

2014 Early Childhood Educators' Spring Conference

Please arrive around 7:30am for registration, breakfast and opening remarks from the Child Care Council. First session will begin promptly at 8am

Session 1 8am-9:30am

A. Why Can't You Behave???

Instructor: Nicole Dillon

There are so many things to do with children, songs to sing and games to play and blocks to build with. We know children learn through play and hands on experience but often as adults we get so focused on behavior and trying to get the children to just listen that we do not have the time nor the energy left to put everything into the learning experiences. This session will give caregivers a good foundation of 7 skills to be used in managing behavior in children, regardless of the age of the children or the specific behavior challenges you face. The same 7 principles apply to getting a 2 year old to lay down for nap, getting a 4 year old to eat their vegetables and getting a 7 year old to do homework.

OCFS: 1 & 3

CBK: 1.2 & 1.3

B. Explore! With The Eyes of a Child!

Instructor: Ellen Olson

Did you ever have a certain lesson plan in mind for the day, only to have that "teachable moment" occur that took you in a whole new direction? That is a good thing! And this workshop is more of that good thing...it will transport you back to be that inquisitive little child you once were, to a time when you could explore something of interest in depth without fear of being wrong. Learn to use the strategy of following a child's natural instinct and wonder to painlessly incorporate the concepts of math, literacy, technology, consequences and science into your day.

OCFS: 1 & 3

CBK: 1.4, 1.5, 1.8, 2.3, 3.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8 & 4.9

C. Marketing Your Child Care

Instructor: Courtney Jenne

Time-saving and cost-effective tips to get your child care out into the eyes of the public. This workshop will be a mixture of demonstration and open-discussion that will show you the ins and outs of setting up and maintaining social media outlets for business, making visually pleasing print-materials and managing your time effectively while doing so.

OCFS: 5

CBK: 7.3, 7.4 & 7.5

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Session 2 9:40am-11:10am

A. Will You Be Ready?

Instructor: Nicole Dillon

There are some things in life that can be unpredictable, and recently our area has experienced examples of unpredictable weather events like flooding, high winds, snow, freezing temperatures and even tornadoes. Even for things that are out of our control, there are some things we can do to ensure we are ready when they do come. This session will talk about the different events that can occur in our area and then give practical tips and techniques for ensuring your family and your business are ready. You will walk away with lists of things to gather, papers to keep on hand in a safe place, and information on doing evacuation drills and shelter-in-place drills with your family and program.

OCFS: 4 & 5

CBK: 5.7, 7.1 & 7.5

B. Breastfeeding Friendly Daycare

Instructors: Krista Drake & Richelle Singer

Going back to work after having a baby is never easy for parents, and breastfeeding moms have added challenges to work through. Having a successful breastfeeding relationship with your baby includes having an understanding and solid support from your child care provider. This session will review the benefits of breast milk, storing breast milk to child care, creating a feeding schedule with parents and assisting in getting reimbursement from the Child and Adult Care Food Program for feeding breastmilk to baby. The agreement between the parents and you will help to ensure a long and healthy breastfeeding relationship with baby.

OCFS: 2 & 4

CBK: 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 5.9 & 5.11

C. The Power of Observation

Instructor: Susan Calandra

We all know that in order to comprehend young children we must begin by observing them as they play. But what do we see as we observe, and how do we use our observations to enhance our effectiveness? Participants will watch videos of children in action and practice the strategies suggested. Learn to use observation to prevent problems, ways to solve problems and ways to work collaboratively with parents.

OCFS: 1 & 4

CBK: 3.1, 3.3 & 3.6

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Lunch (catered by Roly Poly) will be held from 1pm-1:30pm and is included in full day registration.

Session 3 11:20am-12:50pm

A. School's Out...The Kids are Here ALL DAY???

Instructor: Richelle Singer

It's almost summertime, and that means your children will need something to keep their brains occupied with all of the free time they have! Come and learn activities to keep the kids busy. Let's have summer be a 4-D experience instead of a flat screen one!!

OCFS: 3

CBK: 4.8, 4.9 & 4.11

B. Make&Take: Prosocial Play

Instructor: Arlene Brouillette

Are you concerned that your child's superhero play promotes aggression or is too rough-and-tumble? Recent research indicates that this type of play is linked to brain development. Learn how to support your child's superhero play in a productive and creative way. The presentation will end by making a basic cape that can be used to promote this type of creative play.

OCFS: 1 & 3

CBK: 1.8 & 4.8

C. Regulations for FDC/GFDC

Instructor: Nicole Dillon

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Session 4 1:40pm-3:10pm

A. Compassion: Learn it, Teach it, Share it!

Instructor: Tammy Ablang

Humane Education encourages society to prevent violence and helps children apply concepts of respect and kindness toward animals and one another. Learning about the importance and using it empowers children to realize that they can make a difference. It motivates young people to become involved in a cause and to advocate for animals. This training will help you as a parent to encourage children to be responsible, compassionate and inclusive. You will gain an understanding of the meaning of humane education and how to incorporate it into your home.

OCFS: 1 & 3

CBK: 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 1.6, 4.8 & 4.9

B. Fast Food Frenzy

Instructors: Richelle Singer & Melanie Adams

So you've been hit with 'The Crave'... you take a hike (or your bike) to the nearest fast food joint to feed your need. Just what are you getting with your burger and fries? Usually more than you bargained for in fat! How do you please your taste buds but still keep your arteries clear? What about the kids? Come to this class to learn hands-on things that you can do with your school age children to teach them about nutrition.

OCFS: 2

CBK: 5.10 & 5.11

C. Bulletproof your Business

Instructor: Jay Scienza

A dream of ours becoming a reality is one of the most fulfilling events we will ever experience. Opening our business, like a daycare, is more than just making money; it's an accomplishment. But what happens when we get "shot at" by the financial challenges of running a business? We know we have a passion and ability to care for children. Quite often businesses, including daycares, close their doors, not because of lack of knowledge in caring for children, but due to lack of knowledge in caring for a business. In this session you will learn how to plan to be a success in business, how to avoid many financial challenges businesses face, and how to address and overcome negative financial surprise. You have the desire and knowledge to care for children. Allow that to be continued through increasing your knowledge in running the business end of a daycare.

OCFS: 5

CBK: 7.5