

Professional Development Team



EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALISTS

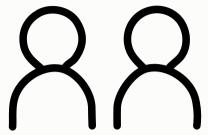
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Quality **Improvement** Specialist



MEGAN COOPERSTEIN

My name is Megan Cooperstein, I recently moved to West Virginia from Lake Wylie, SC! I come to RVCDS with my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and have been teaching in a Preschool, PREK, and Junior Kindergarten classrooms for the past 9 years! Prior to teaching I worked as a Family Reunification Specialist, Certified Child Trauma Counselor, and a State Licensed Chemical Dependency Therapist. When I am not working I enjoy spending time with my family, watching my favorite sports teams (Cincinnati Reds, Cincinnati Bengals, and The Ohio State Buckeyes!), and being with my fur baby! I am excited to be a part of the RVCDS team and look forward to working with you all!

Meet Chasity Brennen

Child Care Coaching Specialist



My name is Chasity! I am from Roane County, WV and for the last two years I have been teaching Prek in Kanawha County. I graduated from WVU with a Bachelor's of Science in Child Development. My hobbies include being outdoors, reading and spending time with my family and two dogs. I can't wait to meet everyone!

Do you have questions or need assistance?



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Contact The Connect, Management Team! We're here to help!



STARS Policy Reminder

Beginning January 1, 2020 the following WV STARS Policy will take affect:

In order to receive training credit hours for a repeating face-to-face course, it has to have been at minima 12 months since this course has been previously completed. This prevision is not applicable to Technica Assistance (TA) sessions offered by the Resource and Referral Agencies. Individuals choosing to repeat course again inside the twelve-month period will be treated as a student auditing a course and will be marked as completed but will receive

no training credit hours.

All courses offered as face-to-face or webinar courses will be subject to this change. Please note self-pace courses are not repeatable for credit.

We hope that this change will encourage the early childhood professionals of West Virginia to take intention professional development to further their knowledge and skills.





West Virginia
STARS

To learn more about Professional Development Opportunities, visit www.wvstars.org



RIVER VALLEY CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



ACDS REGISTRATION

ABOUT ACDS

ACDS is a four semester apprenticeship program for individuals working directly with children birth to age 12 for a minimum of 20 hours a week. Classes are one evening a week for 15 weeks a semester. Virtual classes are available for counties that do not offer an in-person option.

PARTICIPATION

Registration for the fall term starts June 1 and for the spring term November 1 each year. Interested participants should follow the outlined steps to register for class each term.

REGISTRATION



STEP ONE

Visit the WV STARS training calendar and search self-paced courses for all ACDS orientations.



STEP TWO

Complete registration that is linked at the end of each orientation.



STEP THREE

Submit \$25.00 registration fee to ACDS program. Checks and cards are accepted. Credit card form is on ACDS website.



304-523-0433



www.wvacds.org



wvacds@rvcds.com



JOIN OUR LOCAL COUNCILS



Meetings

Small groups meet twice a year to discuss the implementation of ACDS in their counties.

Members

Members include directors, child care resource & referral, BOE, head start, instructors journeypersons, and family child care providers.



NOW!

To find out more information about the local council in your area, visit the ACDS website and go to the local council page under resources.

www.wvacds.org

- Voluntary, no cost to you.
- A two-part credential:
 - o General, completed first.
 - Specialization may be added.
- Based on WV STARS registered trainings already required or are currently being offered.
- Minimum of one year of employment in licensed or regulated child care within last five years for general credential.
- Renewal every 3 years.



"What's in it for me?"

Child Care Credential

GENERAL

Initial bonus awarded upon completion.

Demonstrates commitment to the profession.

Potential for increased wages.

"What's in it for my employer?"

Creates family and community awareness of higher quality care being offered.









For more information contact Connect Child Care Resource and Referral 304-414-4488













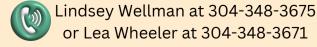
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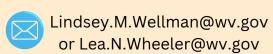
Time: 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Location: Winfield Community Center

178 Second St. Winfield, WV

TO REGISTER:







Save the Date

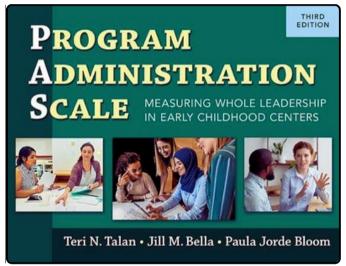
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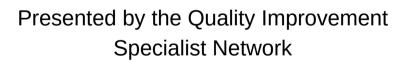




Program Administration Tools for Higher Quality

- Approved for Tier II
 applications and renewals.
- This summit is for child care center administrators only.
- Registration information coming this spring.





