

CAMPANION

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THE OEC'S ANNUAL MEETING WITH CCA

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Annual CCA Meeting with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC). It was very informative and it is always great when Valerie Bryan and her team come out to answer all of our questions and update us on what is happening in the OEC.

Here are a few things that were discussed:

1. The OEC is moving to a new building on February 6th. New address, phone # fax number are- 2450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 302, Hartford, CT 06103. (860) 500-4450. Fax (860) 326-0552. Linda Goodman is the acting Commissioner.
2. Epi-Pens- cost of Epi-Pens increased drastically and parents were frantic. May use CVS generic epinephrine injector [Adrinaclick](#). Be sure to know how to administer this different application.
3. All programs receiving Care 4 Kids funds- New Federal regs will now require minimum standards for unlicensed programs. Announced inspections will be done by Day Care inspectors from OEC.
4. In 2016 #1 most common violations was NO violations! Congratulations to those camps! Other common violations: Health documents missing or incomplete, staff records missing or incomplete, food service documents missing, Fire Marshall inspection missing. We all need to be better with our paperwork. 22 unlicensed cases- most were horse camps. 21 incident follow-ups mostly regarding issues with am & pm care, on the bus and child-on-child incidents. **If cited and camp does not comply by the next day, it cannot stay open.**
5. Can camps use CampDoc? OK if we can show physicals- online, on computer or hard copy.
6. Gardening- OK for campers to eat as part of their program. Cannot sell. 1913 B42- "approved sources". Check with Tracy Weeks @ DPH or local health to define "approved sources". Should not buy from local grocery store for camp.
7. Inhalers- RN's or Director can call physician to confirm/ clarify that even thought it's listed on the PE, it may not be needed at camp. RN's only can take an order over the phone.
8. If we have to call DCF, we do not have to call OEC, but it would be nice if we did. Only call OEC for an incident at camp, not something at home.
9. When in doubt about anything, call OEC!

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MEET JIM CANTONI

At the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) meeting on March 8th at Winding Trails, CT Camps learned how we can all collaborate and help connect schools, families, and communities for student success. This was the first author-guided journey of of *Cracking the Code to Student Success: Advancing Human Potential in Education and Health* by Jim Cantoni, Founder of Realizing Dreams in Glastonbury, CT.

The presentation allowed participants to learn how summer camps and park and recreation programs can host a Realizing Dreams: YES! Youth Empowerment Summit to bring out the great in staff with training that empowers campers and staff's futures. The Realizing Dreams: YES! Youth Empowerment Summit focuses on how to identify, set and achieve goals for summer camp and, importantly, how campers can realize their dreams in school, work, health, life, and play.

The collective impact presentation on Cracking the Code to Student Success showed that together, we can, and will help unlock potential with purposeful play. To see what staff, students and campers are saying, visit www.RealizingDreams.us/ or www.Facebook.com/RealizingDreams.us or call Jim Cantoni, Founder of Realizing Dreams at 860.657.0770.



Bernie Moore Scholarship Winner

Abby Wollenberg – Winding Trails

Abby Wollenberg has been a staff member at Winding Trails for the past four summers as counselor, two summers in our CIT program and a camper for five summers prior to that. Abby is one of the most well liked counselors we have at Winding Trails by campers and staff. She has a larger than life personality that campers gravitate towards and staff enjoy being around. During her time with us Abby has proven to have a natural gift of working with people. She is a fine young adult with outstanding character. The manner in which she handles campers, coworkers, and parents is always professional and friendly. Her passion for working with kids is evident in the outstanding job that she does working with her campers daily. She is a hardworking individual and an excellent role model for campers and other staff alike. This is why she is also great at working with children as she is there for them when they need a cheerleader but is also there for them to help guide them when they need advice. Abby is a big kid at heart and enjoys the work she does at Winding Trails and the campers she loves being around. Abby wants to be an elementary school teacher and studies early childhood education at Roger Williams University where she is also a member of the lacrosse team and will be returning to Winding Trails for her fifth summer on staff.



The Bernie Moore Scholarship is funded entirely by the raffle at our Annual Meeting and Dinner.

CCA would like to thank our donors for their generous gifts

We had Cross-Country Ski Passes & Skis, a variety of Wine & Beer Baskets, Horse Crazy Basket, Lottery Tree, Bailey's Gift Basket, Bourbon Gift Basket, Nature Basket with birdfeeder, bird food and bulbs, Slammo Combo Set, Water Proof Bags and a Dunkin Donuts Basket.

Meet Your New Board Members

Ray Zeyte– Camp Jewel YMCA

Ray Zeyte worked as Camp Jewell YMCA's executive director from 2001 to February 2017 when he took on the role of District Executive Director of camping services for the YMCA of Greater Hartford. He oversees the camping operations at the association's two overnight camps, Camp Jewell and Camp Woodstock, and the day camp program Camp Chase.

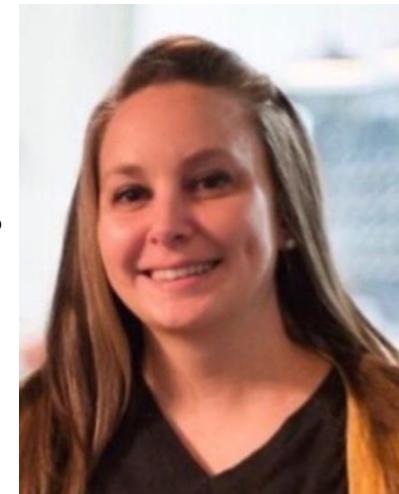
With a long and deep history with Camp Jewell, Ray lives the mission of the YMCA. As participants of the Trumbull YMCA's Indian Guides program, he and his father attended a weekend retreat at Camp Jewell in 1984, after which Ray and his siblings began attending summer camp and family camp programs there. He worked his way up through the ranks as a counselor, maintenance staff, coordinator, program director and summer camp director before being tapped as executive director.

Ray earned a B.S. in Recreational Management from Springfield College. He and his wife, Julia, met and married at Camp Jewell where they currently reside with their horses, dogs, cats, goats and chickens. In his spare time he enjoys chopping wood, listening to NPR and wood working.



Jillian McCarthy– Camp Hemlocks

Board member Jillian McCarthy is returning to the board after a previous 6 year commitment with CCA from 2008 until 2014. Currently the director at Camp Hemlocks in Amston, CT, Jillian has worked supporting individuals who have special needs for 12 years, 10 of those in a camp setting. Jillian has her BA in sociology and human services from ECSU and also attended the Windham Tolland 4-h camp as a camper and worked there on staff before getting into camping for people with special needs.



Steve Bloom– Camp Playland

Steve Bloom is the co-owner/director of Camp Playland and Playland Preschool in New Canaan, a private summer day camp and play-based preschool. Steve holds a B.A. in English from Connecticut College, M.S. in Camp Administration and Leadership from Touro University, and M.Ed. in Education Leadership from Columbia University. He also sits on the Boards for Horizons Summer Enrichment Program and New Canaan Country School. Steve and his wife, Hayley, live in New Canaan with their golden retriever, Lyle.



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- [Realizing Dreams– Jim Cantoni](#)

Information for these businesses is also posted on the CCA website.



CAMP YANKEE

The CCA is joining forces with the CT YMCA's to open Camp Yankee to all camps in the state. Camp Yankee is an all day training with breakout sessions in a variety of topics.

Save the Date: Saturday, June 10th

More information will be out soon!

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