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a monthly e-newsletter for Delaware's early childhood and school age programs



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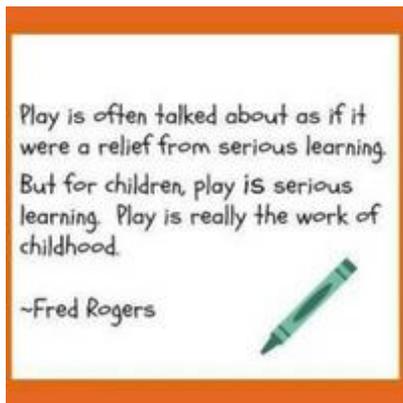


You're here for Delaware's children and families.
We're here for YOU!



Introducing... "Play for Development and Learning Plus"

New Workshop Includes Quality Assured Coaching



Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in this new workshop that will be piloted this fall and

Delaware First News

Online Application Coming This Fall

The application for the Delaware First Program, the professional development system for early child care and school-age programs, will be available online this fall.

Delaware First staff will be assisting program participants during the next year to transition from paper applications and documentation to submitting online applications and uploading documents. Various assistance and supports will be available to assist applicants during this transition. This change is necessary to allow for faster processing of applications, resulting in more timely qualification certificates being issued.

To this end, Delaware First staff will hold public information sessions to acquaint everyone with the new online application. These sessions are for teachers, center and program administrators, Delaware First participants, and anyone who will be using Delaware First and needs to learn how to navigate the new online application. Please plan to attend any of the following sessions to learn more:

for the first time include quality assured coaching. The workshop "Play for Development and Learning Plus" is for early childcare professionals who work with children ages three through six.

At the workshop, you will explore the characteristics, value, and benefits of play and its connection to learning. It includes practical application of how to guide intentional play. Additionally, effective teaching practices related to play are identified.

Coaching Follow Up

Research shows that with coaching, teaching practice is more likely to improve after attending a workshop.

As follow up to this workshop, you will have the opportunity to work with a coach to set a goal and create an action plan based on the teaching practices you learned. Details on the coaching portion of the training are at the end of this publication.

Also, for participation in this workshop you will receive incentives such as books, videos, gift cards, and prop boxes filled with dramatic play materials.

Sign up at <https://dieecpd.org/registry/calendar> to be a part of this pilot.

Teaching Strategies GOLD – News & Updates

New Checkpoint Dates

Please note that the Checkpoint dates for 2018-2019 are **November 15th, March 15th and June 15th**. These dates are different from previous years so be sure to mark your calendars.

If you have any questions, contact Jen Potts, jpotts@udel.edu, Curriculum & Assessment Technical Assistant.

Gold Delaware Helpline

If you need technical support, please contact Teaching Strategies' Help Desk at: 1-888-352-4653. The phone line is for **Delaware users only**.

If your issue isn't resolved after five business days, contact Jen Potts by email with your:

- ◆ August 21 - Three Information Sessions
 - ◇ Kent County - Collette Education Resource Building, 35 Commerce Way, Dover
 - ◇ 1-3 p.m., 4-6 p.m., 6-8 p.m.
- ◆ August 22 - Three Information Sessions
 - ◇ Sussex County - Georgetown Public Library, 123 West Pine Street, Georgetown
 - ◇ 1-3 p.m., 4-6 p.m., 6-8 p.m.
- ◆ August 27 - Three Information Sessions
 - ◇ New Castle County - De State Police Troop 2, 100 Lagrange Avenue, Newark
 - ◇ 1-3 p.m., 4-6 p.m., 6-8 p.m.

Two documents with additional information are attached to the end of this publication:

Delaware First Online Application Flyer

IMS Request Account Delaware First

For questions about the new Delaware First Online Application, please contact Carmen Gallagher, Office of Early Learning, at 302-735-4295.

Announcing "Calendar Section"

What's Happening in August!

On an ongoing basis, REACH will include a designated section of a calendar of events for the coming month. This will include a variety of events and activities - that are often free - for you as well as the children in your program.



See what's on tap for August calendar at the end of this publication.

Infant Sleeping Safety

New Safe Sleeping Tool

Still, close to 3,500 babies die unexpectedly and suddenly from sleep-related deaths every year. This number is astounding and points to the need to continually educate care givers about safe sleep practices.

Following are resources that provide practical tips and applications for ensuring babies sleep safely. These

1. NAME
2. USERNAME (Teaching Strategies Login)
3. PROGRAM NAME
4. DATE you originally reached out to Teaching Strategies Help Desk
5. DESCRIPTION of your concern or issue

DIEEC staff will work directly with Teaching Strategies staff to reiterate the urgency of your concern.



