



# 2025 Winter Newsletter

Newsletter for Niagara County  
Child Care Providers,  
Parents & Child Advocates

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## Niagara Community Action

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Specialist/ Referral Counselor: ----

### Mission Statement:

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is a countywide agency dedicated to reducing poverty in a collaborative effort by initiating and conducting programs of self-sufficiency. Our ultimate goal is to empower individuals and families to reach their fullest potential.

### Office Closings:

- January 1, 20
- February 17

### Contact Information:

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## Resources for Child Care Providers

Help is available to provide support to all child care programs that need assistance with issues that may arise in their child care program. We may also have quality initiative grants to eligible licensed and registered child care programs.

We're here to help if you have a curriculum which isn't working for you, a disgruntled parent or a screaming child.

We know these are just a sample of the issues you may face as a child care provider. If you would like help with these or any other problems in your child care program, contact:

- ❖ **Stephanie Long for children ages 6 weeks up to 3 years**
- ❖ **Erin Crump for children 0 to 3 years**
- ❖ **Donna Striffler & Chrissy Parfinski for children 3 years through school age**

We will come into your program to observe and assess. We then will help you by providing technical support, trainings and create a quality improvement plan.

For more information about this service available to you, contact:

- ❖ **Kelly 716-285-8572 ext. 104**
- ❖ **Erin 716-285-8572 ext. 115**
- ❖ **Donna 716-285-8572 ext. 116**



Our referral counselor will be working with parents who need assistance in locating a registered or licensed child care program. In addition, she will work with providers to ensure that all information regarding child care vacancies is up to date in the referral database.

If you receive a *Provider Update Form* from us, please complete and return it as soon as possible. As you may know, available child care slots are few and, in some areas, non-existent. If you have openings, please keep our office informed. A voice message which is available for calls after hours or e-mail is sufficient.

Contact us at: **716-285-8572 ext. 109** or send an email to  
[crrniagara@niagaracap.org](mailto:crrniagara@niagaracap.org)



# Product Recalls

## Name of Product:

Yaomiao Children's Jewelry Sets



## Hazard:

The recalled jewelry sets contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead content ban and levels of cadmium that are prohibited in children's products by the Federal Hazardous Substances Act. Lead and cadmium are toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

**Remedy:** Refund

**Recall Date:** January 02, 2025

**Units:** About 6,900

**Consumer Contact:** BCI Burke Company at 800-266-1250 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, email at [orbit@bciburke.com](mailto:orbit@bciburke.com) or online at <https://www.bciburke.com/recall> or [www.bciburke.com](http://www.bciburke.com) and click on "Recall" at the top of the page for more information.

## Name of Product:

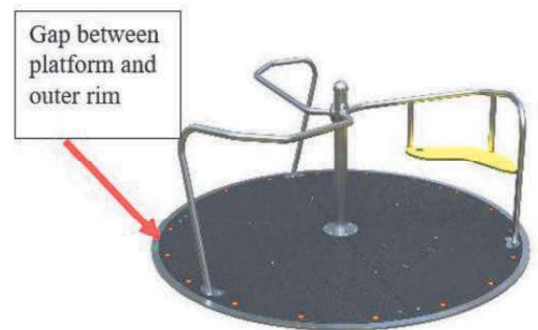
Inclusive Orbit merry-go-rounds

**Hazard:** The space between the rotating platform and the stationary outer rim can leave a gap that narrows too much, posing a crushing hazard to children.

**Remedy:** Repair

**Recall Date:** December 26, 2024

**Units:** About 415 (In addition, about 6 were sold in Canada)



**Consumer Contact:** Room & Board at 800-301-9720 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Saturday through Sunday, email [shop@roomandboard.com](mailto:shop@roomandboard.com), or online at [www.roomandboard.com/product-recalls](http://www.roomandboard.com/product-recalls) or [www.roomandboard.com](http://www.roomandboard.com) and click on "Product Recalls" at the bottom of the page for more information.

