



# Project CHILD Training Calendar

## News from the Training Corner

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As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, there has been COVID-19, Delta and now Omicron. The pandemic has resulted in drastic shifts in daily life and routine activities, in addition to the significant health, economic, financial and social consequences.

Many of the training that is offered from Project CHILD will continue to be offered in the virtual platform of Zoom, with very few offered face-to-face. Please read the training description to discover the training format.

Registration will continue with the options of completing a registration form, or calling the office. Please have your Gateways Member number and preferred email address available when you register.

If you do not receive a link to join a Zoom training by noon on the day of the training, please first check your junk or spam email. If you still cannot find an email containing the link to join the training, please call the office and ask for Paula.

If you are dropping off paperwork (training registrations or paperwork for the child care assistance program), please use the large, grey drop-off box located outside of the office. Please put paperwork in an envelope with the name of the person whom should receive it on the outside.

Happy 2022! May it be a healthier, better year for all!

*Paula Schnicker-Johnson*

# January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
						<i>New Year's Day</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						<i>CPR First Aid</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		<i>Child Dev. Birth to 8 mo</i>				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<i>Martin Luther King Jr Day</i>			<i>Hands-on Winter Fun</i>		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<i>Introduction to the FCCERS</i>	<i>Child Dev. 8 to 18 mo</i>	<i>Introduction to the FCCERS</i>			
30	31					

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**American Heart Association  
CPR**

**9am**

This basic **face to face training** will certify participants in American Heart Association CPR and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program.

**Location: Rend Lake College MarketPlace, Room , Mt. Vernon**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.5

Cost: FREE



**January 8<sup>th</sup>                      American Heart Association                      12:30pm**  
***First Aid***

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Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**January 11<sup>th</sup>                      *Child Development (Birth to 8 months)*                      6pm to 9pm**  
**ECE Level 1, Module 7a**

Newborns and young babies are developing at an incredible rate, causing them to have special needs unlike older children. In this fourth class, you will understand how children from birth to 8 months learn and grow, and how to individualize their care accordingly.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Child Care Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: Free



**January 20<sup>th</sup>                      *Hands-on Winter Fun*                      6pm**

Walking in a Winter Wonderland of Fun can be a great learning experience for preschool children! Come join me for some great ideas for exploring winter weather, cozy ideas for inside, & some winter outdoor safety tips!

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Ashley Baldrige, Consultant and ITN Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**January 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**      ***An Introduction to the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale – Revised***      **6:30pm**

This training is for Family Child Care practitioners and provides an overview of the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scales Revised (FCCERS-R). FCCERS-R is a user-friendly assessment tool used to measure the quality of the learning environment. After completing this training, participants will be able to use the tool for program self-assessment and improvement planning. In addition, practitioners will be aware of FCCERS-R linkage to national accreditation, Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards (IELDS) and ExceleRate™ Illinois, Illinois' quality rating and improvement system..

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Courtney Hatcher, Quality Specialist and ITN Trainer

Hours: 4.0

Cost: \$15



**January 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Child Development (8 to 18 months)**      **6pm**  
**ECE Credential Level 1, Module 7b**

In this continuation of the first child development class, you will explore development among children 8 to 18 months old. You will identify how this age group differs in growth and their approach to learning, and you will discover toys, games, and songs that are helpful and just right for their development

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Child Care Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: Free



# February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
				<i>Kindness and Compassion</i>		<i>CPR First Aid</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<i>Child Dev 18 to 36 mos. Extending Children's Thinking</i>		<i>Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 1</i>		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<i>Valentine's Day</i>					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<i>President's Day</i>	<i>Preschool S/E Development Extending Children's Thinking</i>		<i>Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 2</i>		<i>CPR First Aid</i>
27	28					

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> Kindness & Compassion 6pm**

Do you want to know how to build a sense of community in your preschool program? How about helping children learn compassion & kindness? Join me in this ZOOM training to help build that family you always wanted in your preschool program.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Ashley Baldrige, Consultant and ITN Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**February 5<sup>th</sup> American Heart Association CPR 9am**

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Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.5

Cost: FREE



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First Aid****12:30pm**

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Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE**February 8<sup>th</sup>****Child Development (18 to 36 months)  
ECE Level 1, Module 7c****6:30pm**

