

Child Care Resources



Professional Development

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Reimagining Child Care

Welcome to Child Care Resources of Monmouth County

Child Care Resources is a not - for - profit organization that was founded in 1995 to help coordinate, assist, and strengthen childcare services in our community. As Monmouth County's contracted Child Care Resource and Referral agency (CCR&R), CCR provides comprehensive support for children, families and the childcare workforce.



Child Care Resources champions the right of all children to start life with the best possible foundation of care, learning, and health. Realizing the long-term benefits for children, families and our society, CCR works to ensure investments in quality and support for working families to give all children the opportunity for a bright future. High quality childcare is a community resource that supports families, contributes to economic productivity, and nurtures children's growth.



The work of the CCR&Rs are funded by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Visit our website to learn more about our services at www.ccrnj.org!

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Need Help Paying For Child Care?



Child care is expensive. Many families struggle with the cost.

Research shows that the earliest years are when the brain develops the fastest. From the infant and toddler years to the preschool years, brain wiring is laying a foundation for all future learning. That's what makes quality child care so important!

Call Child Care Resources of Monmouth County today to see if you qualify! (732) 918-9901 or email info@ccrnj.org

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) helps parents afford the child care of their choice.

Parent/Applicant Eligibility



- Must be a Monmouth County resident
- Must be employed full time (at least 30 hours per week) OR attend school full time (12 credit hours or more), or in job training (at least 20 hours per week)
- Work part time AND go to school/training part time
- Must meet income eligibility guidelines

Child/Children Eligibility



- Children up to age 13, or less than age 19 and incapable of self-care
- The child or children must be legally present in the U.S. and have a valid Social Security number
- A child under the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency's protective supervision is also eligible

Child Care Provider Eligibility



- Providers must be either a licensed child care center or a registered family child care home
- A home or summer camp that is approved by the state is also eligible
- All providers must complete health and safety trainings and criminal history background checks

Family Income Eligibility



Family Size	Initial Eligibility
2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160
6	\$83,920



**To apply for child care assistance or ask for additional information, call Child Care Resources today!
(732) 918-9901 or email info@ccrnj.org**



Parent Cafés are a monthly gathering created just for parents! Our Parent Cafés are a friendly and supportive space where parents can come together to have open and honest conversation about parenting, share practical strategies, and connect with one another.

At each meeting, we cover a range of topics important to parents, including managing the overwhelm of parenting, your child’s social and emotional development, and the importance of community.

We are also excited to introduce our Dad-ventures Group, a special segment of our Parent Cafés designed specifically for fathers. These groups provide a unique space where dads can connect, share their experiences, and discuss the joys and challenges of fatherhood.

Parent Cafés and our Dad-ventures Group are not only about sharing and learning, but also about building a strong community. We invite parents to gather for special events and activities that provide opportunities for deeper connections and fun. These gatherings are free and open to all parents, whether they’re just starting their parenting journey, or have years of experience. We look forward to connecting and building a supportive network together!

For more information on times and dates, please contact Monica Orozco, Family & Community Engagement Specialist at morozco@ccrnj.org or 732-901-9901 ext. 104



CALLING ALL DADS

PAID RESEARCH STUDY FOR FATHERS ESTUDIO DE INVESTIGACIÓN REMUNERADO PARA PADRES

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- The survey consists of multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 30 - 45 minutes to complete.
- It includes questions about parenting and values.

First, you will be asked to sign up for the study by completing a brief eligibility screener. If eligible, you will receive email survey links to take four additional surveys. These survey links will be sent over a year. You will receive a \$40 Amazon e-gift card for completing the first survey, a \$50 Amazon e-gift card for completing the second survey, a \$60 Amazon e-gift card for completing the third survey, and a \$75 Amazon e-gift card for completing the fourth survey.

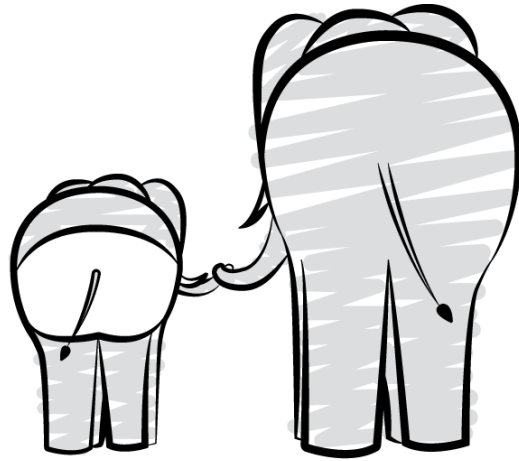


**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP IN
ENGLISH O ESPAÑOL**



ABOUT THE STUDY:

Men often take on a variety of caregiving and family roles (e.g., dad, mentor, guide, romantic partner, etc.). Through these roles, men influence their health, their partner's health, and their child's/children's health differently. Through a series of online surveys, this study seeks to understand how men move through these roles and how that affects their health, their families, and the child/children they care for. The results of the survey will be kept confidential at Georgia State University SPH.



