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TAX SEASON TIPS FOR FAMILY CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

Tax season is around the corner, and we're here to help make financial management stress-free with practical tips and solutions.

Note: This article is from KidKare and is for informational purposes only. Always consult a tax professional when filing your taxes.

Tax Tip 1: It's Not Too Late to Get Organized
Feeling behind on tracking expenses? Don't worry! Start by gathering your receipts and inputting expenses a little at a time. With Parachute, you can log expenses back to January 2024 (and beyond). Categorize them to ensure accurate reporting.
When ready, print reports like Schedule C Expenses and Form 8829 directly from KidKare to simplify tax prep for your professional—or yourself!

Tax Tip 2: Track All Your Work Hours
Work doesn't stop when the kids go home. Tasks like cleaning, paperwork, and billing count as work hours. On average, providers spend 13.9 hours a week on such tasks*.
Calculate your Time-Space Percentage, reflecting the time and space used for business.
To determine this, you have to multiply your Time % by your Space %. **Learn more here.**

Tax Tip 3: Every Expense Counts
Small business deductions add up, so track every business-related expense, such as:
Software
Toys
Food (50% must be for childcare)
Mileage for grocery runs, field trips, or bank visits

Remember: Only items used for business purposes are deductible. For more insights, watch Q&A with Mohamed Aalen, a Childcare Tax Expert, and Charles H. Green, a Childcare Lending Expert.
VIDEO LINK

You can retrieve your 2024 Tax Report/Payment Summary in KidKare: go to Reports/Claim Statements/Tax Report/year 2023/Run/Save As (to your Desktop or a file), open the document, and print from there. We do not send out a 1099 since this program is a reimbursement, not income.

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THE BEE ZONE

Pupusa de Queso

- 2 cup corn masa
- 1 3/4 cup warm water
- 1 1/4 cups queso fresco, crumbled
- cooking spray

1. In a medium bowl, add masa and water together. Mix until all the water is absorbed.
2. Scoop 1/4 cup of masa and form into a ball. Then, make a large hole in the ball and add 2 tablespoons of queso fresco. Seal up the hole by folding the masa back over it. Flatten into a round disk. Repeat 9 more times.
3. Heat a large skillet or griddle on medium heat and spray lightly with cooking spray. Place pupusas on skillet and cook for 3-4 minutes on each side.

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CRAFT CORNER: DIY SNOWFLAKE DECORATIONS

1. The first step is to collect some empty toilet paper rolls or paper towel tubes. One toilet paper tube will make one snowflake.
2. Next, crease the tube down flat, and cut it into 6 strips about 3/8 inch thick. Then, use the leftover amount of tube to cut 6 thin strips, about 1/4 inch thick.
3. Arrange pieces into a snowflake shape
4. Take the 6 thicker pieces of the tube and arrange them together in a snowflake shape. Use hot glue or double-sided glue dots to glue the points of the tube to one another near the center.
5. White glue does not work as well for this step, as you need to hold together each piece and allow it to dry before moving on to glue the next piece.
6. Add Paint and/or Glitter to the Snowflake
7. You can customize the look of your snowflake ornament by painting the toilet paper rolls or applying the glitter in different ways.
8. Tie with String or Twine - Use ribbon, jute twine, or any other strong to form a loop for hanging.

- *toilet paper roll (or paper towel roll)*
- *hot glue or* **double-sided glue dots**
- *white glue or* **spray adhesive**
- *glitter (***glass glitter** *looks especially pretty on these!)*
- *twine for hanging*

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