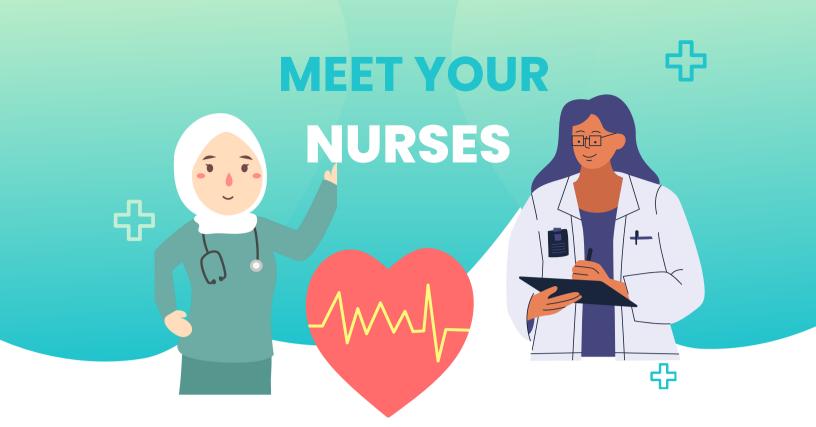
One day summit, your choice in date. Space will be limited for each date.

June 27 or 28th 2024

Bridgeport Conference Center 300 Conference Center Way Bridgeport, WV 26330







Candy Morgan Nurse Health Consultant

A Child Care Nurse Health Consultant works with child care providers, directors, and/or owners to promote the health and safety of children in the child care setting. These consultants can provide expert guidance and technical assistance on a wide range of health and safety topics.

Child Care Nurse Health Consultants have the training to access appropriate resources to assist child care providers in successfully including children with special health or medical needs.

Candy Morgan, RN - Child Care **Nurse Health Consultant Charleston, WV** Cell Phone: (304) 840-2967 Email: cmorgan@rvcds.org

Harmony Vance

Nurse Health Educator

Child Care Health Educators are great resources for free WV STARS approved trainings, educational handouts, and information regarding health, safety, and nutrition guidelines. They are educated individuals on health, safety, and nutrition topics as they relate to child care.

611 Seventh Avenue, Suite 322 **Huntington, WV 25701** Phone: (304) 529-7603 - (888)

WVECTCR

Extension: 3437

Cell Phone: (304) 690-5826

Fax: (304) 529-2535

Email: hvance@rvcds.org



APRIL __

Bed Bugs and Beyond 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Denee Stonehrake

APRIL Understanding Special Dietary Needs
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Renee Stonebraker

APRIL

All that Sugar and Fat 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum

MAY

Planting Seeds for Healthy Eating 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Denee Stonehrake

MAY

Oral Health 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum

MAY

Fun and Healthy Snacks 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

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Harmony Vance-Tissnbaum

JUNE

Let's Move 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

4

Renee Stonebraker

JUNE

Picky Eaters 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

15

Renee Stonebraker

JUNE

24

Beans...More Than Just Cute Songs 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Harmony Vance-Tissebaum



CCNHS Online Training Schedule

DATE AND TIME	TITLE OF TRAINING	TRAINER
4/2/24 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Karen Gilbert
4/3/24 6:00-8:00 PM	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan
4/8/24 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Crystal Harclerode
4/11/2412:00-1:00 PM Lunchtime Learning	Infection Control	Candace Morgan
4/16/24 6:00-7:00 PM	Rashes & Scratches	Lisa Galford
4/22/24 5:30-8:30PM	Medication Administration	Brittany Parsons
5/4/24 8:00-11:00 AM Saturday Morning	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
5/8/24 6:00-7:00 PM	Seizures	Karen Gilbert
5/14/24 6:00-8:00 PM	Summertime Safety	Lisa Galford
5/21/24 6:30-8:30 PM	Communicable Diseases in Child Care	Candace Morgan
5/23/24 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Karen Gilbert
6/5/24 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Candace Morgan
6/11/24 6:00-8:00 PM	Summertime Safety	Lisa Galford
6/18/24 6:00-7:00 PM	Seizures	Karen Gilbert
6/20/24 5:30-8:30 PM	Medication Administration	Lisa Galford
6/25/24 6:00-8:00 PM	Communicable Diseases	Candace Morgan

FAMILY CHILD CARE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

Building a Firm Foundation with TRAILS

Contact Your TRAILS Specialists today.