Toddlers are an energetic bunch who requires plenty of stimulation and education. In this final section of child development training, you will explore how children age 18 to 36 months learn language, learn to think, learn to move, and learn feelings, so you can better nurture this often curious age group.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**February 8<sup>th</sup>****Extending Children's Thinking****6pm**

This course, specifically designed for preschool teachers, studies how teachers can encourage children to think deeply through the use of "big" questions. Rooted in Bloom's Taxonomy, teachers will learn how to meet children at their individual development levels and stretch their thinking, be more intentional in their teaching, scaffold children's learning and promote deeper understanding. **\*\*This course can be taken for college credit.**

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: \$15

**February 10<sup>th</sup>*****Social Emotional Development Within  
the Context of Relationships*****6pm****Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 1**

Discover how forming solid relationships can lead to healthy social-emotional development in infants and toddlers. This training will define social-emotional development and how infants and toddlers communicate feelings, thoughts, and behaviors. Participants will walk away with best practices and strategies needed to begin implementing strong positive relationships with infants, toddlers, and families. **\*\*This course can be taken for college credit.**

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer(s): Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist  
Courtney Hatcher, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**February 22<sup>nd</sup>*****Preschool Social and Emotional Development  
ECE Level 1, Module 8a*****6:30pm**

As children approach preschool age, their needs begin to change. This is the first of four classes designed to better understand children as they approach school-age. You will identify characteristics of social and emotional development and learn techniques for promoting appropriate and effective discipline for preschool children.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**February 22<sup>nd</sup>*****Extending Children's Thinking*****6pm**

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**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE

**February 24<sup>th</sup>*****Social Emotional Development Within  
the Context of Relationships*****6pm****Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 2**

Discover how forming solid relationships can lead to healthy social-emotional development in infants and toddlers. This training will define social-emotional development and how infants and toddlers communicate feelings, thoughts, and behaviors. Participants will walk away with best practices and strategies needed to begin implementing strong positive relationships with infants, toddlers, and families.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer(s): Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist  
Courtney Hatcher, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**February 26<sup>th</sup>****American Heart Association  
CPR****9am**

This basic **Zoom training** will certify participants in American Heart Association First Aid and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program. Certificates will be issued when CPR skills demonstration is complete. ***Please note that participants will have to meet with instructor to demonstrate skills, on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Paula at 618-244-2210, ext 111 will call to schedule.***

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer  
Facilitator: Ashley Baldrige, Consultant

Hours: 2.5

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**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer  
Facilitator: Ashley Baldrige, Consultant

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**CPR Skills Demonstration**

**5pm-7pm**

If you have taken CPR and First Aid on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, this is the date you will need to demonstrate your skills in person. If you do not receive a call, please call Paula at 618-244-2210, ext 111 to schedule a time to demonstrate.

***Masks are required when you enter the building, regardless of vaccination status.***

AHA Representative: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
				<i>Math Madness</i>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<i>Preschool Physical Development Extending Children's Thinking</i>		<i>Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 3, Module 2, Part 1</i>		<i>CPR First Aid</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		<i>Social-Emotional Growth and Socialization, Part 1</i>		<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		<i>Preschool Language Development Extending Children's Thinking</i>		<i>Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 2</i>		
27	28	29	30	31		
		<i>Social-Emotional Growth and Socialization, Part 2 Budgets Planning and Projections</i>				

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Math Madness**

**6pm**

Ready to count, measure, create patterns and much more! Here are some fun Math ideas that even you will love! What!?! Math Fun?? That's right....you heard me! Sign up now to help that Math Madness spread in your preschool program!

**Location:**

Trainer: Ashley Baldrige, Consultant and ITN Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**March 8<sup>th</sup>*****Preschool Physical Development***  
**ECE Level 1, Module 8c****6pm**

As toddlers mature, their minds are not the only things growing at an incredible rate. You will understand the special areas of physical development in preschool-aged children. You also will learn about fine motor activities that will help preschoolers grow into their bodies while developing proper coordination and movement.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**March 8<sup>th</sup>*****Extending Children's Thinking*****6pm**

This course, specifically designed for preschool teachers, studies how teachers can encourage children to think deeply through the use of "big" questions. Rooted in Bloom's Taxonomy, teachers will learn how to meet children at their individual development levels and stretch their thinking, be more intentional in their teaching, scaffold children's learning and promote deeper understanding.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE

**March 10<sup>th</sup>      *Social Emotional Development Within  
the Context of Relationships*      6pm**  
**Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 3**

Discover how forming solid relationships can lead to healthy social-emotional development in infants and toddlers. This training will define social-emotional development and how infants and toddlers communicate feelings, thoughts, and behaviors. Participants will walk away with best practices and strategies needed to begin implementing strong positive relationships with infants, toddlers, and families.

