

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS



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ANNUAL TRAINING & RENEWALS **PRICE VARIES**

CPR & First Aid, ITS SIDS, Playground Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR).
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CUSTOMIZED TRAINING SESSION **\$5 PER CREDIT HOUR PER PERSON (PRICE INCREASES AFTER JULY 1, 2024)**

Contact us to request a customized training session that meets your unique training needs at your site!

LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

LEVEL 1

Foundational early care and education knowledge. Ideal for educators and caregivers who are new to supporting the development of young children.

LEVEL 2

Best for educators and caregivers who have some experience and are ready to build on their foundational knowledge of early childhood education.

LEVEL 3

These offerings are intended for experienced early childhood practitioners who are ready to engage in deeper analytic and reflective practice.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY CLASSROOM **LEVELS 1-3, 16 CHCS, *COHORT MODEL ACCOMPANIED BY CLASSROOM COACHING , INQUIRE ABOUT PRICING AND SCHEDULING**

A 9-week session that encourages reflection on relationships within the classroom. Teachers will engage in this cohort-model offering to explore the importance of teachers in children's lives and learn to enhance observation and reflection skills. This session can be paired with regularly scheduled coaching using the COSC framework to deepen classroom practices.

TUNING IN TO INFANCY

LEVELS 1-2, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

How do infants grow and learn, and how can the adults in their lives support their development? Participants will learn to identify ways parents and teachers can stay "in tune" with infants as they grow physically and cognitively, and show emotional signals and cues leading to relationship building and strong social-emotional development.

MAKING MEANING OF BEHAVIOR **LEVELS 1 AND 2, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON**

Understanding early brain development is a critical component to observing and decoding child behavior. This training begins with a brief review of the development of preschool-age children followed by strategies for supporting children's social-emotional learning.

NORTH CAROLINA FOUNDATIONS OF EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (2-PART TRAINING)

LEVELS 1-2, 5 CHCS, \$25 PER PERSON

This two-part training will introduce participants to the NCFELD document so they can learn about the structure of the standards and how to implement them in early childhood settings. Participants will construct the knowledge base necessary to support children in their learning and development by embedding the standards in daily classroom planning and practice.

SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE: IMPROVING CIRCLE TIME IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

LEVELS 1-2, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

Day of the week, month of the year, weather...Are you tired of the same old circle time activities? Is it hard to keep your little wiggly friends engaged? Are you ready to consider some new approaches to circle time? This training asks participants to reflect on the why of their circle time content in order to reinvision the what and how.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS: INTEREST-BASED LESSON PLANNING FOR PRESCHOOLERS

LEVELS 1-2, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

This training introduces participants to interest-based lesson planning through the lens of developmentally appropriate practice and knowledge about how children learn. We focus on thinking critically about all the learning opportunities during daily routines, and how to incorporate children's interests to better support development and engagement for preschool-age children.

LET'S PLAY! PLAY-BASED LITERACY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

LEVELS 1-2, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

Early childhood educators will explore play-based literacy in this 1.5 hour workshop. Participants will develop an introductory level of the science behind how children 0-5 years start developing oral language and phonological awareness, and then workshop ways to infuse play-based learning centers with culturally-responsive elements, letter-sound awareness, vocabulary, and more.

RESPONSIVE CAREGIVING

LEVELS 1-2, 2 CHCS, \$10.00 PER PERSON

This training defines for participants the components, practices, and benefits of responsive caregiving when working with children birth-3. We discuss ways to create a supportive, emotionally responsive classroom community in order to strengthen relationships, give children a secure base, and diminish problematic behaviors caused by stress. We also consider the ways in which teacher behaviors and emotions effect the behavior of children.

BITING, HITTING AND PUSHING: TODDLERS AND THEIR BIG BODY BEHAVIORS

LEVELS 1-2, 1 CHC, \$5.00 PER PERSON

Though we know it is within developmental norms, big body behaviors from toddlers (such as pushing, hitting, biting, etc.) can be exhausting to educators. We want to support the development of the children in our care while also keeping others safe. Can we do both? Come bring your toughest cases as we chat through how to support your biting babes during this power hour training! **This training is best for novice early childhood educators working with children ages 11 months-36 months. **

SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SETTINGS

LEVELS 1-2, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

Many early childhood teachers are uncertain about why their classrooms are supposed to have a "science center" - often a shelf of books about animals, some sensory bottles, and an assortment of seashells and broken pine cones. How can you really teach "science" to such young children? But science in ECE is really about stimulating children's curiosity and exploration of the natural world. This training will offer concrete guidance about materials, lesson planning, and activities for young children to support their learning in developmentally appropriate, meaningful ways.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

LEVELS 1-2, 2 CHCS, \$10.00 PER PERSON

Participants will have an opportunity to learn how to engage children in outdoor spaces in a way that lessens opportunities for misbehavior. During this 2-hour training, we will review areas of development as they pertain to outdoor/gross motor learning and how staff can intentionally plan and design engaging activities in their spaces. A review of what is required for maximum safety and engagement is also covered in this hands-on training. *Training includes a portion to occur at center or home's outdoor play space.

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE POTTY TRAINING

LEVELS 1-2, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

Early childhood practitioners will learn to identify signs of "readiness" as well as different strategies for supporting the many different twists and turns that can happen during potty training. Other topics covered are how to consider appropriate expectations when creating your classroom and center potty-training policies and communicating and working together with families.

IT'S OK NOT TO SHARE: CHALLENGING MENTAL MODELS OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

LEVELS 2-3, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

As teachers, sometimes our old ways of thinking can end up getting in the way when it comes to supporting children's social play. Drawing from Heather Shumaker's book **It's OK NOT to Share** (2012), we will challenge our own mental models and rules of social behavior and learn how to structure our classroom and activities to promote the development of healthy, compassionate, self-sufficient, and competent kids.

USING TEACHER LANGUAGE TO EMPOWER CHILDREN

LEVELS 1-3, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

Sometimes it is not what you say, but how you say it! During this session we will discuss how to create nurturing environments that produce meaningful learning and connections through our use of emotionally responsive language. Discover new words, phrases, and routines to use in your classrooms that empower children to take risks in their learning and feel respected, supported, and validated.

MORE THAN A PLASTIC TACO: DESIGNING CULTURALLY INCLUSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTS

LEVELS 1-3, 2 CHCS, \$10.00 PER PERSON

Is your early childhood space intentionally designed to be inclusive of multilingual, racially and culturally diverse children? Do you want to go beyond the "acceptance" items in ERS, and create spaces designed with diversity in mind? In this essential training, we will reflect on our own biases and beliefs about language, culture and race in order to consider ways we can build nurturing and welcoming spaces for all children and families in our care.

THE MAGIC OF LIGHT PLAY AND PROVOCATIONS

LEVELS 1-3, 2 CHCS, \$10.00 PER PERSON

Using examples from the Reggio-Emilia approach to inquiry and experiential learning, this session will teach you how to integrate opportunities for exploring with light in your classroom. We will provide examples of materials and provocations to inspire learning and a sense of wonder..

BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY CHILDCARE

LEVELS 1-3, 2 CHCS, \$10.00 PER PERSON

This training will offer child care directors and staff an opportunity to learn about the importance of breastfeeding and how to create an environment that supports breastfeeding. Human milk is the perfect food for infants to nourish them, protect them from illness, and is sufficient to support optimal growth and development. This training will encourage directors and staff to make a commitment to the importance of breastfeeding. Staff will receive training on the importance of breastfeeding, how to provide a breastfeeding friendly environment, and how to develop a sustainable feeding plan with each family. Training will be provided on the proper handling and feeding of mother's milk, as well as how to ensure that families are able to properly store and label milk for child care center use. Centers will receive written materials for the center use, as well as resources to be shared with families.

DEMYSTIFYING THE ERS

LEVELS 1-3, 2 CHCS, \$10.00 PER PERSON

Choose this training if your staff is in need of a beginning overview or refresher around the Environmental Rating Scales process. This training covers an overarching description of the process, reviews commonly low-scoring items, and considerations that can help you ensure your ITERS and ECERS spaces are in great shape!

CREATING INTENTIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

LEVELS 1-3, 1.5 CHCS, \$7.50 PER PERSON

Are you feeling stuck with your current room arrangement and materials? Do you want to expand the possibilities for play and learning within your classroom walls? This workshop will use an inquiry lens to discover how you can modify your classroom space to be responsive to the needs and interests of your age group of children. This session will take place at your site, where you can apply your new thinking and skills directly to your classroom space. *Choose to focus this training on either indoor or outdoor spaces when inquiring.

Administrators can attend any training free with registration of their staff! Contact training@buncombepfc.org with any inquiries.