Module 1 - How Children Grow

Module 2 - Organizing Your Home & Day

Module 3 - How Children Learn

Module 4 - Building Positive Relationships

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Pediatric CPR & First Aid



To Register Contact: Nikki Johnson

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Ashley Smith

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Classes are \$25 - money order or business check, written to CAMC Institute, due by start of class. WV STARS Registered Hours.

WHAT'S THE 411?

THIS TRAINING WILL CONNECT YOU WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION AS A PROVIDER AND FAMILIES THAT YOU WORK WITH. THIS TRAINING WILL ALLOW FOR QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE OR NEED ANSWERED. THIS TRAINING WILL BE OPEN TO ALL PROVIDERS AND FAMILIES THAT MAY WANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND HANDOUTS ON THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

Healthy Grandfamilies

April 8, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm

This training is available online.

WU Extensions

April 10, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm

This training is available as a hybrid. You can attending in person or online.

Meet Connect CCR&R

April 23, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm

This training will be held at the Connect office.

Birth To Three

May 8, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm

This training is available as a hybrid. You can attending in person or online.







For additional information

please contact Lea Wheeler at

304-348-3671 or email

Lea.N.Wheeler@wv.gov

QUALITY COUNTS



MAY 13, 2024 7-8 PM

JUNE 7, 2024 1-2 PM





JOIN NOW!!

Registration Contact Information Megan Cooperstein:

You will learn:

- Why Does High **Quality Childcare** Matter?
- How Can We **Achieve and Maintain High Quality Care**



WVIT-1 Caregiver Revised

Presented by: Heather Little

Hybrid: In-person if you work in Kanawha County, on-line if you work in Clay, Roane, or Jackson Counties

Wednesdays

11:00 am - 2:30 pm

Session 1: June 26th, 2024

Session 2: July 3nd, 2024

Session 3 : July 10th, 2024

Session 4: July 17th, 2024

Session 5 : July 24th, 2024

Session 6: August 7th, 2024

Session 7: August 14th, 2024

Session 8: August 21st, 2024

Session 9: August 28th, 2024

Session 10: September 4th, 2024

Session 11: September 11th, 2024

Session 12: September 18th, 2024

For more information: email heather.a.little@wv.gov call (304) 348-3650

You must Session I, 5 and I2.

INFANT TODDLER POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT



DIRECTOR'S MUST ATTEND THE DIRECTOR'S MODULE IN ORDER FOR PARTICIAPTION

YOU MUST COMPLETE PRE AND POST VISITS WITH BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANT

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CREDIT YOU MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS

DIRECTOR'S MODULE APRIL 1, 2024 12-1:00 PM

> MODULE 1 APRIL 22, 2024 6:30-8:30 PM

MODULE 2 APRIL 29, 2024 6:30-8:30 PM

MODULE 3 MAY 6, 2024 6:30-8:30 PM

MODULE 4 MAY 13, 2024 6:30-8:30 PM

MODULE 5 MAY 20, 2024 6:30-8:30 PM



EARLY CHILDHOOD **POSITIVE BEHAVIOR** INTERVENTION SUPPORT



(ECPBIS)

FIVE PART MODULE SERIES

MODULE 1: WED. MAY 8, 2024

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MODULE 2: WED. MAY 15, 2024

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MODULE 3: WED. MAY 22, 2024

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MODULE 4: WED. MAY 29, 2024

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MODULE 5: WED. JUNE 5, 2024

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: CONNECT OFFICE

1 PLAYERS CLUB DR, CHARLESTON, WV

Your Director must attend or have ** attended the Director's module

You must complete pre- and post-

* visits with instructor You must work with children aged

₩ 3 or older

You must attend all sessions to receive STARS credit.