***Responsive Routines, Environments, and Targeted  
Strategies to Support Social Emotional  
Development in Infants and Toddlers***  
**Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 1**

How do you promote healthy social-emotional development in infants and toddlers? In this training, participants will learn how to develop strategies and create an environment that helps support social-emotional development when working with infants and toddlers. Participants will also learn the importance of emotional literacy and how to model these behaviors in the classroom.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer(s): Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist  
 Courtney Hatcher, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE



**March 12<sup>th</sup>      **American Heart Association  
CPR**      9am**

This basic **face to face training** will certify participants in American Heart Association CPR and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program.

**Location: Rend Lake College MarketPlace, Room , Mt. Vernon**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.5

Cost: FREE



**March 12<sup>th</sup>                      American Heart Association                      12:30pm**  
***First Aid***

This basic **face to face training** will certify participants in American Heart Association First Aid and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program.

**Location: Rend Lake MarketPlace, Room , Mt. Vernon**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>    Program for Infant Toddler Care, Module 1                      6 to 9pm**  
***Social-Emotional Growth & Socialization***

Social-Emotional Growth and Socialization explores topics on social-emotional development in the first three years, temperaments of children and caregivers, socialization, guidance and discipline, environments, and gaining an understanding of children’s behavior. Training will begin with an overview of the basic concepts of early social-emotional growth and socialization and their application to the group care context. An emphasis is placed on the development of a nurturing relationship between the infant and caregiver. The overview addresses the importance of infant temperament, the critical role of family and culture in early identity development, exploring developmentally appropriate play strategies with ages of infancy, creating supportive physical environments, and stages of emotional development. **\*\*This course can be taken for college credit.**

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 8.0

Cost: FREE



**March 22<sup>nd</sup>                      *Preschool Language Development*                      6pm**  
**ECE Level 1, Module 8a**

Appropriate speech patterns and language skills are crucial to nurturing effective communications by preschoolers. In this third class on preschool development, you will explore how to use a picture and storybooks to lay the foundation for good reading and proper language use. This class comes complete with discussion on how to help children with special needs..

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE



**March 22<sup>nd</sup>*****Extending Children's Thinking*****6pm**

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**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**March 24<sup>th</sup>**
***Responsive Routines, Environments, and Targeted Strategies to Support Social Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers***
**6pm**
***Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 2***

How do you promote healthy social-emotional development in infants and toddlers? In this training, participants will learn how to develop strategies and create an environment that helps support social-emotional development when working with infants and toddlers. Participants will also learn the importance of emotional literacy and how to model these behaviors in the classroom.

**Location: Zoom**
 Trainer(s): Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist  
 Courtney Hatcher, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**March 29<sup>th</sup>**
***Budgets: Planning and Projections***  
***Strengthening Business Practices for Family Child Care***
**6pm**

The Strengthening Business Practices for Family Child Care training addresses basic concepts in fiscal and operational management of family childcare programs. The purpose of this training is to strengthen childcare provider's foundational knowledge of fiscal terms, concepts, and practices. It encourages providers to realize the importance of fiscal planning to the sustainability of their business operations. It provides tips and best practices in fiscal, organizational, and financial goals and human resource documents in order to help break down the fiscal processes into manageable steps.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Courtney Hatcher, Recruitment and Retainment Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE

April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		<i>Preschool Cognitive Development Extending Children's Thinking</i>		Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 3		<i>CPR First Aid</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		<i>Group Care, Part 1 Financial Reports and Internal Controls</i>		<i>Spring Into Science</i> Preschool Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 1		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Easter Sunday</i>		<i>School-Age Development Extending Children's Thinking</i>				<i>CPR First Aid</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		<i>Group Care, Part 2 Marketing Your Program</i>		Preschool Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 2		

