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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!



Plan Your Professional Development

Now's the perfect time to build your professional development plan for 2018. Check out our new workshops on Resilience and Supporting in Mixed Age Environments.

The complete training calendar is available at <https://dieecpd.org/registry/calendar>

The schedule for Assessment Workshops for the coming year is

Happy New Year!

Welcome 2018

The new year often means making new goals, renewing commitments and refreshing your spirit. Delaware Stars remains steadfastly

committed to our goal - *to invest in participating programs to increase access to high quality care for all of Delaware's children, especially those from low-income families.*

We are here to partner with you to improve the quality of care for children. Reach out to your TA or contact us at 302-831-4343 to include Stars in your goals of continuous quality improvement.



on the back page of this publication. Get a jump start on your PD and plan now.

Save the Date!

"Making a Difference" Conference

April 13th & 14th

Mark your calendar now for the "Making a Difference" Conference to be held on April 13th and 14th. The annual conference for early childhood professionals will be at the DTCC Terry Campus in Dover.

Registration opens Thursday, February 1, 2018.

Credential Updates - Important News

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

Ages and Stages PD Follow Up Information

As we communicated in the last issue of REACH, the Ages & Stages Developmental Screening system has been revised. There are now two Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) topics on the DIEEC PD calendar.

This change has surfaced new questions related to the training. Following is more information we hope you find helpful.

- The former six-hour "How to administer and Score the

Stars News

New Process and Training Changes for 2018

There are several important changes to note in Stars' processes and training.

1. As we communicated in the last REACH, the **Ages & Stages Training** has been revised, and there are now two Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) topics on the DIEEC PD calendar at www.dieecpd.org.

Introduction to the Ages & Stages Questionnaires- Developmental Screening 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 for centers, LO2 for family care providers) is an Essential Standard for Star 4 and Star 5 programs when verifying or re-verifying. This standard also requires all developmental screenings completed with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3 and ASQ: SE2) to be entered in the ASQ online system.

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

2. **Verification and Assessment Communication Change**
Your Verification and Assessment (V&A) results and feedback will now be emailed directly to you from our V & A Manager, Alvita Kelly, with your TA copied. This change will provide you with a direct contact to reach out to with specific questions regarding the verification process and/or results.

Contact Alvita Kelly at adkelly@udel.edu or call at 302-985-3212 with any questions.

3. **Verification - Blackout Days** As you know, when you request Verification, you may select up to seven blackout dates during the 60-day window. We recognize that at times, it may be a challenge to choose only seven days when you have a prescheduled break. To support you through this process, if a prescheduled break (spring break, holiday break, state observed holiday) falls within your 60-day window, you are now permitted, but not required, to remove those days from the 60-day window,

Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3 and the Ages & Stages SE-2" is grandfathered in as acceptable to satisfy the training requirement portion of DE Stars standard LO1 (ECE) and LO2 (FCC).

- **Program Kits**
Once the "Introduction to ASQ" training has been completed by at least one person at a program, they are eligible for the full ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 kit from OEL if their program has not already received a kit.

Kits are not brought to the PD sessions. Programs need to coordinate directly with Cindy Brown at the Office of Early Learning to arrange mailing of the kit to their program or pick-up after completion of training.

Contact info:
Cindy Brown, Department of Education- Office of Early Learning, 401 Federal Street, Dover, De 19901
Office: (302) 735-4295
Email:
cindybrown@doe.k12.de.us

- "Introduction to the ASQ-3 & SE-2" (3-hour PD) satisfies the training requirement portion of DE Stars standard LO1 (ECE) and LO2 (FCC).

The additional "Interpreting the ASQ" (3-hour PD) is strongly suggested in order to further support providers and families with the interpretation and referral process.

replacing them with additional days at the end of the window. In other words, you do not have to use your black out days to cover breaks and can use take them when you're open and operating with your regular schedule.

Contact Chris Joe, Technical Assistant Coordinator, at cjoe@udel.edu or call with any questions.

We look forward to our continued partnership in 2018 as together, we work to improve the quality of care for Delaware's children.