CONTACT LINDSEY WELLMAN TO REGISTER:

LINDSEY.M.WELLMAN@WV.GOV OR (304) 348-3675

































I Love You Rituals Presented by: Heather Little

heather.a.little@wv.gov or 304.348.3650

Based on Conscious Discipline created by Dr. Becky Bailey

June 6th, 2024 6:30pm - 8:30 pm In-person at the Connect Office 1 Player's Club Drive Charelston

I Love You Rituals are positive nursery rhymes, interactive finger plays,and soothing games that you can play with children from infancy through age eight.



WV PRESCHOOL EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

3 MODULES ~ JUNE 3RD JUNE 10TH JUNE 17TH

6:30-8:30 PM

PARTICIPANTS

MUST ATTEND ALL 3 SESSIONS

TO RECIEVE CREDIT



IN-PERSON

CONNECT OFFICE
ONE PLAYERS CLUB DRIVE
CHARLESTON WV



TO REGISTER CONTACT:

HEATHER HATCHER BARRY ~ 304-348-3669 HEATHER.H.BARRY@WV.GOV



Educate Joy 1,2019

All Day with School Age

IS YOUR AFTERSCHOOL
PROGRAM READY FOR THOSE
LONG SUMMER DAYS?

OR

Mon, April 22

7:00-8:00 ONLINE

IN THIS 1 HOUR ONLINE
TRAINING YOU WILL
LEARN THE BASICS
OF A SUMMER
SCHOOL AGE
PROGRAM LIKE
DEVELOPING A
SCHEDULE,
ACTIVITIES, AND
MORE!

Thurs, May 9th

6:30-8:30
IN-PERSON @
CONNECT OFFICE

THIS IS THE SAME
TRAINING AS THE ONE
ONLINE BUT EXTENDED
TIME TO CONNECT
WITH OTHER SCHOOL
AGE PROVIDERS AND
PLAN TOGETHER FOR
YOUR SUMMER
PROGRAM
WITH HELP FROM ME!

KRISTIN SMITH

AFTERSCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST







CONNECT HOUSEKEEPING GUIDELINES

All professional development sessions are WV STARS registered and begin and end on time. You must be present in the classroom by the start time, or you will not receive WV STARS credit. No late entry into sessions will be admitted.

All online professional development session participants must arrive prior to the start of the session, stay for the duration of the session and be active and engaged in the session for at least 80% of the session. Active and engaged means participating in polls, discussions and available to answer questions.

Webcams are not required but are encouraged.

For online professional development sessions, only one person may be logged in per device or computer in order for participants to receive credit. You may log in from a cell phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer.

Each participant must log in to online sessions using their own unique link from their STARS registration. Links can not be share if participants want to receive credit.

Child care providers will not be responsible for the care of children during any online professional development session.

You may not, under any circumstances, bring children to any of the professional development sessions.

Should trainings not meet the minimum registration requirements, the session will be cancelled. Participants will be notified 24 hours prior to a session via email if sessions are cancelled. Sessions will be rescheduled as a trainer's schedule allows.

Trainings held at childcare centers or facilities must have an administrator present for the entire session

If there is a school cancellation or delay due to extreme weather conditions in a county in which training is scheduled, the training will be cancelled for the day. You will be contacted when it is rescheduled.

Ashley Smith

Heather Barry

Lea Wheeler

Kristin Smith

Lea Wheeler

Date and Time	Location	Session Title	CKCC's/ Age Group/ Level	Professional Development Provider
4/2/24 5:00-9:00pm	In Person Connect	Heartsaver CPR+First Aid	HSN, All Ages Basic	Nikki Johnson
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4/8/24 6:30-7:30pm	Online	What's the 411? (Healthy Grandfamilies)	FCR, Mixed Ages Basic	Lea Wheeler
4/9/24 6:30-8:30pm	In Person Connect	Inviting Interest Centers	EC,Preschool Intermediate	Heather Barry
4/10/24 6:30-7:30pm	Hybrid	What's the 411? (WVU Extensions) FCR, Mixed Ages Basic		Lea Wheeler
4/16/24 5:00-9:00pm	In Person Connect	Heartsaver CPR+First Aid	HSN, All Ages Basic	Nikki Johnson

Using the "Senses" for Discovery Pre-K

Little Bodies, Big Emotions

All Day With School Age

What's the 411? (Connect)