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

***Preschool Cognitive Development*  
ECE Level 1, Module 8d**

**6pm**

In this final session on preschool development, you will dive deeper into how preschoolers learn and identify tips for making learning fun. With suggestions for activities that encourage your preschoolers to explore numbers, shapes, colors, and science, this class gives all the information you need to grow and stretch the ability of children to think and understand.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE



**April 5<sup>th</sup>*****Extending Children's Thinking*****6pm**

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**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**April 7<sup>th</sup>**
***Responsive Routines, Environments, and Targeted Strategies to Support Social Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers***
**6pm****Infant Toddler Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 3**

How do you promote healthy social-emotional development in infants and toddlers? In this training, participants will learn how to develop strategies and create an environment that helps support social-emotional development when working with infants and toddlers. Participants will also learn the importance of emotional literacy and how to model these behaviors in the classroom.

**Location: Zoom**
 Trainer(s): Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist  
 Courtney Hatcher, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**April 9<sup>th</sup>**
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CPR**
**9am**

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Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.5

Cost: FREE



**April 9<sup>th</sup> American Heart Association 12:30pm  
*First Aid***

This basic **face to face training** will certify participants in American Heart Association First Aid and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program.

**Location: Rend Lake College MarketPlace, Room 343, Mt. Vernon**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Program for Infant Toddler Care, Module 2 6 to 9pm  
*Group Care***

Group Care introduces special considerations in caring for infants and toddlers and six program policies that support the development of emotionally secure relationships and mental health in the group care setting. An overview of the content of Module 2 explores the ideas of primary care, well-designed learning environments, positive impact of responsive caregiving routines, and individualized care on the well-being and development of children from birth to three. Attention is also given to how the policies of primary care, small groups, continuity of care, culturally responsive care, and inclusive care of children with special needs prove the foundation for high quality infant/toddler care. At the end of this module, participants will have the tools to use primary care in their home or classroom, make engaging environments, assist children in daily routines, and individualize care for all children.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 8.0

Cost: FREE



**April 12<sup>th</sup> *Financial Reports and Internal Controls* 6pm  
**Strengthening Business Practices for Family Child Care****

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**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Courtney Hatcher, Recruitment and Retainment Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE



**April 14<sup>th</sup>*****Spring Into Science*****6pm**

Spring has arrived, so let's hop right into some Science! It's time to explore the new growth all around us! This training will help you open up a whole new world of science exploration for your preschool children!

**Location:**

Trainer: Ashley Baldrige, Consultant and ITN Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

***Creating a Win-Win: A Team Approach to  
Strengthening Young Children's Social and Emotional Skills  
Preschool Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 1***

**6pm**

Interested in a calmer learning environment filled with supported, engaged children? Learn more about the relationship between challenging behavior and social emotional development in young children and the role of your own attitude about challenging behavior. Gather tips and tricks on building important relationships with children, families and coworkers as well as designing an effective preschool environment. Need help with transitions? Learn more about developing consistent schedules and routines to assist in structuring transitions. Finally, guidance is provided for use of ongoing monitoring and positive attention to support children's social/emotional behavior. Fill your toolbox today! A team of teacher(s) and administrator welcome. **\*\*This course can be taken for college credit.**

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

***School-Age Development  
ECE Level 1, Module 9***

**6pm**

Completing the important section on child development, this class looks at school-age children to uncover how their learning and growth differs. With tips on how to better care for school-aged youth, this class also offers you guidance on how to set rules and limits and to get your school-aged kids to appreciate safety and respect.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE

**April 19<sup>th</sup>                      *Extending Children’s Thinking*                      6pm**

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**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE



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Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

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Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**April 26<sup>th</sup>                      CPR Skills Demonstration                      5pm-7pm**

If you have taken CPR and First Aid on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, this is the date you will need to demonstrate your skills in person, from 5-7pm. If you do not receive a call, please call Paula at 618-244-2210, ext 111 to ensure that you are registered. ***Masks are required when you enter the building, regardless of vaccination status.***

