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Arapahoe County Family Child Care Association

LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

March 2018

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thurs, March 15	Standard Precautions
Tues, Mar. 20	Smoky Hill Library
Tues, April 10	Koelbel Library
Tues, May 22	Smoky Hill Library
June	No Meeting
July	No Meeting

+Please note days and dates. Meetings no longer fall always on a Tuesday.

ALL MEETINGS ARE FROM
7:00–8:30
And give 1.5 credit hours

Children under age 18 will NOT be admitted to meetings.

We tend to the needs of children all day long. This time is just for you. Thank you for understanding.

[Always check the website or call Patty \(303-745-6558\) for weather related cancellations!](#)

ACFCCA Board Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lori at 303-794-7278

Monthly Workshops

County Workshop

Koelbel Library
5955 S. Holly Street
Centennial, 80121

Tuesday, April 10
Mary Kuehner & Betsy Brainard
From Arapahoe Library
Topic: Storytime & More part 2
Make and Take

No Meeting in June

Meeting her in August TBA

Aurora Area Workshop

Smoky Hill Library
5430 S. Biscay Circle
Centennial, 80015

Tuesday, March 20
Mary Kuehner & Betsy Brainard
From Arapahoe Library
Topic: Storytime & More part 1
Literacy to Go, Begin with Books

Tuesday, May 22
Provider Appreciation Dinner

No Meeting in July



We're on the web!

www.acfcca.org

Find meeting information and newsletters there each month.

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Other Workshops/Training Information

Other Area Association Workshops

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CPR/First Aid/Standard Precautions Class Instructors

A Caregiver Network
720-767-1862

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*CPR/1st Aid also



Each time one prematurely teaches a child something he could have discovered himself, that child is kept from inventing it and consequently from understanding it completely.

— Jean Piaget (1896-1980)



WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Good day to you friends!

Here we are in March, finally approaching Spring...but we all know that March and April can be pretty cold and snowy in Colorado. I'm hoping those of you that were at the conference were able to get some great ideas from Leann and Tori for inside games to play to run the wee ones out of some of their energy.

Please see the list of all the generous companies that made donations for our conference in this newsletter. Diana went crazy wild getting so many great door prizes. We are so thankful to them for supporting our group.

We'll be hosting a Standard Precautions class **Thursday, March 15th from 7-9pm** . Many of you have already signed up to attend but we still have space available if you'd like to come. We will be meeting at the South East Church of Christ. That location is: **14601 E. Yale Avenue Aurora, 80014**. We'll be meeting on the main level in the sanctuary so if you've attended previous classes with us there, just know that we will be up on the main level instead of downstairs.

We'll also be meeting there **on Saturday May 5th from 9am-1pm** to do a Medication Administration class. If you aren't signed up yet and would like to attend, please let me know. No food is allowed upstairs in the sanctuary so please plan on having your lunch after the class is over.

Thank you so much for all you do every day, you're the best!
Find joy in your today,

Patty

The following companies generously donated door prizes and food for our conference on February 17th. Thank you to Diana and Carol for making them happen. Please try to patronize these establishments to show our gratitude.

Chic-fil-a	The Home Depot (Denver, Littleton and
Starbucks	Park Meadows locations)
Lamars donuts	Smashburger (Littleton and Parker Road locations)
Olive garden (Havana, Wadsworth and	Jersey Mikes Subs
Littleton locations)	Outback Restaurant (Littleton and Parker loca-
Step 2 toys	tions)
Tagawa gardens	Frank the Pizza King
Act II	4 G's
Jackson's restaurant, Lodo	Lucha Cantina (Bowles location)
Savory spice (Littleton and	Ace Hardware (Littleton, Greenwood Village and
Southlands locations)	Denver locations)
Red Lobster (Wadsworth and	Cakes by Karen
Park Meadows locations)	Timbuk Toys
Rib City	Julie's Hallmark
Village Inn (Parker Road, Littleton and	Leota Stoutenger
Centennial locations)	The Melting Pot
AMC Littleton	Fox and Hound
The Shack	Brewery Bar III
Noodles and Company (Aspen Grove location)	Jimmy Johns (Denver location)
Regal Cinema	The Cheesecake Factory (Park Meadows location)
C.B. & Potts	Bone Fish Grill
Nothing Bundt Cakes	Romano's Italian Restaurant
Black Jack Pizza	Qdoba (Littleton location)
Golden Corral (Sheridan and Parker Road	Swingers Sport Lounge and Grille
locations)	Alamo Drafthouse Cinema
Old Chicago	Tattered Book Cover
Jump Street	King Soopers
The Rock Wood Fried Kitchen	Black Eyed Pea Restaurant
The South Restaurant	Tuesday Morning (Littleton location)

Our Raffle Prizes were donated by:

Hyatt Place Denver South
 Lotus Jeweler's, Inc.
 Trice Jeweler's
 Vandel Antiques
 Colorado Rockies
 Kroenke Sports Entertainment
 Celebrity Lanes
 Step 2 Toys
 Wine Basket was donated by Mary Jane Sterling
 3 bottles of wine were donated by Carol Richardson

Our sincerest thanks to everyone!

