

Onsite Training List for Child Start

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Training: Training Name	Training Description
"I want my baby to read?"; Supporting Parents in Guiding Early Language and Literacy	Language and literacy development starts during infancy. Parents and providers want children to be the best they can be. However, it is not developmentally appropriate to expect infants to read. It is how literacy concepts are taught in early years that will help them develop into successful readers. Current research on early literacy and brain development offers natural recommendations on what skills and activities infants and toddlers can perform that will enable them to be successful readers. Come to this training to learn ways to help develop a successful reader by understanding when and what types of skills to introduce to them.
Abusive Head Trauma	Learn to recognize types of child abuse and neglect, and your procedures as a mandated reporter. In this session you will become familiar with the local resources that you can refer families to. Discussion will familiarize you with the signs of abusive head trauma, including those caused by both shaking and blunt impact. You will also learn what measures you will need to take to prevent head injury to young children. You will leave with better tools to manage stress and prevent frustration when working with young children.
Active Learning & Parent Engagement	How do you help parents become more involved? We will discuss creative ways to engage parents in active participation of their child's education. In addition, we will explore 5 ways to promote active learning and how this tool can help you succeed with parent and other interactions

Addition, Subtraction, and Numerals...Oh My!

Do you struggle with keeping school aged children engaged? Do you know the standards that they work on throughout the year? How do you continue to nurture their brains during school breaks? In this training, you will learn the core standards children K-3 are learning in math and how to continue to foster and grow their math skills.

Are your Children in Time Square? Moving from Sensory Overload to Sensory Engag

Spaces that are conducive to learning and pro-social behaviors are those that are high in sensory engagement rather than sensory overload. Children who are in chaotic environments are more likely to have an increase in challenging behaviors. This class will help teachers focus on ways to use sensory engagement through natural incorporation of interesting materials for children to explore through their senses.

Art: The Experience of Exploration

Art is a form of human expression. It integrates early development in all areas. Creativity is ultimately a process and within that process children thrive. In this training we will look into why process art is so important for children's development and ways you can incorporate this in to your program.

Assessing Mathematical Learning

We know early childhood is a critical period for us to set the foundation for children's success. Mathematics is a cornerstone for children's success. Teachers must know where a child's mathematical development is and how to help that child move forward. However, it is often difficult for teachers to assess appropriately. We will be discussing assessment and observational methods in order to grasp an understanding on each child's development. After you leave this training, you will be equipped with the knowledge to conduct focused observations, thought-provoking questions, and documentation of the child's growth and development.

Baby Basics and Itty Bitty Details

A fun interactive training to tackle some of the struggles we encounter with infant care. We will discuss ways to support infant growth and development in our every day routines. This training is designed to teach ways to deal with feeding frustrations, how to calm a fussy baby and most importantly how to build positive relationships that ensure a loving, responsive and consistent child care environment.

Basic Child Development and Supervision

This professional development event is based on theory and research in child development and early education. It has been designed to give child care and early learning professional's foundational knowledge to be successful when caring for children. The information presented in the curriculum is for all professionals working in family or center-based child care and early learning programs. This basic information about concepts and skills is ideal for an entry-level staff member and seasoned professionals.

Be Safe While Having Fun in the Sun

The weather often determines the amount of time we spend outdoors but establishing sun safety practices in your child care program will keep children safe while enjoying outdoor activities. Whether sun or shade, protecting our skin is important and in this course, you will learn how to become a sun-safe child care provider by implementing sun safety practices, including how to create outdoor policies and communicate policies with parents. We will also look at creative ways to stay cool and enjoy being outside in the summer time.

Braking Our Impulses: Shifting Gears to Positive Discipline

Having trouble finding positive ways to deal with negative behaviors? Difficult behaviors can stump even the most seasoned teachers. No one technique will work with the same child twice in a row! Becoming skilled in positive guidance requires experience as well as training. Come and explore ways to becoming adept at positively managing children's behavior.

