

Position: Northeast Regional Representative - 2 Year Term

Candidate: Rita Craiglow

Community: Grand Rapids, MN



Experience in Family Child Care:

I have been a licensed Family Child Care Provider for almost 29 years, with a background in nursing. I also have a Small Business Management Degree. I am in good standing with both my county and with the state of Minnesota, DHS.

Why do you seek a board position with MCCPIN?

As a current MCCPIN Representative for the NE Region of Minnesota, continuing to support and advocate for providers, along with providing additional support and resources for my community and in the northern Minnesota region is very important to me.

I have a desire to help and support my fellow childcare providers, offering trainings several times a year. Currently, I am working on a presentation for childcare providers for more information on retirement and insurance issues. In the past, I have hosted meetings in our community such as the recent seven county presentation of Navigating Our Child Care Licensing Rules, along with the Minnesota State DHS presentation for the three-fold Safety in Homes training (carbon monoxide, mold, and radon). I offer annual CPR/First Aid certification in my childcare home and also SUIDS/AHT as needed. I also facilitated the meeting with James Janacek, regarding the implementation of new rules and regulations that went into effect January 1, 2018.

I have been interviewed in the past by TV and newspaper articles regarding childcare. I went before our county board to verify and change variance rules within our county. I have had extensive conversations with community leaders and business personnel regarding our shortage of childcare and have also participated with First Children's Finance that offered a program within our community of providers for advancement of knowledge regarding the business side of our childcare businesses. Given the opportunity, I will continue my work supporting and advocating for providers when possible.

Position: East Metro - 2 Year Term

Candidate: Lisa Lindboe

Community: Fridley, MN



Experience in Family Child Care:

I have been a licensed family child care provider since 1995. I have enjoyed the child care field for over 20 years.

Why do you seek a board position with MCCPIN?

I seek a position with MCCPIN as the East Metro District Representative so that I may continue to support providers in our profession.

As a current regional representative I have enjoyed finding training that meets the requirement of licensing and networking. I also would like to continue to find resources and support providers in this district.

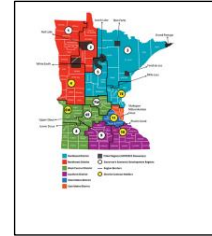
My vision for regional representative is to continue promoting MCCPIN to providers in my region with the support of the MCCPIN board. I will help to coordinate trainings and coordinate trainings in other areas as well.

In the past I have held different positions on a board in a local association and have enjoyed setting up a website, leading area trainings and in the last two years, coordinating with Ramsey County to set up training.

Position: Southwest-Central Regional Representative - 2 Year Term

Candidate: Samantha Chukuske

Community: Welcome, MN



Experience in Family Child Care:

I have been doing day care in my home since September of 2016.

Why do you seek a board position with MCCPIN?

I am seeking to be a Regional Representative of the SW Region. As I still feel like a beginner, I have experience so much stuff that has made me want to give up. Groups like our local association or Parent Aware or SMIF trainings have helped me find some value in why I do daycare. I would love to be a part of the change to help/support providers new or old. It would mean a lot to me to bring ideas to the table. I want to help with ideas for trainings for providers just starting out or the ones looking to retire. I choose daycare to stay home with my boys and still be an educator. Being a part of MCCPIN would allow me to help others to do the same.

I vision myself bringing new ideas to the meeting table. I want to support the ideas of others and help get the process going in our southwest region. I would love to advocate play is learning for our children and self-care for our providers. Sometimes parents have no ideas where to look for quality care. We can help by getting the word out. We could work with area businesses to help them find care for their employees. I would like to help MCCPIN become well known to my area. I just renewed with MCCPIN for my 2nd year. I want to make sure people know about this support system.

I currently hold my CDA for Family Child Care. I am attending Minnesota State College Southeast for my Early Childhood Education degree. I would like to use this experience to help with trainings. Being from the Southwest region, our trainings offered can be very slim. I help with our local city parade planning. I assist with parade line up and calling businesses to welcome them to join the parade. This experience would allow me to help with event planning. I love to advocate for the children and play based learning. Being a part of their growth and future is HUGE for me. I enjoy getting to know people and have met many providers from my area and region that I enjoy talking to. Being a part of public relations would be something I would look forward to.