AHA Representative: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

**April 26<sup>th</sup>*****Marketing Your Program*****6pm****Strengthening Business Practices for Family Child Care**

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**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Courtney Hatcher, Recruitment and Retainment Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE**April 28<sup>th</sup>*****Creating a Win-Win: A Team Approach to*****6pm*****Strengthening Young Children's Social and Emotional Skills*****Preschool Pyramid Model, Module 1, Part 2**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		<i>Extending Children's Thinking</i>	<i>May the Alphabet with You</i>	<i>Cinco de Mayo</i>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Mother's Day</i>		<i>Learning &amp; Development, Part 1 Staff Recruitment &amp; Retainment</i>		Preschool Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 1		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<i>Extending Children's Thinking</i>				<i>CPR First Aid</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<i>Learning &amp; Development, Part 2</i>		Preschool Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 2		
29	30	31				
	<i>Memorial Day</i>					

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>                      *Extending Children's Thinking*                      6pm**

This course, specifically designed for preschool teachers, studies how teachers can encourage children to think deeply through the use of “big” questions. Rooted in Bloom’s Taxonomy, teachers will learn how to meet children at their individual development levels and stretch their thinking, be more intentional in their teaching, scaffold children’s learning and promote deeper understanding.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: \$15



**May 4<sup>th</sup>*****May the Alphabet with You*****6pm**

Having trouble incorporating literacy in your preschool program? Or maybe you are looking to enchant your library! This training will give you some great ideas to help enhance the literacy learning and bring books to life in your preschool program!

**Location:**

Trainer: Ashley Baldrige, Consultant and ITN Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE**May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>****Program for Infant Toddler Care, Module 3****6pm to 9:30pm*****Learning and Development***

This session explores brain development, early learning and language development, and appropriate curriculum planning for infants and toddlers. PITC's view of infants as active, self-motivated learners is explained and the role of the caregiver in supporting infants' desire for exploration is considered. The perspective that is presented can be summed up in the following way: "All children are born wired for feelings and ready to learn" when provided nurturing relationships and a peaceful but engaging environment that supports all learners, including infants with special needs. Engaging discussion and activities support participant's learning.

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 8.0

Cost: FREE**May 10<sup>th</sup>*****Staff Recruitment & Retention for Family Child Care*****6pm*****Strengthening Business Practices for Family Child Care***

The Strengthening Business Practices for Family Child Care training addresses basic concepts in fiscal and operational management of family childcare programs. The purpose of this training is to strengthen childcare provider's foundational knowledge of fiscal terms, concepts, and practices. It encourages providers to realize the importance of fiscal planning to the sustainability of their business operations. It provides tips and best practices in fiscal, organizational, and financial goals and human resource documents in order to help break down the fiscal processes into manageable steps.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Courtney Hatcher, Recruitment and Retainment Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE

**May 12<sup>th</sup>                      *Social Emotional Teaching Strategies: Teach Children How to Resolve Conflict*                      6pm**  
**Preschool Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 1**

How can we be more intentional about teaching social emotional skills at the preschool level? How can we identify strategies for supporting development of friendship skills in preschool? Workshop content will include the importance of emotional literacy and identifying strategies that build “feeling vocabularies.” Participants will deepen their understanding about the importance of providing children opportunities to begin to understand their own and others’ emotions.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE



**May 17<sup>th</sup>                      *Extending Children’s Thinking*                      6pm**

This course, specifically designed for preschool teachers, studies how teachers can encourage children to think deeply through the use of “big” questions. Rooted in Bloom’s Taxonomy, teachers will learn how to meet children at their individual development levels and stretch their thinking, be more intentional in their teaching, scaffold children’s learning and promote deeper understanding.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE



**May 21<sup>th</sup>                      *American Heart Association*                      9am**  
**CPR**

This basic **face to face training** will certify participants in American Heart Association CPR and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program.

**Location: Rend Lake College MarketPlace, Room , Mt. Vernon**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.5

Cost: FREE





**May 21<sup>th</sup>****American Heart Association  
*First Aid*****12:30pm**

This basic **face to face training** will certify participants in American Heart Association First Aid and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program.