Building Environments and Activities to Engage Children

Children's minds are confined when they are not allowed to make choices, think on their own, or consider the many ways a problem can be solved. If children's minds are confined, we deprive our society of a valuable gift. Teachers will learn ways to design flexible spaces and cultivate ways for active and engaging learning opportunities.

Building Problem Solving Skills in Young Children

Building Relationships with Young Children

In this session, participants will learn how they can build positive, healthy relationships with the children in their care. Participants will explore strategies for meeting the needs of individual children and for building a caring community of learners.

Building Resilience in Children

The source for prevailing happiness and resiliency starts in early childhood. We play a huge role in this. Our time we spend with children is short and every instant we spend with them is crucial for the goal we all share; for children to be happy and healthy. In this training, we will describe the "7 Cs" that contribute to children's resiliency according to Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg. We will discuss how building children's resiliency and providing appropriate skills will help building healthy, happy, and resilient children.

But They're Only Playing

Play is often considered an amusing part of childhood, not always a learning process. By demonstrating and narrating the importance of play, we show parents how playing is learning. In this training, we will discuss how to design environments that support learning through play. We will discuss ways to create play-based curriculums and how to convey the standards of development they are achieving through play.

Child Abuse, Neglect & Head Trauma

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Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition & Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma

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Child-Centered Teaching and Learning

Help children master learning tasks sooner by engaging them in their own learning process. Meaningful jobs, classroom responsibilities and leadership activities are some of the effective strategies covered in this class. Video examples and discussions are included to help teachers walk away with ideas they can begin using right away in their classroom environments.

Children of Divorce

Identifying children under stress related to divorce can help a caregiver counteract grief and loss issues and meet the special needs of a child during this confusing time.

Choosing Courage in a Climate of Fear

Fear is a powerful emotion. It has the power to stop someone dead in their tracks or propel them forward to their highest potential. Early childhood teachers need ways to respond to children's fears with curiosity not apprehension. During this training, we will identify ways to respect children's fears and investigate said fears through a variety of curriculum instruction.

Conversations With Children

Conversations are what tie us together. Conversations are one link to building positive relationships with children. This training will teach us the way to having magical interactions with children and whimsical chats that connect us to the children we care for. In this training, we will discuss the challenges we face when communicating. We will look at different ways to have conversations with children and how each person communicates differently.

Conversations With Young Children

Conversations are key to a peaceful and productive classroom. Learn about contingent responding and how to use it to create meaningful and engaging conversations that result in problem solving and thoughtful thinking.

Creative Outdoor Play Space

Looking for creative, fun and inexpensive ideas to make your outdoor play space irresistible? Playing outdoors is fun and educational. The skills children build are countless whether it's developing fine motor skills in sand and water play, or math and memory skills making music. Join us to explore ways to add something unique to your outdoor space and how it will benefit the children in your care.

Design to Succeed

Classroom design influences many things, but did you know that the environment can help improve children's behaviors? A functioning environment designed to meet the developmental needs of young children helps make each day less stressful or your home for the success of all of your children, infant through preschool.

Eliminating Transitions=Eliminating Chaos

Are you tired of the same ol? clean up song? Do the children become chaotic during times of transition? Creating transitions that are short, sweet, and fun are crucial to a successful program. Transitions can create added stress so maintaining short transitions is optimal for a successful classroom. In this training, we will discuss how to cut down on the number of transitions in your day, making them engaging, and how a successfully run classroom that is rewarding and not rambunctious.

Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers

After completing this training, participants will be able to: *Identify hazards and risks that affect their child care program *Recall leading practices for protecting children in their care *Be familiar with state and other regulatory emergency standards *Creat a written emergency plan that addresses the needs of your program *Create an action plan for communicating, practicing and updating the plan.