Dates Set for Assessment Workshops

Mark Your Calendar Now

Plan now for attending assessment training by registering for the following:

- "Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing the Lens" - Six Hours
- "Advanced Assessment for Administrators: Data Driven Decision Making" - Six Hours
- "Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice" - Six Hours
- "Advanced Assessment for Teachers: Purposeful Planning" - Six Hours

For all details including dates, times, and locations click here.

Keep up with our Quality Assured training sessions by following us on Facebook.



resources are also great conversation starters to use with parents who have other practices.

Included in this video is an interactive teaching tool to help engage families in conversations about what safe sleep looks like and why it is important. The video is available at: <https://www.nichq.org/how-safe-sleep-savvy-are-you>

Additionally, this article outlines step by step tactics to counter challenging reasons care givers may have for unsafe sleep practices.

https://www.nichq.org/insight/conversations-can-stop-sleep-related-infant-deaths?utm_campaign=Newsletters

Personnel Update

Professional Development Adds New Staff Member



Welcome to Marcie DiGregorio, the newest staff member in DIEEC- Professional Development. Marcie's role as a PD coordinator is to help develop quality-assured coaching and to instruct, in addition to creating new professional development.

Her background includes 11 years of teaching in the public school system as a special education teacher where much of her career was focused on literacy intervention and behavioral modifications. Through her research, Marcie established best practices to set her students up for success while advocating for more effective, inclusive classrooms. She leveraged her expertise by coaching other teachers working with classified students.

Marcie holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's of education in special education.

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Dare to be first.





Play for Development and Learning PLUS

This workshop PLUS coaching is a great opportunity to learn more about child development through play, polish teaching practices, reflect on the children's experiences, and practice intentional teaching through play. Participate in 6 Quality Assured hours of professional development in the Play for Development and Learning workshop where you'll explore teaching practices related to play, then receive 4 Quality Assured hours for small group coaching sessions which focus on your implementation of those teaching practices.

Here's what you do:

Register dieecpd.org

Find dates and locations that are convenient to you and register today! This signs you up for the workshop only.



Free book for participating!

Participate in workshop

Learn about the importance of play in child learning and development; the characteristics and theoretical base of play; and how to implement guided play in three, 2-hour sessions.



Record your practice

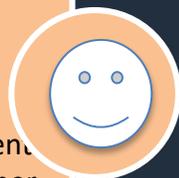
Once you work a bit on your goal (i.e. teaching vocabulary during dramatic play), video about 5-15 minutes of your practice (i.e. footage of you playing "grocery store" with children and introducing the words "receipt," "produce," and "cashier"). Upload your video onto a secure, encrypted site for your coach to view.



Gift card for uploading!

Watch your teaching practices improve!

Push yourself to meet your goals and be confident in your teaching practices! Congratulate yourself on your improvement and watch your children benefit from higher quality play!



Receive an email and follow the link to register for coaching

You'll get an email that contains helpful information on coaching and a separate registration link.



Chat with your coach

The instructor of the workshop is also your coach! You'll need to have a 20-minute or so conversation with her about your needs and work with her to set some goals related to play.



Prop box for participating!

Participate in small group coaching sessions

Watch short clips of the submitted videos from those participants who feel comfortable sharing. Reflect and discuss the good teaching practices seen in the videos. Get feedback to help make your play experiences even better!



Gift card for participating!

Let us know what you think

Participate in a short interview about this process to give us valuable feedback about what you liked and what you think we should change.



Visit our website for times and locations:

DIEECPD.ORG



Upcoming DIEEC Assessment Workshops Register Today!!

All Classes
Cost: \$20 Per Person
Quality Assured Hours Hours: 6

Advanced Assessment for Teachers: Purposeful Planning - 6 HOURS

@ Adams State Service Center, Georgetown

Saturday 4/6/2019 9:30AM-4:00PM

@ DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, Dover

Saturday 4/27/2019 9:30AM-4:00PM

@ Hudson State Service Center, Newark

Saturday 2/23/2019 9:30AM-4:00PM

****Attending Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice PRIOR to Purposeful Planning is recommended.**

Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing The Lens—6 Hours

@ Adams State Service Center, Georgetown

Tuesday 10/2 & Thursday 10/4/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Tuesday 11/27 & Thursday 11/29/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Tuesday 3/12 & Thursday 3/14/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

@ DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, Dover

Saturday 9/15/2018 9:30AM-4:00PM or

Monday 12/10 & Wednesday 12/12/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Tuesday 5/21 & Thursday 5/23/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