**Location: Rend Lake College MarketPlace, Room , Mt. Vernon**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE**May 26<sup>th</sup>*****Social Emotional Teaching Strategies: Teach  
Children How to Resolve Conflict*  
Preschool Pyramid Model, Module 2, Part 2****6pm**

How can we be more intentional about teaching social emotional skills at the preschool level? How can we identify strategies for supporting development of friendship skills in preschool? Workshop content will include the importance of emotional literacy and identifying strategies that build “feeling vocabularies.” Participants will deepen their understanding about the importance of providing children opportunities to begin to understand their own and others’ emotions.

**Location: Zoom**

Trainer: Paula Schnicker-Johnson, Quality Specialist

Hours: 3.0

Cost: FREE



# June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		<i>Culture, Family &amp; Providers Honoring Diversity Through</i>		<i>Stress Management Skills: Treat Yo' Self</i>		<i>CPR First Aid</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<i>Flag Day</i>				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>Juneteenth</i>		<i>Culture, Family &amp; Providers</i>				<i>CPR First Aid</i>
26	27	28	29	30		

**June 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Program for Infant Toddler Care, Module 4 6pm to 9:30pm**  
***Culture, Families and Providers***

This training focuses on culture and its implication for families and providers. Participants will learn how family experiences, knowledge, and childrearing beliefs and practices can be incorporated into early care and classroom settings. Cultural expectations and biases will be explored, and participants will have the opportunity to increase their cultural awareness in terms of how their assumptions may affect their interaction with young children and families. Participants will demonstrate their understanding of how family structures, diversity in social, cultural, linguistic, or religious backgrounds influence family approaches to parenting in children birth to three, each other, and the community. Participants will gain an understanding of how relationships among caregivers, infant/toddlers, and families can impact other child-family, child-practitioner, and practitioner-family relationships.

Trainer: Jamie Nichols, Infant Toddler Specialist

Hours: 8.0

Cost: FREE



**June 9<sup>th</sup>                      *Stress Management Skills: Treat Yo' Self*                      6pm**

We all know that working in childcare can be very stressful, but so very rewarding! In this Zoom training we will discuss the joys, challenges, rewards, and stresses that we as caregivers, teachers, and leaders go through on a daily basis. We will also discuss some relaxation techniques and other stress management skills. You will walk away feeling relaxed, uplifted, and motivated to pursue your next adventures in your child care program. Just remember: you must learn how to care for yourself before you can care for others.....so Treat Yo' Self!

**Location:**

Trainer: Ashley Baldrige, Consultant and ITN Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: Free



**June 11<sup>th</sup>                      American Heart Association                      9am**  
***CPR***

This basic **face to face training** will certify participants in American Heart Association CPR and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program.

**Rend Lake College MarketPlace, Room , Mt. Vernon**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.5

Cost: FREE



**June 11<sup>th</sup>                      American Heart Association                      12:30pm**  
***First Aid***

This basic **face to face training** will certify participants in American Heart Association First Aid and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program.

**Rend Lake College MarketPlace, Room , Mt. Vernon**

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**June 25<sup>th</sup>                      American Heart Association                      9am**  
***CPR***

This basic **Zoom training** will certify participants in American Heart Association First Aid and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program. Certificates will be issued when CPR skills demonstration is complete. . ***Please note that participants will have to meet with instructor to demonstrate skills, on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Paula at 618-244-2210, ext 111 will call to schedule.***

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.5

Cost: FREE



**June 25<sup>th</sup>                      American Heart Association                      12:30pm**  
***First Aid***

This basic **Zoom training** will certify participants in American Heart Association First Aid and meets both DCFS licensing and Health and Safety requirements for the Child Care Assistance program. Certificates will be issued when CPR skills demonstration is complete.

Trainer: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

Hours: 2.0

Cost: FREE



**June 28<sup>th</sup>                      CPR Skills Demonstration                      5pm-7pm**

If you have taken CPR and First Aid on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, this is the date you will need to demonstrate your skills in person. If you do not receive a call, please call Paula at 618-244-2210, ext 111 to schedule a time to demonstrate.

***Masks are required when you enter the building, regardless of vaccination status.***

AHA Representative: Chris Laskowski, Certified Trainer

### ***Entities Offering Virtual Early Childhood Trainings***

National Association for the Education of Young Children

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/trainings-webinars>

NAEYC offers engaging, interactive and practical *online* modules that are self-paced and designed to fit your needs and schedules as *early childhood* educators. Some offer certificates of training and some do not. Fees range from \$0 to \$20 or more.