HSN, All Ages

Basic

EC, Preschool

Basic

CGD, Mixed

Ages, Basic

EC, School Age,

Basic

FCR, Mixed

Ages Basic

4/17/24 In Person Heartsaver CPR+First Aid 9:00am-1:00pm Connect

In Person

Connect

In Person

Connect

Online

In Person

Connect

4/17/24

6:30-8:30pm

4/17/24

6:30-8:30pm

4/22/24

7:00-8:00pm

4/23/24

6:30-7:30pm



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5/7/24 5:00-9:00pm	In Person Connect	Heartsaver CPR+First Aid	HSN, All Ages, Basic	Nikki Johnson
5/7/24 6:30-8:30pm	In Person Connect	ECCERS 3	EC, Preschool Intermediate	Heather Barry
5/8/24 6:30-7:30pm	Hybrid	What's the 411? (Birth to Three) FCR, Mixed Ages Basic		Lea Wheeler
5/9/24 6:30-8:30pm	In Person Connect	All Day With School Age Age, Basi		Kristin Smith
05/13/24 12:00-1:00pm	Online	I'm Scared!: Supporting Children in Times of Fear & Anxiety	CGD, FCR, HSN, All ages, Basic	Lindsey Wellman
5/13/24 7:00-8:00pm	Online	Quality Counts	PL, All ages Basic	Megan Cooperstein
5/15/24 5:00pm-9:00pm	In Person Connect	Heartsaver CPR+First Aid	HSN, All Ages, Basic	Ashley Smith
5/20/24 7:00-8:00pm	Online	Circle Time With Schoolers EC, School Age, Basic		Kristin Smith

Heartsaver CPR+First Aid

Let's Play

Heartsaver CPR+First Aid

Why Do You Have to be so Mean?: Bullying

in Early Childhood

HSN, All

Ages

Basic

EC,

Preschool

Basic

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EC CGD,

FCR, EC

Basic

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5:00-9:00pm

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6:30-8:30pm

5/22/24

9:00am-1:00pm

5/23/24

7:00-8:00pm

In Person

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Online

Heartsaver CPR+First Aid

Heartsaver CPR+First Aid

I Love You Rituals

Quality Counts

Classroom Chaos

Heartsaver CPR+First Aid

Emergency Prepardness

Heartsaver CPR+First Aid

Fostering Hope in Children in Foster Care

		JUNE
Date and Time	Location	Session Title

In Person

Connect

In Person

Connect

In Person

Connect

Online

Online

In Person

Connect

In Person

Connect

In Person

Connect

Online

6/4/24

5:00-9:00pm

6/12/24

5:00pm-9:00pm

6/6/24

6:00-8:00pm

6/7/24

l:00-2:00pm

6/10/24

12:00-1:00pm

6/25/24

9:00am-1:00pm

6/19/24

6:00-8:00pm

6/25/24

5:00-9:00pm

6/27/24

7:00-8:00pm

CKCC's/ Age Group/ Level

Professional Development Provider

Nikki Johnson

Nikki Johnson

Heather Little

Megan Cooperstein

Kristin Smith

Ashley Smith

Kristin Smith

Nikki Johnson

Lea Wheeler

HSN, All Ages

Basic

HSN, All Ages

Basic

CGD I/T Basic

PL, All ages

Basic

CGD, PL,

School Age/EC,

Basic

HSN, All Ages

Basic

HSN, Mixed

Ages,

Intermediate

HSN, All Ages

Basic

Mixed Ages,

CGD, HSN

Basic

CCNHC SUMMARIES

Communicable Diseases

Tips for minimizing the spread of infection in programs as well as information about common communicable diseases.

Summertime Safety

This presentation includes information about recognizing and preventing various heat related conditions along with first aid for each condition. Water and Bug Safety is included.

Seizures

This training provides information about recognizing types of seizures, basic first aid for seizures, recognizing medical emergencies and medication administration for seizures.

Rashes and Scratches

Information about various skin conditions that young children experience.

Medication Administration

Participants will be introduced to safe medication handling and administration practices. This training is required for providers to administer medication to children in the childcare setting.

Infection Control

Basic information about infection control concerns in the childcare setting. Information provided includes hand washing, sanitation and disinfection principles, and universal/standard precautions.

