

REACH

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!



New Workshop Offering

Supporting Relationships in Mixed Age Environments

You told us that you needed support in fostering relationships of children of different ages. We heard you and created "Supporting Relationships in Mixed Age Environments." Take a look at this video to learn more.

Register by going to our website, <https://dieecpd.org/registry/calendar> or by calling 302-831-6764.

Holiday Greetings!

Wishing You a Warm and Wonderful Holiday!

At this time of year, it's easy to get caught up with the busyness and the excitement of the season. We wanted to pause and thank you for all you do, day in and day out, for the children of Delaware. Your tireless dedication in improving the quality of care for our earliest learners is sincerely appreciated.



Stars News

Capacity Grant & Supplemental Funding Deadline Approaching

The next deadline for programs applying for the Capacity Grant through Children & Families First is **January 26, 2018**.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jif8G-GAK8Y&feature=youtu.be>

Final Training Opportunity for Current Teaching Strategy Gold Users

If you were unable to participate in an in-person GOLD Upgrade session, training is still available online.

The online "Introducing MyTeachingStrategies" course (available under the Develop area in your online GOLD account) will be Quality Assured through the end of December 2017. After the new year, you are still able to take the course but it will NO LONGER be Quality Assured.

Credential Updates - Important News

Please read the flyer at the back of this publication for important details related to managing your credentials for 2018.

Ages and Stages Development Screening

PD Training Dates Set!

As you know, developmental screening is an important component of a well-rounded child assessment system. It is used to document aspects of a child's development, while identifying children who may be at risk for developmental concerns.

The Ages & Stages Developmental Screening system is approved through the DE Office of Early Learning. The training has been revised, and there are now two Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) topics on the DIEEC PD calendar beginning in December 2017:

- Introduction to the Ages & Stages Questionnaires-Developmental Screening

The Capacity Grant provides resources to enhance the quality and expand the supply of child care. Target areas for funding are:

1. Children who need care during non-traditional hours;
2. Children who are English language learners;
3. Children with special needs; and
4. Infants and toddlers.

The January 26, 2018 round will also include Supplemental Funding to enhance nutritional and/or physical activity environments.

Visit the Children & Families First website (<http://www.cffde.org/>) for FAQs with details about eligibility requirements and for application.

Contact Andrea Prettyman, the Capacity Grant Program Manager, or call on 302-233-6475 with questions.



Making College Affordable Through T.E.A.C.H.

If you're considering pursuing a degree in early childhood education, T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) can help. The T.E.A.C.H. scholarship is available for anyone working in a licensed child care facility in the state who makes less than \$15/hr (\$20/hr for administration) and is looking to earn an early childhood degree.

T.E.A.C.H. pays 85% of your tuition, reimburses 90% of book costs, and provides a \$75 travel stipend each semester. Also, after T.E.A.C.H. recipients successfully complete their annual contract, they are awarded a \$350 bonus! Additional funds also are available to assist with the assessment fee for the CDA.

Registration for Spring classes have begun at all Delaware colleges and universities. Funds are currently available with no wait list.

Applications can be found on the deaeyc website, <https://deaeyc.org/resources/>.

Tools (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2). This 3-hour training will focus on the importance of developmental screening, exploring and using the ASQ tools, translating the results, and understanding how to integrate families into the process.

- Interpreting the ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2. This 3-hour training will focus on the interpretation of screening outcomes, communicating sensitive results, and how to navigate the referral process.

Keep in mind, the developmental screening standard (LO1) is an Essential Standard for Star 4 and Star 5 programs when re-verifying or advancing to the next Star level. This standard also requires all screenings resulting from using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE2) to be completed and entered in the ASQ online system to earn credit.

The "Introduction" topic is currently scheduled for December 18th (Dover) and again on January 23rd (Newark). Go to <https://dieecpd.org/registry/calendar> for more information and registration details.

Dates for the "Interpreting" workshop will be released soon. A limited number of on-site sessions can also be arranged upon request by early childhood programs.

Contact Andrea Prettyman, andrea.prettyman@cffde.org or call at 302-233-6475 with any questions.

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Please call the deaeyc Office at (302) 764-1501 with any questions for Michelle Spencer.

Play Builds Important Emotional/Social Skills

Children build important skills and increase resiliency through the power of play. It is an important tool in their healthy growth and development. In addition, play facilitates positive interactions like feeling/showing gratitude that binds people together and creates happiness. A significant key to well-being is the ability to maintain close relationships - play is a critical building block in this process.

Ultimately, children who develop resiliency and social-emotional skills along with relationships with caring adults can counter adverse childhood experiences.

Check out this article for a broader discussion on the importance of play. <https://health.usnews.com/health-care/for-better/articles/2017-11-08/the-power-of-play-in-childrens-health>

Library Storytime Outreach Available

The Brandywine Hundred Library is offering a limited number of FREE storytimes to family child care programs in the 19803 and 19810 zip codes. A library storyteller will come to your program to deliver an age-appropriate 20-30 minute storytime for your kids, and to promote the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Contact Bernadette Davis at bdavis@nccde.org or (302) 477-3150 for more information and to schedule a visit.

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New!

Creating Credential Pathways through Higher Education

Updates effective
January 1, 2018



NEW! Higher Education Pathway Resources available online, for ALL Early Childhood Credentials! ONLINE NOW!



The "Credential through Portfolio" option will no longer be available for any Credential.



Community based training will no longer be accepted towards any Credential.



All outstanding Portfolios need to be submitted by July 1, 2018.

Additional questions should be directed to
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