

# R E A C H

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



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## Professional Development News

*Plan Ahead!*

*2018 Training Calendar Dates Set*

*Preview New Workshops*

The new year will be here before you know it. Plan your training now by checking out workshops available in 2018 at: <https://dieecpd.org/registry/calendar>

## Provider Spotlight: Guardian Angel Child Care

*Delaware Stars and Guardian Angel Child Care - Keeping it "All in the Family"*

Delaware Stars and Guardian Angel Child Care have grown up together, so to speak. Guardian Angel Child Care has been a part of Delaware Stars



since its inception in 2007. In fact, Guardian Angel was one of the "original 15" programs that began its journey in continuous quality improvement a decade ago.

Today, Guardian Angel is a Star Level 5 and is fueled by the same passion embraced by its first director, Miss Peggy Stinson. Located in Wilmington, Guardian Angel is one of three child care facilities in Wilmington supported by the Ministry of Caring.

We are especially excited to offer be offering a new bundling of courses on science as well as a four-part series on resiliency.

In this video, Joy Rowe, one of our instructors, presents a brief overview of "Resilience: Mapping a Journey to Promote Social and Emotional Competence." Take a look and sign up!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qLBU8\\_EzTY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qLBU8_EzTY&feature=youtu.be)



## ***TECE 1 & 2 Online Access Updated***

**As of November 2, 2017,**

the online CDA modules that are accepted for TECE 1 & 2 in Delaware have changed web domains. Modules that were previously hosted through "Smart Horizons" are now hosted through "Cypherworx." Module content remains the same.

### **Returning Users**

If you have previously registered, purchased and are in the process of completing your coursework through Smart Horizons:

1. You will have until November 2, 2018 to complete your TECE 1 & 2 training modules.
2. Use your established login information with Smart Horizons to continue the modules through their website.
3. Any questions can be directed to the Smart Horizons help line:  
ccata@smarthorizons.org  
850-475-4000

### **New Online TECE 1 & 2 CDA Users**

The ONLINE TECE 1 & 2/CDA is now being hosted through Cypherworx.

This link, <https://collabornation.net/login/ccaoa>, is for providers who have not registered,

(<http://www.ministryofcaring.org/services/child-care-services/>)

"Miss Peggy started the blessing," says Janet Chandler, Guardian Angel's Director. "Providing the best care to children, especially those from low income families, was her passion. She was able to foster this spirit among the teachers and families resulting in a cohesiveness among the entire community."

Peggy eventually supported the Delaware Stars family by working in Professional Development in Delaware's Institute of Excellence for Early Childhood - Stars home. Another Stars family member, Patti Lynch, served as a TA prior to working directly for Guardian Angel. Today, Patti is curriculum coordinator for Guardian Angel as well as serving in this role for the other two Ministry of Caring Child Care Centers.

Janet, Patti and their team now provide more than 50 toddlers and Prekindergarten children a place where they can reach their full potential.

"Our job is to facilitate the blossoming of the whole child - socially, emotionally, and cognitively," says Janet. "We are teaching children to be responsive and problem solvers."

According to Patti, the key to the success is "empowerment through individualization." "I spend a lot of time with both the teachers and the children explaining the 'why'. When the children see the teachers learning, they want to model that behavior," adds Patti.

A decade of this type of dedication has made Guardian Angel a center of hope and promise for hundreds of Delaware's earliest learners.

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## **Here, There, and Everywhere!**

### ***State Leadership and Stars "Hit the Road"***



You, our child care providers, are the ones that are impacting the lives of Delaware's children with your tireless commitment to providing the best start possible to our earliest learners.

purchased and started the TECE 1 & 2 online coursework prior to November 2, 2017.

Here are additional links for navigating Cypherworx:

- If you do not already have an account on CollaborNation.net, you can create one by providing the information in the red boxes and clicking Create Account

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**EXCITING NEW CDA CONTENT**

**Timeline**

Providers can access new content, beginning **November, 2017**

<http://usa.childcareaware.org/training-academy>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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If you have any questions regarding this transition, please contact:

Your voices drive the future of Delaware Stars. To hear what's on your mind, both state and Stars leadership has spent the last month visiting programs across the state.

As a part of the "Community Connections Tour," Secretary of Education Susan Bunting and Office of Early Learning (OEL) Director Kim Krzanowski visited six programs - both family care and centers in all three counties. They spent time touring the facilities, interacting with the children, and listening.

In the same spirit, Stars Leadership spent October visiting programs and will continue its outreach through the end of the year. From the "Listening Tour" we've heard that continuous quality improvement continues to motivate you and tiered reimbursement provides the fuel to help you to keep pursuing your goals.

Please let us know if you would like a visit from Stars leadership. Please contact Lin Nordmeyer ([linnord@udel.edu](mailto:linnord@udel.edu)), our communications manager, to get on the schedule.



On an ongoing basis, REACH will include a new section called the "Resource Center." This dedicated space will include community news, articles, and helpful information- all intended to provide you with more tools for both personal and professional growth.

Take a minute to read this article on Olive B. Loss Elementary in the Appoquinimink School District. By taking risks and embracing failure, this fourth grade class helped the school earn national recognition.

In this season of thankfulness, Reeds Refuge Center <http://reedsrefugecenter.org/> is hosting a free community dinner. Check out this flyer or their Facebook page to get more information.

Veronica Commodore, PD Director at [vcomm@udel.edu](mailto:vcomm@udel.edu) or on 831-2922.

Caitlyn Gleason, Office of Early Learning, at [caitlin.gleason@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:caitlin.gleason@doe.k12.de.us) or on 735-4295.

### **Teaching Strategies Gold Users Checkpoint Updates**

In response to the slow functionality of the online system, we've updated the fall checkpoint a second time and moved the winter and spring 2018 checkpoint deadlines.

The statewide extension to the Fall, Winter, and Spring GOLD Checkpoint Deadlines are effective 11/3/17 and are:

- UPDATED Fall 2017 Checkpoint Deadline - Thursday, November 30, 2017.
- UPDATED Winter 2018 Checkpoint Deadline - Thursday, March 15, 2018.
- UPDATED Spring 2018 Checkpoint Deadline- Friday, June 15, 2018.

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**Community Feeding Day**  
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**November 16, 4- 6pm**  
at 1601 N. PINE STREET  
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This Dinner brings together groups of folks who may not otherwise interact with one another: Youth and elderly, new residents and the homeless, single and families, the poor and the well off all dine together. Please join us! If you or a group of friends are interested in helping with dinner, contact Cora at 302-482-2286

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