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Excellence in Child Care & Early Learning

**For the Parents**

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### **Provider Appreciation Month**

May is Provider Appreciation Month! Provider's feel special when parents and children acknowledge their work. Take some time this month to appreciate your day home provider.

### **Welcoming Sarafina Obakpee to Southgate Medallion Team!**

Sarafina started working with us in April 2018 as a Day Home Consultant. She obtained her Diploma in Early Learning and Child Care from MacEwan University and has been working in the child care field in a variety of positions. She is passionate about quality child care and ensuring children and families receive care at a standard of excellence. She enjoys co-learning with children, families, providers and co-workers she interacts with daily.

### **Parent Survey Results**

#### **What is working well in the day home?**

- Everything! We love our provider, she is caring, relaxed, and flexible and our son seems to be learning a lot and enjoys his time there.
- The amount of children to provider ratio is correct. There's a few individuals that are the same age range. Provider is knowledgeable and great with the kids.
- The provider is very positive, kind & professional, she is very respectful & is always keeping me in the loop of day to day things.
- I love all the outdoor time my child gets and that the kids get to help pick up and make meals.
- Strong communication and the care provider is passionate about what she does.
- My provider is easy to get a hold of if I have concerns or questions. She is flexible and she has made our lives as working parents feel better about leaving our child in her home. We like that our provider is always doing activities with the children, our daughter loves going to her home.
- Everything, my daughter is very happy every time I drop her off and she does not want to leave in the evening, it is a second home for her.

## Parent Survey Results Continued

- Everything is working well, I am extremely happy with the services provided.
- His interaction with other kids is improving, he started talking more.
- Amazing food & snacks, great variety of activities, my child is made to feel like part of the family.
- Day home provider is very easy to speak to in regards to my children, always has snacks available, very patient and soft spoken with my children.
- My child receives quality care in the day home, my child has positive interactions with the other children and the care provider.
- Our son thrives in his day home, the activities provided allow our son to learn new things everyday, our day home provider also encourages these new skills and helps him gain better understanding of these skills.

### What changes, if any, would you like to see in the day home?

- There has to be a better system for back up care.
- Outdoor play.
- This can't be helped but it would be nice if my son had someone closer to his age & sex to play with, more outdoor activities would also be nice.
- I would like to see more of an effort to assist in potty training.
- More variety of foods, leafy greens, exotic fruits etc.
- Any changes that I needed were discussed with our provider & implemented, I am happy with approach she uses as well as her ability to adapt to every child's needs.
- It would be better if there is clear guidelines as to what to expect from day home on activity level, nutritious meals/snacks, regular communication via newsletter update on policy or guidelines etc.
- We could stay in providers home for a longer period of time (1 child starting kindergarten soon) if there were pick up/drop off options. However we understand this is not feasible at this time.

## Physical Activity Idea

### It's a Zoo Out There

*Age:* Toddler, Preschool

*Activity:* Designate one child to be the zookeeper. The zookeeper identifies an animal and everyone moves around the room like that animal. When the zookeeper says "Feeding time!" the children run on the spot until a new animal is called. Change zookeepers frequently.

*Skill Development:* running, coordination, spatial awareness, listening and following instructions, creative play, animal identification

Reference: It's a zoo out there. (n.d.) Retrieved from <http://haveaballtogether.ca/its-a-zoo/>