Environments that Speak to Us

The environment that children are in can have a significant impact on the way children inhabit their environments, the messages communicated, and the emotional climate within the setting, which influences children's learning, well-being, and development. Come learn ways to create a relevant, responsive, and reflect environment that meets the needs and interests of your children.

Exploring Math in Preschool

Teachers will learn about various math concepts and how to help children develop and acquire these concepts in the classroom. They will also learn how to apply NCTM Standards and math processing skills to their everyday teaching.

Exploring Shadows

Celebrate curiosity and the joys of discovery! The best preschool science programs focus on topics children already encounter in their daily lives and can actively experience for themselves ? like dripping water faucets or their shadows on a sunny day. Come experience the variety of ways to introduce fun, meaningful experimentation using shadows and light into your daily schedule for a theme day, week or month! Resources including videos, activities, games and even curriculum planners complete with instructions will be shared!

Exploring Sound (PEEP)

Sound is energy that travels in waves through air, water, or other substances and can be heard. Sounds give us many opportunities to explore with children and within that exploration, we begin to understand how fascinating what we hear can be to children. This training will go over many creative sound exploration options to incorporate into your program. We will learn the different types of sounds, language to use during this time of exploration, and the overall importance of teaching children science curriculum.

Family Conferencing: Asking and Listening Children spend the majority of their waking hours with people other than their parents. It is critical for teachers and parents to communicate with one another. Parent conferences is a formal way for parents and teachers to come together. Conferences are looked at differently depending on which side of the desk you are on. After this training, you will have the ability to take on the parents' perspective, learn strategies for effective conferencing, and create action plans in collaboration with parents.

Family Conferencing: Developing Trust Children spend the majority of their waking hours with people other than their parents. It is critical for teachers and parents to communicate with one another. Parent conferences is a formal way for parents and teachers to come together. Just like children; parents must first have your trust before they can move forward with you. How do you build trust? We will cover strategies for building trust, assessing the needs of the family on a deeper level, and how conferences can be the pivotal point in building that positive partnership.

Food Exploration Nutrition for children is the best formula for fueling a child's growth and development. We want learning about nutrition to be a fun process for children to be involved in. We will discuss how to connect story books with creative snacks, and discuss the benefits of kids making their own healthy snacks, and how to have kids in the kitchen safely.

Fostering Children's Thinking Do you want to help children develop skills for deeper understanding, higher focus, and improve task performance? This class will cover "feedback loops" which are the keys to teaching these skills.

Fun, Playful, Movement

Physical exercise is essential for a child's development. Children learn by doing. We can add playful exercises into our daily schedules to help them learn through movement. We will learn about different creative exercise activities you can do with your children. We will discuss low-cost ways to accomplish this. Come enjoy getting physical and having fun!!

Getting A Feel for Sensory Issues

There are so many tactics available for addressing behaviors in children. But what do you do when the typical tactics don't work? Where do you turn when you have used all your tools and you still don't see a positive change? When behaviors meet a sensory need typical consequences can have little effect on them. This training will address sensory systems and needs, how they might shape behavior, and alternatives that fill needs in a more appropriate way.

Happy Healthy Mind & Body

We live in a hurry up world of busy families and busy schedules which often result in stress for everyone involved. There are many ways to help children counter these pressures. Mindfulness, yoga and other techniques will be discussed and practiced in an effort to refine skills needed to help little ones pay attention, calm down and learn how to handle strong feelings. Learning to use deep breathing, relaxation techniques early on can build a sense of well being and lay the foundation for lifelong practice.

Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness

Participants will learn safe food practices including sanitary preparation, meal service and proper food storage. Participants will also learn how to prepare meals for a child who has food allergies and how to respond to an allergic reaction due to food.

Hard Joys: Managing Behavior with a Creative Mind and a Playful Spirit

Anyone who has worked with children knows that working with them can be a joyful experience ? and extremely hard work. Sooner or later, every child experiences difficulty. At difficult times, children need our help. With a creative mind, playful spirit, and a few tools, we can reshape these trying behaviors.

Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control

Participants will learn the causes of infectious disease in child care, principles of disease control, as well as how to prevent the spread of infectious disease including sanitation procedures, hand washing and diapering techniques and how to provide a safe, healthy environment for children.

How Children Build Their Understanding of Numbers

Math is one of the topics that seems daunting to teach. We refer back to when we learned about math in elementary school and often that has a negative memory attached. We want children to grow up with a positive outlook on learning about math. Jean Piaget describes the characteristics of the development of numbers in children. We will be discussing what those stages and characteristics look like, how to build number sense, and teach children to have a positive outlook on learning math. By utilizing these techniques, we will build a positive association of math for the children in our care.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

How would you like to go outside and pick a fresh strawberries for lunch? Sounds delicious, right? In this class, we will discuss why you want to grow your own food, how to get it going, and how to get the children and parents involved. The participants of this class will leave with a basic knowledge of how to get their garden growing.

Importance of Circle Time

This will be a fun interactive discussion on circle time. Finding out why a circle is effective and has been used for years will help to identify its value in your daily routine. We will discuss options and ideas for where a circle time is best held as well as who can be included. The message of the importance of observation and flexibility will be emphasized throughout as we discuss how to meet the needs of the children

It's my classroom and I can cry if I want to

The ability to express feelings is one of the first skills children develop. Children do not have full control of those feelings until they are much older. It is our job as caregivers to teach children how to work through and communicate their feelings. How many times have you said "you're okay, you're fine, stop crying"? Those phrases shut children's emotional intelligence down instead of building it up. During this course; you will learn key terminology, strategies to increase trust, and environmental changes to consider for a more accepting classroom space.

Keep Calm and Get Along-Dealing with Challenging Behaviors

When working with children we are often faced with challenging behaviors. We sometimes feel like we are not prepared to deal with the situation. This training is designed to help the teachers, stop, reflect, and deal with it in an appropriate manner. The key to success in handling these situations is the ability to anticipate triggers, identifying the function or purpose of the behavior and ways to empower the child with more appropriate behaviors or replacement skills.

Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety

Participants will learn how to provide a safe physical environment for children by identifying potential hazards which include the handling and storage of hazardous materials, appropriate disposal of bio contaminants and the appropriate transportation precautions with children.

Learning Through Music: Infant and Toddler Style

How often do you sing aloud? Do you feel that you have the tools to implement music into your program? In this training, we will discuss why and how music is a critical learning experience. Music and movement is defined as the first language for children. and from birth until age 3, children need musical experiences every day. This training will cover ways to integrate musical experiences into your daily curriculum especially for infants and toddlers. We will learn the benefits of music to young children's development and how to create those experiences. You will walk away singing about the ways music benefits children's learning abilities.

Less Sugar... More Spice and Everything Nice

This workshop highlights the importance of teaching healthy eating habits at an early age. Participants will learn how to incorporate healthier and low sugar options into their programs.

Let's Get Cooking

Come discover the fun of connecting literacy and cooking. Children naturally want to help you in the kitchen. Let's help facilitate that natural curiosity! We will be learning the best strategies to cook with children, how to intertwine cooking with books, and how to extend the book's theme into other developmental domains as well. You will leave with specific lessons for you to use, have practiced making a recipe, and ready to have fun in the kitchen with kids. Let's get cooking!

Literacy: More Than Just Reading

Child care providers and teachers play an important role in helping young children develop their language skills. As a caretaker, you have the opportunity to stimulate and inspire the development of strong listening, speaking, writing, and reading in the children in your care. Come to this session to learn ways to incorporate literacy in your classroom and home to foster these important life skills for children birth to age five.

