

Preschool Enrichment Team - Educator and Provider Support (EPS)

Professional Development Day – Friday, October 17, 2014

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A Professional Development Day full of training opportunities for educators and administrators in Berkshire County - Participate in one of 4 innovative workshops.

Choose one session for the entire day. See back of flyer for descriptions.



1. Science for Preschool Aged Children
2. Guiding Children's Behaviors
3. Building Positive Partnerships with Families
4. Using Observation & Assessment to Support Children's Learning

Date: Friday, October 17, 2014
Place: Silvio O. Conte Federal Building
78 Center Street, Pittsfield, MA
Target Audience: All Educators

Cost: \$10.00
Time: 8:45 AM Registration
Training sessions 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Credits: 5 EEC Training Hours = .5 CEU's

You need to park in the Columbus Avenue Parking Garage

****Please bring your lunch or plan to purchase it. (1 hour lunch break)****

You must pre-register with payment. No telephone registrations will be accepted – Thank you!

Keep the top portion for your information and Campus Map on back.

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Please **PRINT CLEARLY** and fill in **all information** – you will not be registered if form is incomplete. **One form per person.**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____
Home Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Personal Phone: _____ Email: _____
Name of Program (If applicable): _____ Work Phone: _____

EEC PQ Registry # _____ **PQR # expiration date:** _____ **MA EEC Program ID # (Not License #)** _____

Please check type of program you work in (only one): Family Child Care _____
 Infant/Toddler Preschool School Age Public School Other _____

This Course is relevant to my Individualized Professional Development Plan (IPDP) * Training must be relevant

Are you pursuing: (check all that apply): GED/ESOL College Degree CDA EEC Certification

Please Choose Session #: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Agency PO #: _____

Make checks payable: Valley Opportunity Council

Mail to: Preschool Enrichment Team
35 Mt. Carmel Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01013
Phone: 413-736-3900 Toll free: 877-478-7727
Fax: 413-612-0210



Register on-line: www.preschoolenrichmentteam.org

Charge Accounts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Am Express	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover
<input type="checkbox"/> Master Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa

Account Number	
Expiration Date: _____	CVV2 #: _____

Signature	

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO TRAINING START DATE. Late registrations will be returned.

1. Science for Preschool Aged Children

Presenter: Margery Heyl, Early Childhood Consultant

There has been a recent emphasis on the importance of including science in the early childhood curriculum. Many educators are not convinced that preschoolers are ready for science and may also think that they don't know how to teach science. We will examine just what is expected in a science curriculum and how scientific concepts can be incorporated during the regular day in the typical early childhood classroom or family child care home. Participants will learn several strategies for strengthening children's scientific understanding and their connection to the natural world. Attention to high needs children will be embedded throughout the course. Core Competency 5: Learning Environments and Implementing Curriculum **Audience: Preschool and Out of School Time Educators**

2. Guiding Children's Behaviors

Presenter: Cindy Hutcheson, Quality Enhancement Specialist

A successful educator engages children in many exciting activities and experiences to help keep them focused and motivated. Inevitably, we encounter children with disruptive behavior that puts a damper on the smooth running of a classroom or program. This workshop will help you learn skills to minimize the disruption and improve the overall atmosphere of your classroom or program. We will learn about helping children to develop self regulation, developing effective classroom rules, behavior management strategies, teaching social problem solving skills for a group or individual children, and responding to difficult behavior and physical aggression. Core Competency 2: Guiding and Interacting with Children and Youth **Audience: All Educators**

3. Building Positive Partnerships with Families

Presenter: Keira Durrett, M.Ed., Director, The Williston Northampton Children's Center

This workshop is designed to help you think deeply about how to build effective, positive relationships with families in your programs. We will examine what you are already doing, and using self-reflection and collaboration, think of ways to enhance these methods. We will have a particular focus on what kind of information can be shared as a tool for building trust and collaboration. Beginning with this concept we will move into ways of communicating and involving families in the classroom. Come join us for an interactive training that will help stimulate your family relationships. **Audience: All Educators**

4. Using Observation & Assessment to Support Children's Learning

Presenter: Marcela Simpson, M.Ed., Quality Enhancement Specialist

Observation and assessment play a critical role in developmentally appropriate practice. Using results from individual child assessments, teachers and families can work together to meet children's unique needs. In this workshop we will discuss the value of child observation, documentation & assessment to better understand and improve children's learning and development. Participants will learn techniques and strategies for doing effective observations with a focus on child assessments and curriculum planning. We will highlight components of the assessment tool TS GOLD, and the screening tool, Ages & Stages. We will conclude this workshop by offering strategies to integrate families into the child assessment process. This workshop meets Center-Based and FCC QRIS Requirement Level 2 & 3: 1A. Curriculum, Assessment, and Diversity. **Audience: All Educators**