

JANUARY 2012

# The Gwinnett Advisor

January 10,  
2012

7pm

Kordie Green

Kids Safe Inter-  
net and Mobile  
Safety for Chil-  
dren. This class is  
not BFTS approved.

FEBRUARY 14,  
2012

LINDA DAVIS  
NUTRITION

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**VOLUNTEER FOR COMMITTEE  
THIS YEAR!**

If you are a member  
interested in joining the GFCCA yahoo group, you may do so by going to this website to signup.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GFCCA/>

Contact Cathy Schulte if you have a problem signing up 770-923-0389

**Christmas party at O'Charlies was a great success 30 plus  
attended, (spouses were included) Food was good , Dirty  
Santa game and the fellowship was enjoyed by all.**



Gwinnett Family Child Care Association  
P.O. Box 957266  
Duluth, Ga. 30095

[WWW.gfcca.com](http://WWW.gfcca.com)

Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Christ The Lord Lutheran Church, 1001 Duluth Highway,  
Lawrenceville, Ga. 30043

Classes cost \$10.00 for members and \$15 for non-members

## SAVE THE DATE

*"The Magic of Family Child Care"*  
**July 26–28, 2012**

**Marriott Atlanta Marquis**  
 265 Peachtree Center Avenue  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**To volunteer for the  
 2012 conference  
 please email your  
 contact information  
 to [conference@nafcc.org](mailto:conference@nafcc.org)**

For upcoming Conference information go to our website—[www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org) or call 801-886-2322

Thursday, January 12, 2012  
 G is for Germ: Infectious Disease Control  
 Quality Care for Children - Metro Atlanta  
 50 Executive Park South, Suite 5015  
 Atlanta, GA 30329  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 (404) 479-4230

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1-11-2012  
 SEATING AVAILABLE: 12  
 Comment:  
 2 Hours of State Approved Training. ECE2.  
 Free Training Policy: Only 4 people allowed  
 per program. If you are unable to attend,  
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 Download Form to Mail-In Registration  
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If you  
 would like  
 to register  
 for any of  
 these  
 trainings,  
 go to

[www.qualitycareforchildren.org/ccp/training/calCentral.asp](http://www.qualitycareforchildren.org/ccp/training/calCentral.asp)

Thursday, January 26, 2012  
 Injury Prevention  
 Quality Care for Children - Metro Atlanta  
 50 Executive Park South, Suite 5015  
 Atlanta, GA 30329  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 (404) 479-4230

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1-25-2012  
 SEATING AVAILABLE: 5  
 Comment:  
 2 Hours of State Approved Training. ECE2. Free  
 Training Policy: Only 4 people allowed per pro-  
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 courtesy to cancel at least 24 hours in advance. If  
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This is just a friendly reminder that on January 3, 2012 Bright From the Start will be launching the new Quality Rated system. Please visit their web site at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> and stay tuned to the Bright From the Start web site.

Gwinnett Childcare Network  
 Jean Stewart, director  
 Referral Service

Assists parents and providers in finding the best possible quality care for all children.  
 770 982 7212  
[www.GwinnettChildcareNetwork.com](http://www.GwinnettChildcareNetwork.com)  
[JStew000@Bellsouth.net](mailto:JStew000@Bellsouth.net)

### SUBSTITUTES

Chris Briscoe  
 Available for substitute care for  
 Family Child Care  
 Cell: 678-570-8638  
 Home: 770-513-3942  
 Hourly Rates

SEASONS GREETINGS



## 2012 Standard Mileage Rate Announced

The IRS has announced that the 2012 standard mileage rate will be \$.555 per mile for business trips.

The 2011 standard mileage rate is \$.51 for trips taken between January and June, and \$.555 for trips taken between July and December.

Family child care providers using this [standard mileage method](#) may also deduct the following vehicle expenses: parking expenses, tolls, and car ferries. In addition, providers who are sole proprietors (self-employed) may claim the business portion of any vehicle loan interest and vehicle property taxes (for those states that charge this tax).

The business portion of these last two expenses is based on the number of business miles driven divided by the total miles driven. For example, if a provider drove 3,000 business miles and a total of 10,000 miles in the year her business portion is 30%.

Providers can claim business trips if the "primary" purpose of the trip is business. Primary purpose means that more than 50% of the reason for the trip is business. This includes children's field trips, trips to the bank to deposit parent fees, and trips to trainings. A trip to the grocery could be claimed as a business trip if more than 50% of the food purchased was for the business.