Literature and PUPPET Fun

Child care providers and teachers play an important role in helping young children develop their language and literacy skills. As a caretaker, you have the opportunity to stimulate and inspire the development of strong listening, speaking, writing, and reading with children in your care. Come to this session to learn ways to incorporate literacy in your classroom while using puppets. Puppets are both entertaining and captivating. Young children can believe and relate to them; they can enter and explore the fascinating world that puppets can

Making Families Welcome

Parents play an important role in children's education because they are children's first teachers. Teachers must recognize this and work to build relationships with both the child and the parent. During this training, we will discuss ways to keep communication open between teachers and parents, build relationships, and identify aspects of a welcoming environment.

Making Messy Memories

Making Messy Memories is a fun and engaging training all about sensory development. Does the word messy scare you? Don't let it! Children thrive when given sensory experiences every day. You will learn how to incorporate sensory experiences into your daily routine along with fun ways to create thematic activities involving sensory development. You will walk away being able to take what you learned and incorporate it the very next day.

Managing Meltdowns

There are few things sweeter than the sound of children playing. The pitter patter of little feet?. The melodious laughter of a happy child?, but then you hear it. You hear that high pitched whine and you want to yell ?take cover!?. The sounds of a ticking meltdown are unmistakable. If tantrums and meltdowns have you running for the hills, this is the right class for you. In this class you will learn how to diffuse your tiny terrorists before a full meltdown occurs. We will learn the warning signs of a meltdown, how to prevent them, and h

Medication Administration in Child Care

Administering medication in the child care setting can be confusing and time consuming. Participants will learn the risks of administering medication, prevention for mistakes and methods for effective administration.

Modifying Activities and Equipment

In this professional development event, participants will explore strategies for making modifications to activities and equipment for the purpose of maximizing a child's participation and learning.

Once Upon a Story: Co-creating Narratives Enhances Creativity and Language

Once upon a time, there was a group of children?.. Children are natural story-tellers. We have to recognize that it's children?s experiences that capture their interests. We will learn that through narratives the process of learning to read and write at an early age will be supported. This class will teach various ways to use imagery and narrative skills to support the process of reading and writing. We will discuss how the importance of personal connections is in the narrative process.

Play and the Outdoors: What's New Under the Sun?

The many sights, sounds, smells, and textures of the outdoors make it a natural classroom, and one that fits the exuberant gross motor, construction play, and symbolic play instincts of children. Whether your class has grassy areas to enjoy or piles of dirt or plain cement sidewalks, the kinds of questions children can ask and answer are endless. Come to this class and learn how to make sure that children's exposure to the outdoors and its ever-changing wonders is woven into the core of your curriculum.

Playful Pursuits

Play is an essential part of child development. Through play, children acquire many skills that contribute to their success. Find out how you can skillfully guide and expand children's learning through play and have fun doing it!

Positive Strategies for Children with Sensory Integration Challenges

Every child is unique and needs to feel valued in the world. Sometimes we can lose sight of those things during day to day routines. In this training, we will discuss the challenges that come with sensory integration. Often times children that struggle with processing this information are labeled with behavior problems. Children need to be active to learn spatial awareness indoors and out. We will discover how varied body movements can help children process sensory information. We are also reminded of the need for children to interact and explore with nature. Children remind us that life can be just one big sensory experience and we need to value how each of us process information.

Preparing Parents for Change

Parents sometimes experience different levels of anxiety when leaving their children in our care. It is important to remember that parents, just like children, need to be informed of changes that are occurring and may need ample time to adjust to the changes. In this training, we will discuss how to keep our parents current on changes that may be occurring, whether they are big or small, because they can affect parents in the same ways they affect children. Parents need to be given the same information and guidance that we give children. In doing so, we gain parents' trust and lessen the anxieties they may be experiencing. By involving parents, we are strengthening the bond and giving parents the respect they deserve.

Reality Bites

Children biting other children is at once the most common and the most difficult repercussion of children in childcare. It happens even in the best of programs. When it happens, it is often scary, frustrating, and very stressful for children, parents, and teachers. Come and explore the different perspectives from which one might view biting behavior in the classroom, including the child's perspective, the family's perspective, and the teacher's perspective.

