC. I earned my BA in History from The University of Baltimore in 1998. My work background is in Hospitality and Tourism. I enjoy spending my free time with family as well teaching a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+ at the Ashburn Senior Center. As a mom of two, I truly understand the importance of finding quality childcare to ensure your child's health and safety. I am excited to play a part in assisting families navigate this process.



Upcoming Closings:

Independence Day Holiday

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Friday, July 5, 2024

Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2024

Our 2024 calendar is available!
2024 Holiday Calendar



Upcoming Trainings:

August 3, 2024 9:30–11:30 AM 2 training hours
– (Zoom Meeting)

Introduction to Happy Mealtimes in Childcare Settings with ICN (Institute of Child Nutrition)

This training provides child care professionals with best practices for creating positive and safe mealtime environments for young children.

Lesson topics:

Lesson 1: Implement Schedules and Routines

Lesson 2: Serve Meals Family–Style

Lesson 3: Implement Food Safety Practices

Lesson 4: Focus on Healthy Habits

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://theicn.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvC-trzspHNMcoL9bbvtYnjIEt3NR79Kz>

Sun, Sep. 15, 2024, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM 4 training hours + LUNCH!

ITFDC Professional Development Day– Business Training!

Green Acres Gymnasium– 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Workshop 1: Organize Your Record Keeping for Easier Tax Preparation

Workshop 2: Wise Money Management for Today and Tomorrow

Workshop 3: Marketing your Child Care Business

Oct. 19, 2024, 3:30 PM– 1 training hour

Early Literacy Training at FCPL– City of Fairfax Regional Branch–

10360 North St, Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact the office or speak with your CCS to register!



Meet our New Board Member!

Hello everyone! My name is Ramlah J. Usman, and I'm excited to introduce myself to our community through the July Newsletter. With a passion for human rights and education, I bring over 4 years of experience in global affairs and a strong commitment to volunteer work. I hold a BA in Global Affairs and a Master's of Science in Conflict Analysis and resolution . Currently, I work at the US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights. In my free time, I enjoy reading and cooking. I also love engaging kids in interesting activities.



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