**Name of Product:**  
Multi-Purpose Children's Helmets

**Hazard:**

The helmets do not comply with the positional stability, impact labeling and certification requirements in violation of the CPSC federal safety regulation for bicycle helmets. The helmets can fail to protect in the event of a crash, posing a risk of head injury.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled helmets and contact Wemfg for a full refund. To receive a refund, consumers should destroy the helmet by cutting off the straps, take a photo of the detached straps, and send it with their Amazon order number to the recalling firm by email at [961837339@qq.com](mailto:961837339@qq.com). After submitting proof of destruction, consumers should dispose of the recalled helmet. Wemfg and Amazon are contacting all known purchasers directly.

**Recall Date:** January 08, 2025

**Units:** About 6,500



**Consumer Contact:**

Wemfg via email at [961837339@qq.com](mailto:961837339@qq.com), or online at the Wemfg Storefront page on Amazon.com, or [Amazon.com Seller Profile: Wemfg](#) for more information.

**Name of Product:**  
YOYO<sup>3</sup> strollers

**Hazard:**

The parking brake on the recalled strollers can disengage, posing an injury hazard.

**Remedy:** Refund

**Recall Date:** November 14, 2024

**Units:** About 2,890

**Consumer Contact:**

Stokke toll-free at 877-978-6553 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, email at [consumer.usca@stokke.com](mailto:consumer.usca@stokke.com), or online at <https://recall.stokke.com/yoyo3> or [www.stokke.com](http://www.stokke.com) and click on "Product Safety and Recall Information" at the bottom of the page for more information.