Although most family child care providers use the standard mileage rate, they can choose another method to claim vehicle expenses called the [actual expenses method](#). To use this method, providers must save receipts for all vehicle expenses such as gas, oil, repairs, vehicle insurance, repairs, tires, and so on.

Many providers underreport their business miles because they either don't keep accurate records or they do not realize that some trips taken are deductible. Providers may use a variety of records to show their business trips: calendar notations, receipts, cancelled checks, credit or debit card statements, field trip permission forms, training certificates, mileage log, photographs, and other written records.

Therefore, it's not too late to review your records for 2011 and record business trips on your tax return.

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<http://www.tomcopelandblog.com/2011/12/2012-standard-mileage-rate-announced.html>

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For more information about claiming car expenses, see my book [Family Child Care Record Keeping Guide](#).



[http://www.homemadesimple.com/en-us/homeorganization/pages/reuse-shipping-and-packaging-boxes.aspx?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=Digest&utm\\_content=Center%2BNav%2B2&utm\\_campaign=December](http://www.homemadesimple.com/en-us/homeorganization/pages/reuse-shipping-and-packaging-boxes.aspx?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Digest&utm_content=Center%2BNav%2B2&utm_campaign=December)

Prep boxes. Wipe clean of any dust or dirt and peel off labels as best you can, so you have a clean, smooth surface for covering. If the box is printed with bold logos, consider using a thicker, darker fabric so they won't show through. 2. Measure & cut fabric. Measure the box and lid (optional) then cut fabric—any color, any pattern—to size. Keep in mind—the fewer cuts you make, the more seamless the look. That said, you can always hide seams with trim or ribbon. Tip: For one-of-a-kind boxes, buy plain-colored fabric and paint it yourself. 3. Adhere fabric. Working one side at a time, apply a layer of white glue with a foam brush, covering from edge-to-edge. Or spray with multi-purpose adhesive. Adhere fabric to box, smooth-

[A time saving site for busy teachers](http://www.busyteacher.com/) <http://www.busyteacher.com/>

[Project Yellow Bus - a K-5 Curriculum for teaching about renewable energy](http://www.cubiodiesel.org/pyb.php) <http://www.cubiodiesel.org/pyb.php>

[A website for teachers & parents](http://www.akidsheart.com/) <http://www.akidsheart.com/>

[NOAA educational site](http://www.akidsheart.com/) <http://www.akidsheart.com/>

[NASA educational site](http://www.nasa.gov/) <http://www.nasa.gov/>

[Discovery Channel educational site](http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/) <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/>

[Preschool activity ideas of teachers and parents](http://www.preschooexpress.com/) <http://www.preschooexpress.com/>

[The Library of Congress Exhibitions](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/) <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/>

[Visit The White House](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/white-house-101/) <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/white-house-101/>

[The ultimate teacher resource page](http://teachers.net/) <http://teachers.net/>

[Free lesson plan resource site](http://teachers.net/projects/) <http://teachers.net/projects/>

[K-12 education information and resource page](http://www.educationworld.com/) <http://www.educationworld.com/>

[Online flashcard resource](http://quizlet.com/) <http://quizlet.com/>

[Marketing tips and much more](http://www.kidnkaboodle.net/provider.html) <http://www.kidnkaboodle.net/provider.html>

[Free Business Cards](http://www.vistaprint.com/vp/ns/default.aspx?mk=vistaprint&ad=e&query=vistaprint&GP=1%2f8%2f2012+9%3a14%3a50+AM&GPS=2311397897&GNF=0&GPLSID=)

<http://www.vistaprint.com/vp/ns/default.aspx?mk=vistaprint&ad=e&query=vistaprint&GP=1%2f8%2f2012+9%3a14%3a50+AM&GPS=2311397897&GNF=0&GPLSID=>

[Get Free Teachers Tape](http://www.teacherstape.com/instructions.html) <http://www.teacherstape.com/instructions.html>

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[http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=wih8asdab&v=001QYDB14zrJ485C0\\_hZtL3JSP7OQq7KAhCR1TAD3W5MLbcmnwA8Mb66XlpDCWTE-H8P6IcIwWtSOpfc17qOcr4u30fketn9Gxr1Qk-Lpec60mGRARU-ET5eUpPTdWcmQUAGwapH\\_0iGzG0jXUY8C0F9lIkesN9FWGZ](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=wih8asdab&v=001QYDB14zrJ485C0_hZtL3JSP7OQq7KAhCR1TAD3W5MLbcmnwA8Mb66XlpDCWTE-H8P6IcIwWtSOpfc17qOcr4u30fketn9Gxr1Qk-Lpec60mGRARU-ET5eUpPTdWcmQUAGwapH_0iGzG0jXUY8C0F9lIkesN9FWGZ)

*This is a great article about how to talk to the kind of parents who ask questions about whether the children are learning anything or "do they just play all day"*

<http://www.ooeygoeey.com/a-crash-course-in-the-language-of-wolves/>

It is my wish that this brief list assists you in connecting with them.