Reducing the Wiggles

We will examine why children might have trouble focusing in the classroom and ways to harness this energy for learning opportunities. The techniques learned in this class will also help providers who have children with ADHD symptoms.

Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the leading cause of death for infants 1 month to 12 months of age. The Safe Slumber presentation defines Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), identifies how to create a safe sleep environment, and familiarizes educators, parents and child care providers with SIDS/SUID and what steps can be taken to reduce SIDS and SUID. Participants will discuss definitions and statistics of SIDS/SUID and address bereavement issues related to infant mortality.

Scaffolding Learning

Do you have a hard time helping children understand a concept or complete an activity? This class will help you learn ways to acknowledge a student's starting point and provide you the steps to help a child complete and succeed in their tasks.

Schedules, routines and Transitions

Transitions can be stressful times for young children and can provoke challenging behaviors. Consistent classroom schedules and established routines provide predictability which enables children to learn. This class focuses on strategies that promote smooth transitions between classroom activities and routines and the use of a daily schedule, one feature of a well-organized classroom

Setting the Stage for Play, Learning, and Fun

For Quality Cruises - Magazines, Pinterest, Google. All great resources for getting ideas for arranging and decorating your child care spaces. But beyond pretty, do you know how the elements of your child care areas effect child development, interactions, and your sanity? Come to this session to explore the multitude of ways your environment effects children; what messages your environment sends to the families you serve; how to review your own setup; and some creative ideas to implement.

Signs & Symptoms of Childhood Illnesses

A lively discussion that will familiarize you with childhood illnesses and what measures you will need to take to prevent the spread of illness through disinfection, hand-washing and food-borne illness. You will also learn the signs and symptoms of illness in the children that you care for. You will leave with a better understanding of the process by which you must report illnesses and to which agencies to report them.

Supporting Constructive Play in the Wild

Constructive play allows children to manipulate materials for building, creating, and making. It is more than just outdoor motor play. Children build self-confidence and when given the opportunity to engage in constructive play. Often times this type of constructive play is forgotten or limited in outdoor environments. This training will go over the different types of equipment and materials you can use to implement a constructive play outdoor environment.

The Impact of Sensory Integration

Magical moments can occur at any given time if we carefully plan it out. Everyone process? sensory experiences differently. We need to understand the cause and effect integrating sensory experiences into the environment can have both positively and negatively. In this training, we will touch on the importance of sparking that willingness to take appropriate risks. We will discuss how to implement sensory experiences and the affect it has on those in the environment. We will learn how to become engaged in stimulating activities that cater to the world and the possibilities of lifelong discoveries through creativity and connections.

The Importance of Nutrition for Children's Well-Being

Nutrition is a global concern and it also crucial to a child's healthy development. It is important that we learn about the ways to provide healthy nutrition to our children and the ways in which our nutrition can affect them. In this training we will discuss how to provide nutritional food to children and become more knowledgeable and skillful on the concerns of our nation. This can cause dramatic affects to children, either through malnutrition or obesity. Let's learn how to facilitate good nutritional habits so we can help reduce nutritional diseases and morbidity.

The Instrument Connection

Exposing young children to the magical possibilities of musical instruments contributes to children's growth and development. Through instrument play children learn how to express themselves creatively. Children need the freedom to explore the possibilities that playing instruments provide. In this training, we will explore with different types of instruments and learn how each benefits a child's development. This training is a fun, interactive way for us to all learn just how important music really is when it comes to children.

The Power of Observation

It is easy to create judgements about teachers, children, or environments when conducting observations. Every single early childhood environment is unique to the program staff, families, and children. It is important to remember to keep an open-mind and always be accepting of others' views and cultural differences. In this training, we will discuss how to be supportive of each program because each teacher and child is unique and different. We will also learn what communication errors look like and how to show appreciation towards others. This training will help reset your view.

