



**CCS is now enrolling!**



TWC recently increased the income amount for families. If you have a parent who may qualify for CCS, have them **call 325-653-2321** or **login at [cvworkforce.org](http://cvworkforce.org)** for more information

*A friendly reminder to all CCS Providers:*

*Please send your dates for Holiday Closures no later than November 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Thanks*

# Tips for Tots

November 1, 2020

## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



### Tootin' our own horn!

Please note that Child Care Services works hard to bring you top-notch and informative trainings.

One of our trainers, **Perna Richards**, was awarded the Susan Hargrave Trainer of the Year Award by TXAEYC.

Other trainers we've had present for you, including Kristin Miller, Diane Goyette, and Albert Wright, were presenters at the TXAEYC Conference, which only accepts the best of the best.

**Toot! Toot!**

### **Zoom Virtual Training** **Fine Motor Skills...Write Out of the Box!** **Dr. Marianne Gibbs**

Dr. Marianne Gibbs is an occupational therapist and avid Edu-Trainer whose mission is to assist educators in their quest to improve their students' fine motor skills through developmentally appropriate practices.

TCC P-1.1 Child Development: Domains, Stages, and Milestones  
TCC P-3.1 Planning Framework: Environmental Design, Equipment, Materials, Routines, Schedules, and Learning Formats  
TCC P. 4 Supporting Skill Development: 4.9 Physical Development

**Saturday, November 14 8:00am to 12:00 noon**

### **Zoom Virtual Training**

5.1 Observation, Assessment, and Documentation  
5.2 Supporting Children with Special Needs  
7.5 Community Resources to Support Families

**Saturday, January 23 8:00 am to 12:00 noon**

**Speaker To Be Announced**

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## Alternative Thanksgiving & Christmas 2020 Ideas

*Here it is, the first of November and now you have to get serious about finalizing your holiday plans. This year your plans are going to look a lot different than usual with the COVID-19 pandemic still active. Below are a few ideas that might make your planning a little easier:*

- *Plan a smaller celebration than usual and invite only the child's household family.*
- *Since Texas has moderate weather during November and December, consider having families bring quilts to spread on the ground to have a picnic type celebration outdoors.*
- *Instead of pot-luck style gatherings, have parents bring food and drinks for their children and themselves.*
- *If you do decide to prepare food, have the plates already dished up so that multiple people are not handling the serving utensils and breathing on the food.*
- *Use singe serve options, like salad dressings, food containers, and condiments.*

- *Plan different times and/or days for each class to have family gatherings.*

***In lieu of a meal being served to guests, have the children :***

- *bring canned items and non-perishable food to donate to the local food bank or meals on wheels.*
- *create Thanksgiving and Christmas cards or decorations to donate to nursing homes and/or hospitals to help brighten someone's day.*
- *make a list of (or draw) things for which they are thankful or ways they can help at home.*
- *make bird feeders to help feed the birds during the winter months.*
- *Video the children singing holiday songs and text or email to parents to share with family and friends.*



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