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Capitol Connection

CCR&Rs' weekly source for federal child care policy news.

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Congress:

U.S. House of Representatives

The House was not in session due to the President's Day district work period.

U.S. Senate

The Senate was also in recess due to the President's Day district work period.

Take Action!

Don't Forget to Vote!

Help NACCRRRA win a \$250,000 Grant from Pepsi

NACCRRRA is in the running to win a grant from Pepsi to create an online training for parents that will prepare them for their baby's first three months. You can help us win the grant by casting your vote for NACCRRRA's "Parent Essentials for Your New Baby" Training. The public's votes will decide which ideas get funded - which is why we need your help! We encourage you to [vote once every day until February 28th](http://www.refresheverything.com/parentingessentials) at

<http://www.refresheverything.com/parentingessentials>.

REMINDER:

Ask Your Senator to Cosponsor Senator Burr's Background Check Legislation!

It is really important for us to show that there is strong support for comprehensive background checks for child care providers. To date, there is only one cosponsor (Senator Enzi, Wyoming) on Senator Burr's bill, S. 2903, the Child Care Protection Act. Please visit our Take Action Center today to send an email to your Senator asking him or her to

cosponsor this critical bill to ensure children's safety by clicking here:
<http://capwiz.com/naccrra/issues/alert/?alertid=14477301>.

Miscellaneous

NACCRRRA's Free Webinar on the Changes in Tax Laws

NACCRRRA, in partnership with Tome Copeland, is offering a FREE, one-hour, pre-recorded Webinar session on the latest tax changes. Information will include: the new standard meal allowance rate; standard mileage rate; higher federal minimum wage; additional 50 percent depreciation rule; higher limits for the retirement tax savers credit; and new energy tax credits. The session will also discuss the new IRS child care audit technique guide that clarifies many tax rules in a way that is favorable to providers. To view the pre-recorded session, please click here:

http://centra.hitsinstitute.org/SiteRoots/main/User/GuestAttend.jhtml?pb=true&s_guid=0000009b87f6000001252a96abdd86c7&domain=/naccrra&domain=/

REGISTER NOW!

NACCRRRA's Public Policy Symposium

NACCRRRA's Public Policy Symposium "Making Connections: All Children → All Families → All Settings" will be held March 9 -13, 2010 in Washington, D.C. Registration is open and the time to register is now. For more information about Symposium and to register online, click here: <http://www.naccrra.org/conferences/symposium/2010-nps.php>. We look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C.

Day on the Hill Prep Kit

To access our "Day on the Hill" prep kit for material related to scheduling an appointment with your Senator or Representative, click here:

<http://www.naccrra.org/conferences/symposium/2010-doth.php>.

Don't forget: Use Our On-Line Event Manager to Register Your Hill Appointments

Once you have scheduled your "Day on the Hill" appointments, don't forget to register the appointments on our new on-line event manager located at:

<http://ssl.capwiz.com/naccrra/lrm/feedback.tt?event=21402&mode=appointment>.

Resource Sharing

Zero to Three "Seizing the Potential: Quality Infant-Toddler Child Care"

http://www.zerotothree.org/site/DocServer/Child_CareMar5singles.pdf?docID=7866

National Infant & Toddler Child Care Initiative (A project of the Child Care Bureau)

<http://nitcci.nccic.acf.hhs.gov/index.htm>

Birth to Five Policy Alliance Launches New Website

<http://www.birthtofivepolicy.org/>

NACCRRRA tries to provide reports that keep the CCR&Rs abreast of the latest information. If you know of a report that should be shared, please email Jasmine Smith in NACCRRRA's Policy Department. Jasmine can be reached at Jasmine.Smith@naccrra.org