The Power of Scientific Inquiry

Children are natural science seekers. We must provide intentional opportunities for children to discover and explore the world around us. In this training, we will learn how children gather information through scientific inquiry. We will discuss how to label the observations children make, in order to create a deeper understanding of the world around them. We don't need to be scientists to help children feel the wonder of the natural world.

The Seeds of Dramatic Play

Infants and Toddlers learn by interacting with the world around them. Through dramatic play experiences, both the child and the adult experience a special sense of warmth and appreciation for one another. These connections lead to a broader knowledge of physical, social-emotional, language and cognitive development. Come to this class to learn engaging and interactive ways to help facilitate infant and toddler dramatic play.

Transforming Your Outdoor Space

Would you like to spend more time outdoors? Do you feel you have to stay inside to teach the children? Don't! This class will teach how to transform your outdoor space into an outdoor classroom. We will learn the benefits of an outdoor classroom, steps to create it, and brainstorm an action plan for you to easily implement.

Using Materials You Already Have for Multiple Activities and Objectives

Have you ever used eggs to teach math fundamentals? What about using pom poms and construction paper to teach one to one correspondence. This event will encourage you to turn on your creative side to re-use materials and give them new objectives, to enhance your developmentally appropriate activities. You will also learn a six step process to ensure each child receives the intentional learning desired.

Water World

Children are naturally curious about the world around them, especially water! We find water in our daily lives. Let's utilize the children's natural state of curiosity into meaningful memories. This session will prepare you to help children explore how water moves, where we find water, and many easy water experiences that will encourage scientific thinking.

What Does Assessment Mean in Early Childhood Education

Assessments are an important method we use to gather ongoing information about children's development. There are many different purposes used for assessments but our main objective is to think about each child's progress and if the appropriate learning strategies are being used for that child. In this training, we will look at different assessment methods and what to do with the information gathered. When taking an intrinsic look at how children learn we are working to provide high quality early childhood education programs.

What Does it Mean to be "School Ready?"

When it comes to school readiness there are many definitions used to describe it. Simply, school readiness means equipping children with the appropriate skills, knowledge and experiences that will allow them to become independent learners. Preparing children to be independent learners is also providing them with the tools to become productive members of society. In this training, we will learn about the history behind school readiness, current trends and theories in the school readiness debate. We will discuss what it means to be school ready in a developmentally appropriate early childhood environment.

What's so Positive about Positive Discipline?

Teachers want children to share, care, and take responsibility for their thoughts and actions. This does not happen overnight. We cannot simply wave a magic wand and have all the challenging behaviors disappear. We, as early childhood professionals, must look at all the underlying causes. Has there been a major change in home life, is there enough options for gross motor movement, or are we setting a good example in how we treat others? We will take a complete look at ourselves and our programs during this training. You must ask yourself what greater legacy could you leave for these children? It is through the repetition of positive, loving guidance that we teach children the skills they need for life. In this training, we will discuss how to teach children the art of respect, the power of giving choices, and how to prevent situations that lead to challenging behaviors.

Workplace Ethics

Both you and your employees face ethical dilemmas everyday in the workplace. In this workshop, participants will explore and discuss the keys to create and motivate ethical behavior

World of Weather

Does the concept of weather engage your children? Are your children fascinated with hands on experimentation? This class will teach you how to create a lesson plan based on the weather concepts! You will practice hands on weather related experiments, learn vocabulary related to the science of weather, and walk away with a number of experiences for you to use and implement into your curriculum.

Understanding
Children's Anger

Young children communicate through their emotions. Those emotions can range from overly excited to extremely angry. Inappropriate behaviors often stem from one of those extreme emotions. It is our responsibility to understand that inappropriate expression of emotion has an underlying issue. During this training, we will focus on children's anger. We will discuss underlying causes of anger in children. Then focus on strategies to help children work through their anger appropriately.

Training Report

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