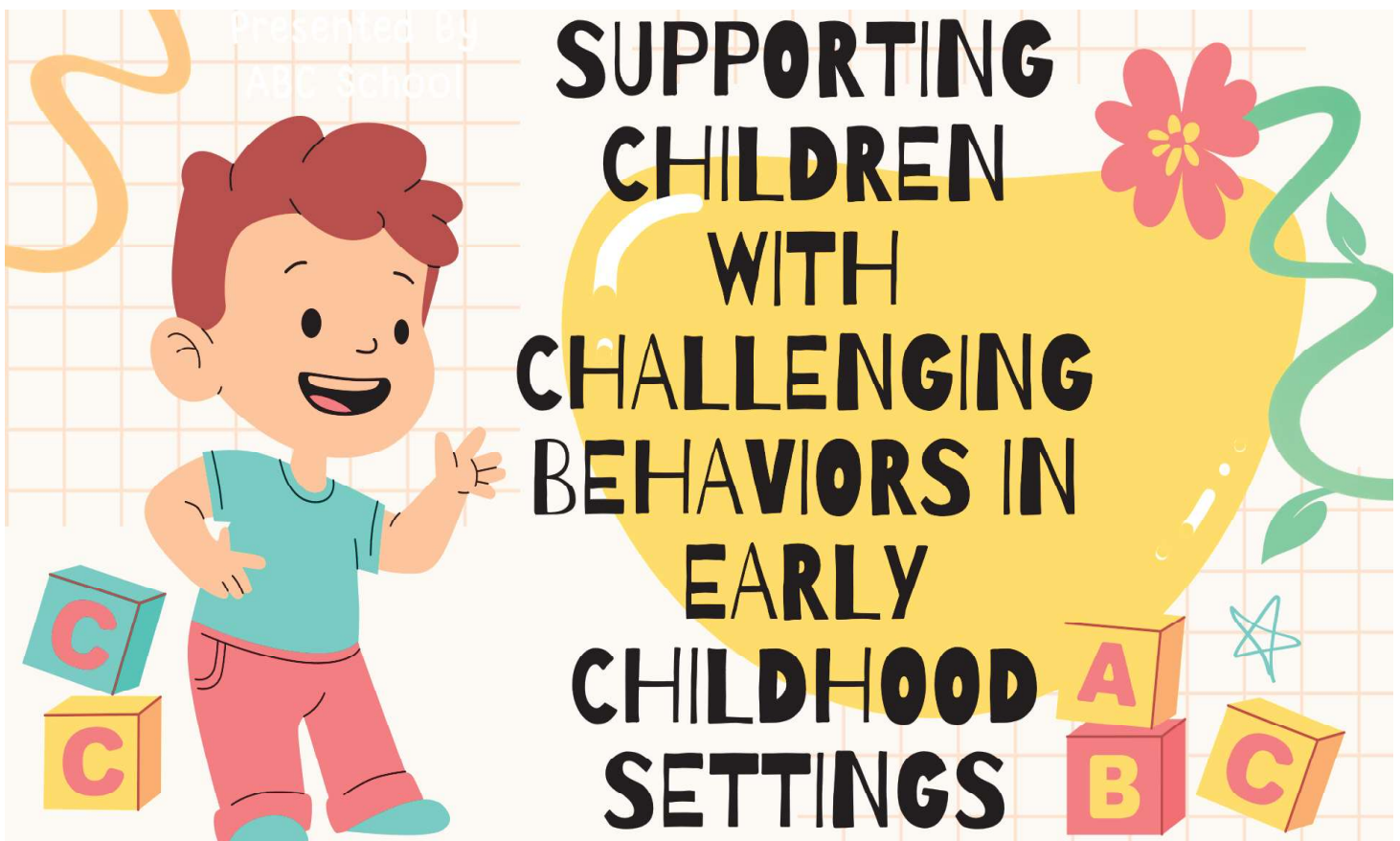


## New Training Alert:

Supporting children with challenging behaviors in early childhood settings is designed to help you learn strategies to better support yourself, your staff and the children in your care.

This FREE 2-hour training covers the following topic areas 1, 3, and 4.

For more information or to register for a training please call Angela Burns at 716-285-8572 X105



# Handprint Penguin Craft



## Supplies Needed:

White felt

Black Cardstock or black construction paper

Orange Cardstock or orange construction paper

12x12 light blue cardstock - I like to use 12×12 which gives a larger page size for 2 handprints – but you can use a regular 8.5×11 page size too and just fit 1 handprint on it.

Googly eyes

Snowflake stickers or fabric embellishments

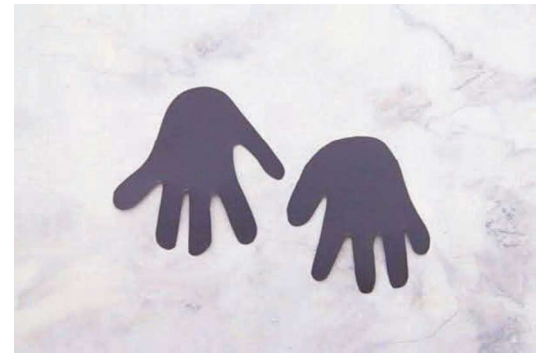
### 1. First cut out some white felt to the size of your paper.

I like to use 12×12 cardstock paper for 2 handprints so they fit well on the page. If you have regular 8.5×11 paper, you can put 1 handprint on instead. Cut the white felt in a wave pattern to make it look like snow on the ground.



### 2. Trace and cut out your handprints.

Trace both hands or trace the same hand twice and round the bottom of the handprint which will make the top of the penguin head.



### 3. Now you can decorate your penguins!

We added a round piece of felt for the belly, googly eyes, and an orange beak.

**To make your round felt bellies:** simply trace around a round object you have (like a bottle).

**To make the beak:** Cut out a diamond shape from orange paper and then fold it in half. Now glue your two handprints to the blue cardstock.

### 4. Now the final part is to decorate your sky with snowflakes!

We added white pom poms and sticker snowflakes to make the final touch with this penguin handprint art! You can also paint some snowflakes on with white paint or add white sequins.

