

**BOARD OF CHILDCARE**

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When I first came here, members of the Peninsula Delaware Conference asked me why I chose to support the Board of Child Care when they do not provide services to children in our Conference. This was a fair question. The question was answered when, after five years of approvals and building completion, we opened a program for 16 boys on the Eastern Shore in August of 2012. During this time, we received the support of Bishop Johnson, churches, and members of the United Methodist Church.

Since opening our doors, we have received awesome support from a newly founded Auxiliary, churches, individuals, businesses, Camp Pecometh, and the community. Our boys have enjoyed camping, fishing, swimming, recreational trips to ball games, new bicycles, and numerous other benefits. Soon we will be building a Skate Park on Campus which, hopefully, you will consider supporting.

In addition to your help, the Board of Child Care has reached out to support the adult deaf camp, your work in the Congo, and recently refinanced your Camp Ministries Loan.

On July 1st I will be retiring after 47 years working with children, youth, and families; with the last 21 at the Board of Child Care. I would like to thank past members of the Board of Directors from the Peninsula Delaware Conference for their support and time.

I must also remark on the indefatigable support of Bishop Johnson; whose remarkable strength of character and whose Godly disposition I have always valued and respected. I have enjoyed our relationship over the years.

My hope is that all programs – especially our presence in the Peninsulas Delaware Conference – will continue to receive your prayers and support in helping the most difficult, vulnerable, and sometimes forgotten population of children. As a faith based organization, if we do not provide this service, who will?

Blessings,  
Thomas L. Curcio, President & CEO