The Care Courses School, Inc.

<https://www.carecourses.com/PublicPages/Home.aspx>

Care Courses *online* professional development *training* classes for *early childhood* professionals, CDA classes and CDA renewal. Clock hours vary by course, as do the fees.

The Early Childhood Academy

<https://theearlychildhoodacademy.com/shop/>

Classes are self-study and can be completed at *your convenience*. Certificates are available for printing after passing the class quizzes. Fees vary from \$7 to \$15 per class.

The Illinois AfterSchool Network

<https://www.ianetwork.org/distance-learning-sessions/>

Training webinars are hosted by certified Illinois AfterSchool Network (IAN) trainers and provide certificates upon completion. Training is specific to those who care for school-age children. All webinars are free of charge.

The Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA)

<https://courses.inccrra.org/>

Gateways Registry Approved training, DCFS Licensing Required training, CCAP Provider training, ExceleRate Illinois Approved training, School-Age and Youth Development Level 1 training, and ECE Level 1 training are available here, along with a list of other Gateways Registry Approved training entities.

## Training Key

 **DCFS  
Accepted**


 **QRIS  
Required**

 **QRIS Bronze**

 **Family  
Child Care**

 **Fee Required**

 **QRIS Silver**

 **Child Care  
Center**

 **CCAP  
Required**

 **QRIS Gold**

### Project CHILD Training Policies

- ✓ Scheduled trainings sponsored or co-sponsored by Project CHILD will be listed in the biannual publication, *Project CHILD Professional Development Opportunities*. As the need arises, information may be electronically advertised (email, Facebook, website) for special trainings or conferences as they are planned.
- ✓ Trainings from may be offered on the virtual platform, Zoom, or offered in the traditional face-to-face format.
- ✓ Please take the zoom tutorial before attending your first virtual training. Audio and video connection can easily be tested beforehand at [zoom.us/test](https://zoom.us/test).
- ✓ Full engagement is expected on zoom meeting/virtual training. Trainings will still include discussions, breakout groups, hands-on activities, etc. Full participation is expected just as in a face to face training.
- ✓ Each registrant will receive an email with zoom meeting link and password to join training. ***Please do not share this link or password with anyone or post on any social media sites.***
- ✓ A follow up survey/evaluation will be sent immediately following virtual training, if the link is not posted during the training. It is expected that these are completed and returned as part of the training participation. Certificates will be mailed upon completion of the survey/evaluation.
- ✓ Some virtual trainings may be recorded. You will be notified before recording begins.
- ✓ Training confirmation and/or cancelation notifications are handled via email. Please ensure that Project CHILD training staff has the most current email address for you on file.
- ✓ Participants must register and pay for all online training. Registration is available through the Registration Form (mailed or dropped off to us), through our website ([www.projectchild.net](http://www.projectchild.net)) and by calling the office and speaking to Paula. Please have your Gateways Members number as well as your preferred email address.
- ✓ Attendance must meet or exceed 3 registered participants for some trainings and 5 registered participants in many circumstances in order for the training to be held. Minimum participation is subject to Project CHILD's discretion.
- ✓ A training will be cancelled 2 days prior to the date if attendance is not sufficient and fees will be refunded.
- ✓ If a training is held, training fees will not be refunded, credited or transferred to another training, with the exception of CPR and First Aid.

- ✓ CPR and First Aid registration fees can be transferred a maximum of 1 time, if requested by the registrant within 3 days of the training date.
- ✓ For all trainings that require a fee, the fee must be paid no later than 2 days prior to the training date. Registration is accepted after the 2 day prior deadline; a \$5 late registration fee will be assessed and a certificate will not be received at the time of the training.
- ✓ Individuals may not attend a training in the place of a registered participant, without pre-registering themselves.
- ✓ All trainings have a minimum and a maximum number of participants and the number might vary depending on the training.
- ✓ Priority for registration is given to those who provide care in Project CHILD's service delivery area.
- ✓ All trainings meet the guidelines and are Gateways Registry approved.
- ✓ All trainings meet the Department of Children and Family Services requirements for in-service hours.

