

OCTOBER 2017 through MARCH 2018
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CHILD CARE RESOURCES



NJ FIRST STEPS INFANT- TODDLER INITIATIVE

Unless otherwise noted, all workshops are held at Child Care Resources
3301 Rt. 66 Building C Neptune NJ



Separations & Transitions

Wednesday, October 18th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m

The family, the school and teacher, and the child are all connected together and impacted by transitions. Good plans for important transitions have similar features that take into consideration the point of view of each participant, accommodating, modifying, and collaborating to construct the best plan for all of the individuals involved.

Grow NJ Kids: ITERS and ECERS observations

Is This Typical?

Wednesday, October 25th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Please note: this workshop will be held at the Financial Success Center in the Freehold Raceway Mall; Meridian Community Resource Center, 1st Floor, 3701 Rt. 9 Freehold)

As professionals, we are pretty perceptive about when development no longer appears to be typical. Proving our case sometimes becomes more of a challenge than we anticipate. In this workshop, teachers will receive some guidelines on effectively identifying and documenting infants' & toddlers' typical progression of development is challenged. Using the NJ Birth to Three Early Learning Standards (NJ 0-3 ELS), participants will recognize the "red flags" to look for, discover how the NJ 0-3 ELS can help us talk to parents and answer difficult questions, and identify the available resources.

Core Knowledge Area: 1
CDA Competency Functional Areas: 4-10
Infant-Toddler Credential Key Indicator: 2
Grow NJ Kids Standard: 2.4.4

Let's Play

Tuesday, November 15th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Ron Lally, co-director of WestEd's Center for Child & Family Studies, says, "If you watch infants closely, you will see that they clearly do not differentiate between work and play, and amusement and learning. You will see that in almost every waking moment they are occupied with thoughts and actions of discovery and accomplishment. They seem to have an agenda. They are busy in what some might call play, others work, others amusement, and others learning. In fact they are busy with all of these things at once." This workshop focuses on what children are learning during the developmental stages of play in infancy and toddlerhood and the role of the caregiver in facilitating play and learning. Ideas and hands-on materials will be available to play with!!

Core Knowledge Area: 1
CDA Competency Functional Areas: 5-9
Infant-Toddler Credential Key Indicator: 2
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How to Keep Babies Smiling During Tummy Time Activities

Wednesday, November 29th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tummy time is important because the skills learned while on the tummy are essential for later development. But infants aren't born being able to hold their heads up, which is why tummy time can be uncomfortable and frustrating for them. In this session we will discuss how much tummy time is needed, what kinds of activities we can do to increase tummy time, including activities for those who don't like to be on their tummies.

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"I'm Sorry": Are You Really??

Tuesday, December 6th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Please note: this workshop will be held at the Financial Success Center in the Freehold Raceway Mall; Meridian Community Resource Center, 1st Floor, 3701 Rt. 9 Freehold)

If babies and toddlers are egocentric, can they really put themselves in the place of others? In this workshop we will explore the answer to this question and examine the development of empathy. We will examine classroom moments that may be opportunities to create the conditions for empathy and plant seeds we hope will grow.

Core Knowledge Area: 4
CDA Competency Functional Area: 9
Infant-Toddler Credential Key Indicator: 1