

Community
Child Care
Clearinghouse



2024 Winter Newsletter

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

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CC Referrals:	Coming soon!

Technical Assistance/Legally Exempt/CC Supply
Specialist/ Referral Counselor: Coming soon!

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

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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:

- ❖ **Kelly Janese for children ages 6 weeks up to 3 years**
- ❖ **Erin Crump for children 0 to 3 years**
- ❖ **Donna Striffler 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



Product Recalls

Name of Product:
Yoto Mini speakers

Hazard:
The speaker's lithium-ion battery can overheat and catch fire, posing burn and fire hazards to consumers.

Remedy: Repair

Recall Date: December 12, 2024

Units: About 251,165 (In addition, about 18,932 were sold in Canada) (The speakers were [previously recalled](#) in April 2024.)



Consumer Contact: Yoto Ltd. by email at minihelp@yotoplay.com or online at us.yotoplay.com/recall or go to us.yotoplay.com and click on "RECALL INFORMATION" at the top of the page for more information.

Name of Product:
Room & Board Griffin Duo Bunk Beds

Hazard:
Some Griffin Duo Bunk Beds failed to be properly assembled by Room & Board with set screws installed into the side rail brackets at the time of delivery. Brackets lacking set screws can create a collapse risk, and fall and injury hazards.

Remedy: Repair

Recall Date: December 14, 2023

Units: About 500



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, or online at www.roomandboard.com/product-recalls or www.roomandboard.com and click on "Product Recalls" at the bottom of the page for more information.

Name of Product:
South Shore Cribs

Hazard:

The spacing between some of the crib's slats is wider than allowed under the federal safety standard, posing an entrapment hazard to children.

Remedy: Refund

Recall Date: November 21, 2024

Units: About 1,200



Consumer Contact:

South Shore at 800-290-0465 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, email at service@southshorefurniture.com, or online at www.southshorefurniture.com/us-en/recall or www.southshorefurniture.com/us-en and click "Recall information" at the top of the page for more information.

Name of Product:
YOYO³ 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, or online at <https://recall.stokke.com/yoyo3> or www.stokke.com and click on "Product Safety and Recall Information" at the bottom of the page for more information.

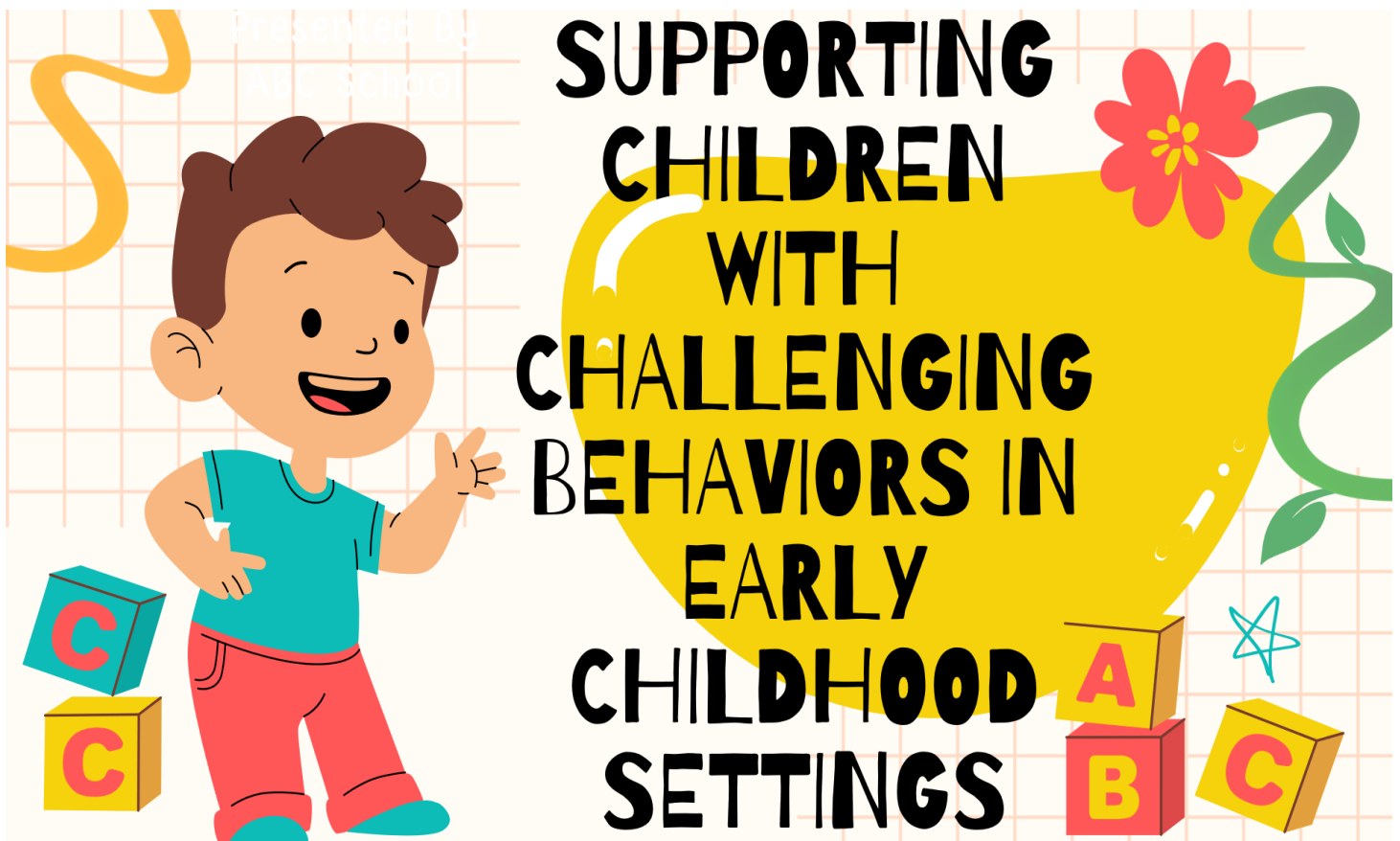


New Training Alert:

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.

