



# PROVIDER NEWSLETTER

## Dates to Remember

### Pre- Service Orientation

**Click link to register below:**

- [Feb. 26, 2025](#)
- [1:00PM - 2:00PM via Zoom](#)

## What's New

### Higher Education Course Platform Survey

We want to better understand the preference of students in early childhood, and gather feedback on face-to-face, online, or hybrid course platforms. Take our short survey to let us know how we can better support you.

- [Click link to access the Survey.](#)

## Valentine's Activities

### Come together and share!

Here are some activities to share:

- **Heart - Shaped Collage Creations**
  - Helps promote motor skills, as children practice gluing, and placing objects on a paper. It also enhances hand eye coordination.
- **Special Valentine's Day Cards to for Loved Ones.**
  - Encourages emotional expression and promotes Social Development as children think about their loved ones. Coloring and sharing messages and gluing small items together supports fine motor development and literacy skills.
- **Valentine's Day Themed Sorting Activity.**
  - This activity build early cognitive skills by promoting categorization and patter recognition. It also encourages fine motor skills and problem - solving as they figure out how to organize materials.

## GPPD

BCCS will be implementing the use of the new Application for Path A Certification. Outdated application forms will not be accepted.

- [Click to access the Application for Path A Certification.](#)

BCCS launched new GPPD Path A Frequently Asked Questions.

- [Click to access the Path A FAQs.](#)

## 'In The Know'

Norovirus, or "stomach flu," spreads through direct contact, contaminated food or water, or surfaces. Symptoms like diarrhea, vomiting, and nausea appear **12 to 48** hours after exposure and last **1 to 3** days.

Young children, older adults, and immunocompromised individuals face higher risks. To mitigate spread, we recommend:

1. Hand Hygiene: Frequent handwashing with soap and water; sanitizers are not effective.
2. Safe Food Practices: Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly; cook shellfish properly.
3. Cleaning: Disinfect high-touch surfaces with effective agents.
4. Sick Policy: Ensure sick individuals stay home for two days after symptoms end.