LEARNING ABOUT LEARNING STYLES

How do children really learn and what can you do to help?

www.helpinghandhomeschool.com

One of the most important – and sometimes, most nebulous – parts of teaching your kids is to figure out **how** they learn best. So...what is a learning style, and what makes it such a big deal? If everyone has one, shouldn't they be pretty easy to figure out? Well, you'd think so. Basically, what we often refer to as a learning style (also sometimes called a "learning mode" or "modality") is just the way in which someone best learns and retains information. That's it. Think of it this way: we live in a world in which information is so readily available that we can't help but absorb some of it. But what types of information are you most drawn to?

Learning Comes Naturally

Do you love to read, to get lost in the world that lies in the pages of a book? Is there always some sort of noise going on in the background, whether it's the TV, a podcast, or music streaming from some device? Do you love brilliant pops of color and feel as if you just can't focus in a bland environment? Or, think about the things you do for fun, as hobbies, or even without realizing it. Do your hands need to be doing something at all times? Do you make lists or journal because writing things down helps you think things through? Have you found that exercising clears your mind or that doing some sort of craft or activity helps everything come into focus?

I'm willing to wager that at least one of these statements rang true to you, and not just because they describe common interests or activities. Rather, it's because they describe the results of different learning styles. You see, our interests, hobbies, and activities are partly drawn from our learning styles. Once we are given a choice of things to do, we will naturally gravitate toward the ideas that calm us, exhilarate us, cause us to learn, and allow us to process information and ideas.

Our kids are the same way! They're going to naturally want to do the things that cause them to learn, that help them to discover. Our goal as parents and teachers is to help that happen. So what's the secret to figuring out how your child learns best? Honestly, the best way to determine your child's learning mode(s) and style is to intentionally observe them. What do they do when they're not being directed? Or what do they choose to do for fun? What frustrates them, seemingly for no reason? These are all good indicators of their learning mode and style.

Learning Modes

Generally, people will refer to "learning modes" as "learning styles." The term "learning mode" refers to which sense (sight, hearing, or touch/doing) best helps a person take in and process information in order to retain it. The most common terms used to describe these modes are visual (learns best with visual materials), auditory (learns best with things like read-alouds, audio books, and lectures), and kinesthetic (this is the hands-on learner – the one that learns by touching and "doing").

Visual Learners

Visual learners (not surprisingly) prefer to learn through what they can see. These may be the kids that always have their nose in a book, the ones that intently look over the whiteboard during a class, or the artistic kids that love visual movement and bright colors.

The one thing that ties all of these learners together is that if they can see it, they can easily learn it. If they hear it...perhaps not so much. This is why you can hand them a list of things to do, and they will happily get it done; if you tell them a list of things to do, it goes straight over their heads as if you never said it.

Auditory Learners

Auditory learners, on the other hand, prefer to learn through what they can hear. They may have an amazing ear for music and be able to memorize songs very easily, or they may love to have you read to them but aren't so keen on sitting down with a book. They may also be the kids that seem to talk or make noises *all the time*.

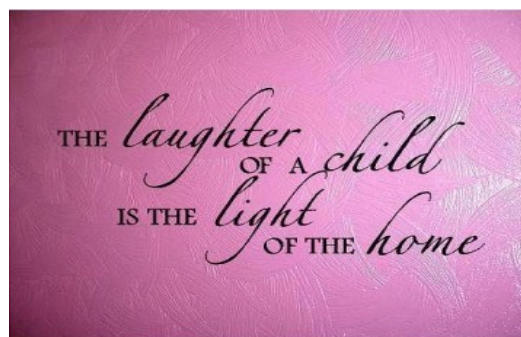
While this may seem like they're goofing off and not paying attention, in reality it often means that they're processing a lot of information at once – they're just doing so in a way that doesn't make sense to most other people.

Kinesthetic Learners

Kinesthetic learners are often the most misunderstood, and at times, the kids that are assumed to have ADHD. (True ADHD is a whole different beast, one that we'll tackle in another post.) The term "kinesthetic" just means that the learner needs some sort of movement, of "doing," in order to really learn.

These students might be the ones who are constantly tinkering with something, the ones always tapping a pencil on the desk, or even the ones who need to get up and walk around. (While this doesn't work so well in most classrooms, it's very easy to accommodate in a home-school setting.)

A subset of this group is *tactile* learners – people who need to be touching something, often something with a specific texture, in order to effectively learn.



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Aurora, CO 80014
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ACFCCA Mission Statement

Our mission statement is to support childcare providers and the communities they serve by providing educational opportunities, outreach programs, and legislative support. In order to ensure that the association and its mission remain vital, financial stability, growth and continuous organizational improvements will be specifically targeted as part of what we do.

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childcare needs at
heart***