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Lisa Murphy

[Home Away From Home Childcare](#) (Facebook)

[My Pinterest Boards](#)

GigaTribe ID: inshakhan



## AT NO CHARGE/NO OBLIGATION!

My name is Elizabeth Pantley. I'm a parent educator, mother of four, and author of twelve books for parents including the best-selling "No-Cry Series": The No-Cry Discipline Solution, The No-Cry Picky Eater Solution, The No-Cry Separation Anxiety Solution, The No-Cry Sleep Solution, The No-Cry Potty Training Solution, and more. On my new website you will find **parenting information, videos, contests, plus a PDF set of reproducible parent education newsletters - on topics including tantrums, picky eating, separation anxiety, and sleep – they are ready for you to download.** In addition, I would like to offer you a set of one-page articles - for use as handouts, or on your website or in your newsletter. I will be happy to send you the set at no charge and no obligation. The set includes articles such as:

HITTING, KICKING, BITING & HAIR PULLING

EIGHT SLEEP TIPS FOR EVERY CHILD

TANTRUMS, FUSSING AND WHINING

WHAT TRIGGERS YOUR ANGER?

STOP THE INTERRUPTING

HOW TO GET KIDS TO EAT VEGETABLES

MAKING MEALTIME FUN

END THE DAWDLING

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE WHEN YOU'RE BUSY BEING PARENTS

FIRST BORN JEALOUSY

QUICK FACTS ABOUT POTTY TRAINING

THE POTTY TRAINING READINESS QUIZ

POTTY TRAINING – GET READY, GET SET, GO!

SOLVING NAPTIME PROBLEMS

WILLING COOPERATION

WHY SKIPPING NAPS RESULTS IN MELTDOWN

CRYING IN THE CAR SEAT

NAP RESISTERS – WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CHILD WON'T NAP

All titles are available in Microsoft word files by email. (Some are in PDF reproducible format.)

Spanish versions of some titles are also available upon request.

Tim Seldin, President, The Montessori Foundation and Chair, The International Montessori Council wrote the forward to my book, The No-Cry Discipline Solution. He has graciously provided four articles for this set:

CHILDREN ARE LITTLE SCIENTISTS

LEARNING HOW TO POUR

LEARNING TO OBSERVE YOUR CHILD

CHILDREN LOVE TO WORK AND PLAY

If you would like this set of articles (**at no charge/no obligation!**) please send me a note – just say "Yes!" and I'll email the set.

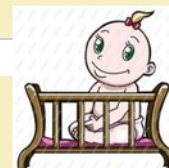
If you would also like the set of articles specifically about babies please let me know and I'll add those!

Information on my website here: <http://www.pantley.com/elizabeth>

## New Crib Regulations

Go to [www.cpsc.gov/onsafety/2011/03/the-new-crib-standard-questions-and-answers/](http://www.cpsc.gov/onsafety/2011/03/the-new-crib-standard-questions-and-answers/)

for new crib standard questions and answers.



## Matching Grant: 30% Match for Our Cribs

TJac's EduCenter is providing a Matching Grant to bring all cribs in licensed facilities into compliance (<http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/CribStandardsProvider.pdf>). This is a 70/30 percent match. If you need to replace your cribs, please contact us for an application. Please be advised that if you are contacted by someone on behalf of our company stating that they will complete your grant application for a fee, they are not being honest. After you request a Grant Application, our team will assist you with completing the application at no charge. This Grant Cycle will end on March 31, 2012.

**GFCCA MEMBERSHIP**

**Mail form and money to GFCCA P.O Box 957266, Duluth, GA 30095**

**\$40.00 for 2012**

**\*Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth date (month and day)** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want your email listed on the GFCCA web site? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Nearest Crossroad to your Day Care**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Elementary School District** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Hours of operation** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Ages of children you care for** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you been in childcare?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Items will appear on referral list and GFCCA website**

**State Registration Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY:**

**CDA: Expires in what year?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Accreditation: Expires in what year** \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Childhood Degree – 4 year Early Childhood Degree - 2 Year**

**Home of Distinction / Home of Merit: What Year?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Infant/Toddler Certificate (TCC)**

**Provider of the Year? For what association or group?**

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