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## **May Parenting Tip of the Month...**

# **May 12 is National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day!**



Provider Appreciation Day is Friday, May 12 this year. This is a special day to recognize and show appreciation to child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children. This recognition was created in 1996 in New Jersey by a group of volunteers and is traditionally celebrated the Friday before Mother's Day.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and show appreciation to the child care provider, teacher and caregivers who provide care to your child. Each day she or he provides support and growth to your child's physical, developmental and emotional needs. Here are some ideas on ways to show your appreciation:

- Have your child make a card or picture.
- Give a card or a handwritten note from you.
- Purchase a gift or gift card based on your child care provider's hobby or interest.
- Donate a toy or book to be used by the children in their program.
- Give your child care provider a bonus with their payment.
- Share a quote or poem about teachers.
- Fill a basket or mug with candy.
- Send freshly picked or purchased flowers.

For additional ideas, visit our Pinterest board at <https://www.pinterest.com/ccaks/provider-appreciation-day/>

If you would like to nominate a child care provider who has provided outstanding care to your child for Child Care Aware® of America's Provider of the Month, you may do so by clicking the following link, [www.providerappreciationday.org](http://www.providerappreciationday.org)

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