If you have questions regarding these policies or suggestions for training, please call 800-362-7257 or 618-244-2210, and speak with Tranae Brockhouse at extension 103 or Paula Schnicker-Johnson at extension 111.

## Virtual Meeting Etiquette

- » Please log on to zoom meeting/training 15 minutes prior to start time for audio and video check. Each participant will have their audio/video checked individually upon joining the meeting/training.
- » Please keep yourself muted when you are not speaking. You may be muted by training/meeting host if background noise becomes distracting to others in training.
- » Position your camera properly (focused at eye level) to help create a sense of engagement with other participants **and please keep camera/video on during the duration of the training.**
- » Trainers may send handouts, links, or request other materials be on hand during the training. Please have these open, ready and in front of you before the training begins.
- » Please take turns speaking. Use the hand raise feature when you want to comment or ask a question. Wait until your name is called and then speak.
- » Reduce distractions. Please move other devices (cell phone, tablet, etc) out of your reach. Avoid multi-tasking, add turn-off notifications on cell phones, close or minimize running apps.
- » Be mindful of your “airtime”. Wait time will be given for participant reflection and participants may be called upon to share their thoughts, ideas, etc.
- » Avoid the urge to always be clicking (surfing the internet, facebook, etc). Perhaps have a squeeze ball or fidget toy to keep your hands busy while your mind stays engaged in the training.
- » Please let the trainer and/or facilitator know if you need to step away. A message can be sent by private chat, or if available, use coffee or clock symbol.



Area Child Care Associations
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**Clay County Family Child Care Association** meets September through May on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Contact Jeanine Cox at 618-231-2326 for more information.

**Effingham Child Care Association** meets year round, on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Contact Karen Torbeck at 618-349-6152 for more information.

**Southern Illinois Early Childhood Action Team (SIECAT)** promotes, supports and enhances the quality of early care and education for children and families in Southern Illinois. Members currently service over 4,000 children, representing ISBE Preschool for All, Head Start, child care programs and child care consultants. SIECAT meets virtually on the second Thursday of each month. Contact President Jill Andrews at 618-847-7102 for more information.

Project CHILD Staff

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Lisa Bicanich, Financial Assistant (PDF)	121
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<b>Project CHILD Closings</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• February 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• February 22<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>• April 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• May 30<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martin Luther King Jr Day</li> <li>Presidents Day</li> <li>In-Service</li> <li>Good Friday</li> <li>Memorial Day</li> </ul>

Want to be in the know?

Find Project CHILD on the web:

[www.projectchild.net](http://www.projectchild.net)



On FaceBook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CCRR.ProjectCHILD/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ProjectchildQualityConsultantTeam/>



Sign up for text messages:

Send CHILD to 33222

### Project CHILD Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gateways Registry ID \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not wish to receive emails from us, please indicate so here or contact us at johnsonp@rlc.edu.

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

\*This enrolls me in Project CHILD's texting program.

Child Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_

My program accepts IDHS Subsidy (CCAP): \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Please check one:

- \_\_\_\_ Family Child Care Owner
- \_\_\_\_ Family Child Care Staff
- \_\_\_\_ Child Care Center Teacher
- \_\_\_\_ Child Care Center Assistant Teacher
- \_\_\_\_ Child Care Center Director
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Length of time in position:

- \_\_\_\_ Less than 6 months
- \_\_\_\_ 6-12 months
- \_\_\_\_ 1-3 years
- \_\_\_\_ Over 3 years

I **primarily** work with:

- \_\_\_\_ Infants
- \_\_\_\_ Toddlers
- \_\_\_\_ Twos
- \_\_\_\_ Pre-School
- \_\_\_\_ School-Age
- \_\_\_\_ None

Please indicate the training(s) that you wish to register for by indicating the name of the training, date, location and fee. Enclose applicable fees and return this registration form so that it is **received** at the following address **no later than 2 days prior to the training.**

Please mail form and applicable registration fee(s) to:

**Project CHILD**  
**Attn: Paula Schnicker-Johnson**  
**PO Box 827**  
**Mt. Vernon, IL 62864**

Questions? Call 800-362-7257, ext. 111  
 Email: johnsonp@rlc.edu

Name of Training	Training Date	Training Location	Registration Fee