Social Media - Follow Stars on Twitter and Instagram

We are excited to announce we are now on Twitter and Instagram. Follow us on:

Twitter - @UD_DEStars
Instagram - UD_DEStars

Our expanded presence in social media allow us to showcase what you're doing as well as provide you with valuable information through different platforms.

Capacity Grant & Supplemental Funding - January Deadline Approaching

The next deadline for programs applying for the Capacity Grant through Children & Families First is **January 26, 2018 by 5 p.m.**

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

Visit the Children & Families First website at <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.

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



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Mark Your Calendar!

Imagine Delaware Literacy Festival

Celebrate reading and learn about ways to help kids read at the Delaware Literacy Festival on January 10th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Lulu Ross Elementary School in Milford. For event details go to

<http://www.wherevent.com/detail/Delawareonline-Imagine-Delaware-Literacy-Festival>

"A Night of Hope" hosted by CFF

Don't miss out on this complimentary documentary screening and panel discussion on the award winning film "Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope." The event will be held on February 1 from 6 - 9:00 p.m. at The Historic Milton Theater. More details are here:

<http://www.cffde.org/resilience-screening>

Interesting Reads for the New Year!

There is No App for You!

As you know, we are saturated with more TV programs, apps, games and electronic toys marketed to the caregivers of children under three. Check out this interesting article on being "techwise" in your practice.

<http://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/articles/2017/infant-and-toddler-learning>

Let's Hear it for the Boys

"The Importance of Fostering Emotional Diversity in Boys," psychologists discuss the hidden benefits of experiencing a wide range of emotions, especially as they relate to boys.

Research suggests that boys have the same emotional palette as girls, but often are limited in their expression because their emotions are quickly labeled as anger. This labeling happens as early as infancy. Caregivers of young boys are encouraged to expand their vocabulary when dealing with boys similar to labels they use with girls - words like sad, frustrated, anxious.

Long term, psychologists have found that children who deny emotional vulnerability are also more likely to become

adolescents who engage in health-risk behaviors, such as substance use. Later in development, men suppress (i.e., do not openly express) their emotions more than women; and men, in turn experience greater depressive symptoms, and resort more often to physical violence.

The article is available at:

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-importance-of-fostering-emotional-diversity-in-boys/>

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Upcoming DIEEC Assessment Workshops Register Today!!

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

Advanced Assessment for Teachers: Purposeful Planning - 6 HOURS

@ Adams State Service Center, Georgetown
1/16 & 1/18/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Tue & Thu)

@ DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, Dover
1/29 & 1/31/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Mon & Wed)

@ Hudson State Service Center, Newark
1/16 & 1/18/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Tue & Thu)

***Should attend Power of Practice prior to taking this class**

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

@ DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, Dover
1/29 & 1/31/2018 6:30PM - 9:30PM (Mon & Wed)

***Should attend Polishing the Lens prior to taking this class**

Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing The Lens—6 Hours

@ Adams State Service Center, Georgetown
3/20 & 3/22/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Tue & Thu)

@ DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, Dover
5/21 & 5/23/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Mon & Wed)

@ Hudson State Service Center, Newark
5/14 & 5/16/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Mon & Wed)

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

Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice - 6 HOURS

@ Adams State Service Center, Georgetown
1/30 & 2/1/2018 6:30PM-9:30PM (Tue & Thu)

@ DIEEC Blue Hen Training Room, Dover
1/9 & 1/11/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Tue & Thu)
Or
4/9 & 4/12/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Mon & Thu)

@ Hudson State Service Center, Newark
1/29 & 1/31/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Mon & Wed)
Or
2/5 & 2/7/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Mon & Wed)

Implementing Teaching Strategies Gold - 6 HOURS

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

2/24/2018(Saturday) 9:30AM—4:00PM
Or

4/14/2018 (Saturday) 9:30AM—4:30PM

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

3/6 & 3/8/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM

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

2/20 & 2/22/2018 6:30PM—9:30PM (Tue & Thu)

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OR CALL US AT (302) 831-3239

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Delaware Institute for
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present....

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
DIEEC PD at institute@udel.edu or 302.831.3239