@ Hudson State Service Center, Newark

Monday 10/1 & Wednesday 10/3/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Saturday 11/3/2018 9:30AM-4:00PM or

Tuesday 1/29 & Thursday 1/31/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

Advanced Assessment for Administrators: Data Driven Decision Making - 6 HOURS

@ Adams State Service Center, Georgetown

Tuesday 5/7 & Thursday 5/9/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

@ DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, Dover

Saturday 3/16/2019 9:30AM-4:00PM

@ Hudson State Service Center, Newark

Tuesday 5/7 & Thursday 5/9/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

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DIEEC Permanent Training Locations:

Adams State Service Center, 546 Bedford Street, Georgetown

DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, 655 Bay Rd, Ste 1 E, Dover

Hudson State Service Center, 501 Ogletown Rd, Newark

**TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.DIEECPD.ORG
OR CALL US AT (302) 831-3239**

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Tuesday 10/23 & Thursday 10/25/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Tuesday 12/11 & Thursday 12/13/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Saturday 5/18/2018 9:30AM-4:00PM

@ DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, Dover

Monday 9/17 & Wednesday 9/19/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Tuesday 10/9 & Thursday 10/11/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Monday 11/26 & 11/28/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM

Monday 2/11 & Wednesday 2/13/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

@ Hudson State Service Center, Newark

Tuesday 9/4 & Thursday 9/6/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Saturday 10/20/2018 9:30AM-4:00PM or

Tuesday 12/4 & Thursday 12/6/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM or

Implementing Teaching Strategies Gold - 6 HOURS

***Private Training—Please call to register**

**@University of Delaware—Downtown Center,
13 E 8th Street, Wilmington DE
New Castle County**

Saturday 9/22/2018—9:00AM-4:00PM or

Saturday 11/10/2018—9:00AM-4:00PM or

Saturday 2/9/19—9:00AM-4:00PM or

Saturday 4/13/2019—9:00AM-4:00PM

**@Polytech High School, 823 Walnut Shade Rd,
Woodside DE—Kent County**

Tuesday 9/25 & Thursday 9/27/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM

Tuesday 11/13 & Thursday 11/15/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM

Tuesday 2/5 & Thursday 2/7/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

Tuesday 4/23 & Thursday 4/25/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

**@Sussex Central High School, 26026 Patriots Way,
Georgetown—Sussex County**

Tuesday 9/18 & Thursday 9/20/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM

Tuesday 11/6 & Thursday 11/8/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM

Tuesday 2/19 & Thursday 2/21/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

Tuesday 4/16 & Thursday 4/19/2019 6:30PM-9:30PM

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DELAWARE FIRST ONLINE APPLICATION COMING SOON!

Register today for your IMS Account Access

What You Need To Know:

- An Online Application website is being created for the Delaware First Qualification Program
- The Online Application will be available in September 2018 for early learning professionals to create a profile and apply/update their early learning teaching qualifications (Intern -Admin.)
- In order to access the Online Application website you will need an IMS (Identity Management System) Account
- Online access (through an IMS account) will be required for early learning professionals to receive qualifications by August 2019



What You Need To Do:

- In July:
 - Request and receive your IMS Account by visiting:
<https://pubapps.doe.k12.de.us/sso/petitionacctdpec.aspx>
 - Call 302-735-4140 to resolve any problems you may have in setting up your IMS account
- In August:
 - Attend any of the following two-hour Public Information Sessions to learn how to set up an IMS Account, create a profile and apply for a qualification:
 - **Kent Co.:** August 21, 2018 Collette Education Building, 35 Commerce Way, Dover - 1-3 pm, 4-6 pm or 6-8 pm
 - **Sussex Co.:** August 22, 2018 - Georgetown Public Library, 123 West Pine Street, Georgetown - 1-3 pm, 4-6 pm or 6-8 pm
 - **New Castle Co.** - August 27, 2018, De State Police Troop 2, 100 LaGrange Ave, Newark -1-3 pm, 4-6 pm or 6-8 pm
- In September:
 - Go to the Online Application to create a profile, apply for a qualification, print certificates and check the status of pending applications



Questions? Call the Delaware First Office at 302-735-4236

August 2018

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5	6 <u>Buena Vista Movie Night on the Lawn</u>	7	8 <u>End of Summer Party & ice cream social, New Castle Library</u>	9	10	11 <u>Kent County's Fa- ther & Family Com- munity Wellness</u>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <u>Backpack Givea- way, Wilmington</u>	22	23 <u>Growing Healthy Fami- lies—Community Health Screening Event (Dover)</u>	24	25 <u>Back 2 School Festi- val, Bridgeville</u>
26	27	28	29	30	31	