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February eNEWS

There is Still Time to Register for Our New Playground Design Training!

Please join us **March 11th from 8:30am – 4:00pm** for a training session on how to ***Maximize Outdoor time with Planning and Design: Playground Design and Low-Cost Solutions for Your Outdoor Play Space*** at Save the Bay in Providence.

Please register by clicking on the link below:



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CENTER SPOTLIGHT! Stork's Nest Academy



With implementation of the new 2013 DCYF licensing regulations, Stork's Nest faced a challenge with classrooms that had no direct access to natural light. This meant they faced the potential closing of at least two classrooms and the subsequent loss of enrollment. The center was placed on a licensing variance while they worked on a plan. LISC, in collaboration with DCYF, offered technical support to help Stork's Nest look at a variety of options to address these space challenges...

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Do You Have an Emergency Preparedness Plan in Place?

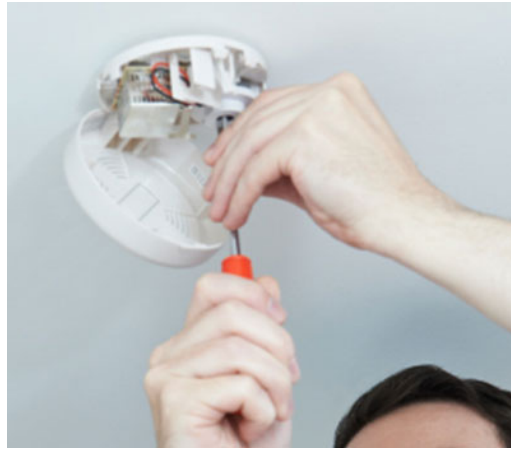
During the last decade the United States has experienced an unprecedented number of emergencies. Natural, technological, or man-made disasters and other emergencies are likely to continue during the coming decade...



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Healthy Indoor Air Quality

The health and well-being of both the staff and the children can be greatly affected by indoor air quality. The air people breathe inside a building is contaminated with organisms shared among occupants and sometimes the indoor air is more polluted than the outdoor air. Young children may be affected more than adults by air pollution...



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About RICCELFF

The Rhode Island Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund (RICCELFF) is an innovative public-private partnership dedicated to expanding access to quality child care and early education opportunities throughout Rhode Island. The RICCELFF provides the capital and technical expertise that child care and early learning centers need to improve the quality and capacity of their physical space. The RICCELFF provides a combination of training, technical assistance, grant funding and flexible, affordable financing for a wide range of indoor and outdoor projects including minor renovations or construction of new, state-of-the-art facilities and playground spaces. [Click here](#) to learn more about what the RICCELFF can offer your program.

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