PD SUMMARIES

Heartsaver CPR/First Aid

Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED provides students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of first aid, CPR, and use of an AED. This course empowers students to act with confidence in the event of an emergency at work, home, or in the community.

Quality Counts

Why does high - quality childcare matter? Because the need for quality childcare has never been greater! But what does it look like in our state? And how can we help? Through group discussion and the use of media, early childhood educators will examine program supports that are necessary to achieve and maintain quality childcare and the important role they play within the process.

I'm Scared!: Supporting Children in Times of Fear & Anxiety

This training covers how you can support young children in times of fear and anxiety. Many events transpire in our nation or even community that can be scary, especially for young children who may not understand what is going on. Fear and anxiety will be defined along with what characteristics of fear and anxiety can look in children. The training will also explore how you can support both families and children in trying times. Developmentally appropriate vocabulary and conversation topics will also be discussed.

All Day with School Age

Afterschool programs are designed to provide a safe place for students to explore their creativity, experience new things and have positive interactions by building a sense of community. Is your program ready for providing these things during the summer? In this training we will cover the basics of a full day school age program. Creating a full day schedule with intentional activities, routines and transitions along with rules and expectations can help make that time with them effective, inspiring and fun!

Circle Time with Schoolers

Circle Time is a popular activity that's used in many programs to help develop positive relationships between children. It aims to give them tools to engage with and listen to each other. Providing a daily meeting with school age children is a powerful tool that nurtures their social, emotional, cognitive, and language development. This dedicated time for group interactions sets the stage for meaningful learning experiences and lays the foundation for your classroom. This training will cover strategies for creating an effective daily meeting to help create positive relationships and structure of your room.

Classroom Chaos

Classroom Chaos focuses on the importance of establishing expectations for behavior and routines in your classroom. Showing attention to positive behaviors can help raise expectations for everyone. Taking time to plan and follow a daily schedule can help provide predictability and consistency for students. Participants will understand the importance of having self control. Also, demonstrating problem solving skills to help build strong relationships with their students.

Unconditionally: Rituals of Love with Infants and Toddlers

This training will give a clear understanding of what "I Love You" rituals are. We will discuss the importance of creating moments of authentic connection with infants and toddlers and see the benefits of these connections on brain development.

Inviting Interest Center Play PK

This session will investigate the importance of providing high quality interest centers in the preschool setting. We will discuss materials to be included in the classroom's interest areas to help motivate and extend learning of each child.

Using the "Senses" for Discovery PK

This in-person session will focus on preschool children's learning through the 5 basic senses – sight, sound, taste, smell and touch. We will discuss how the senses help children perceive and understand the world. Come discover ways to enhance your environment in this informative and interactive session, and begin providing more engaged learning classroom experiences. Offered

ECERS-3 Extending ECERS-R PK

This 2-hour preschool session will examine the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale-Third Edition. We will examine the similarities and differences between ECERS-3 and ECERS-R and focus our attention on those changes. Information about the six (6) subscales, scoring and the teacher's role in creating a quality classroom environment will also be discussed.

Let's Play-Preschool should be Fun!

This two hour preschool training will examine children's optimal learning environment. Come discuss and share what a child centered environment looks like and ways to promote child directed and adult facilitated play and learning.

What's the 411?

This training will connect you with community resources that are available in your region as a provider and families that you work with. This training will allow for questions that you may have or need answered. This training will be open to all providers and families that may want additional information and handouts on the community resources.

Fostering Hope In Children In Foster Care

This online training will provide information on foster care and how to provide support to children in foster care. By the end of the session participants will be able to define foster care, understand why foster care is important, examine the obstacles with children experiencing foster care, and examine ways of supporting children in foster care.

Why Do You Have To Be So Mean: Bullying In Early Childhood

This online facilitated training will provide information on bullying in early childhood. By the end of this session participants will be able to define bullying, explain how bullying is developed, understand bullies, victims, and bystanders, explore ways to teach social skills, empathy, assertiveness, and problem solving.

Emergency Preparedness

Participants will learn and discuss the types of emergency that have and can occur while children are in care and planning needed to keep children and workers safe during those events. Participants will receive support in creating the required emergency preparedness action plan.

Little Bodies, Big Emotions

Emotions are a big thing to deal with, without the understanding of what they are and how to handle them. This training will focus on how to help children understand emotions and develop different coping skills.











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