Diapers @CCRMonmouth

Diaper Bank

In the United States, 1 in 3 families struggle to afford diapers.

Access to diapers is an essential need for a child's well-being, similar to food, shelter, medicine and devoted care.

Every child in Monmouth County deserves to be clean, dry, and healthy!

Know a family in need of diapers?

The mission of the Diaper Bank is to assist struggling families with their diaper needs. Each calendar month, eligible families will receive approximately one week's worth of diapers in the size requested, as well as one package of wipes per child. All distribution amounts are contingent upon availability.

Families who would like to participate in the program must complete a Diaper Bank Client Referral Form. This form can be obtained on www.ccrnj.org or by calling 732-918-9901. The form should be completed by a community organization that has evaluated the family's needs and can validate that the family is in need of diapers. Examples of community agencies include, but are not limited to the VNA, Fulfill, Monmouth County Division of Social Services (MCDSS), Child Care Resources, a religious organization, school or childcare program.

If you would like to support our diaper bank by hosting a drive or have families that would like to be considered for the diaper bank list, please call Monica Orozco at 732-918-9901 ext. 104 or email morozco@ccrnj.org.

Please note, we are only able to assist Monmouth County residents.

Books, Balls, and Blocks (BBB)

Books, Balls, and Blocks is an interactive parent event that offers the community a fun and entertaining setting to provide information about child development, developmental screenings, and community resources. These events focus on children 2 months to 5.5 years old and are comprised of various activity stations in which children can engage in developmentally appropriate play. The skill-building activities in these stations focus on communication and language, cognition and problem solving, gross and fine motor skills and literacy. While children play, parents will complete a valid and reliable developmental questionnaire to pinpoint their child's developmental progress (ASQ-3).

On the surface, children are just playing, but this play promotes learning. Parents are invited to come play with their child and learn how games and activities stimulate their child's development. They are then able to appreciate the simplicity of these activities and can visualize how to recreate these learning stations at home using everyday items and toys such as books, balls, and blocks.



What a BBB event offers families:

- Developmental screenings
- Fun activities for children: themed games and art activities, interactive stories, and more!
- A developmentally appropriate kit with toys and activities for each child who participates to take home
- Option for us to meet with families for additional resources after screening is complete

What a BBB event offers childcare providers:

- An interactive and fun event for your families at no cost to you
 - Snacks/refreshments or light meals for all families attending
 - A full team of volunteers
 - ASQ-3 completed by your families - all information will be shared with you
 - Electronic screenings, saving you time and resources
 - Fun prizes for the classrooms with the most attendees
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**Books, Balls,
& Blocks!**



To schedule a BBB event or for more information, please contact:

Monica Orozco

Parent and Community Engagement
Specialist morozco@ccrnj.org



Helping Families Find Child Care

Family Child Care (FCC)

**Do you care for
children in your
home?**

**Did you know you can own
a successful home-based
business with flexible hours as
a Family Child Care Provider?**

We can help you!

Child Care Resources is the sponsoring organization for Family Child Care (FCC) Registration in Monmouth County. We inspect, register and monitor Registered Family Child Care homes for continued compliance with the NJ State regulations.

Registering Your Family Child Care Business Means:

You Get Paid

When you become a registered Family Child Care provider, you can enroll children whose care is paid for with child care subsidy. You will also be enrolled in our child care network database. This helps us connect you with parents seeking child care in your neighborhood, boosting your enrollment and overall profit.

Covered Food Costs for Children

As a registered Family Child Care provider, you are eligible to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receive reimbursement for part of the cost of meals served to children in your care.

Enhance Your Learning

All FCC providers and their substitute/assistant/alternate receive training to enhance their qualifications as a professional Family Child Care provider. You will be exposed to training in early childhood development, positive methods of discipline, guidelines on health and nutrition, play and learning activities, CPR and first aid and communicating with parents.

Consistent Support

You will have access to our FCC Navigator who will be there to help you throughout the duration of your child care journey. We will support you with technical assistance, computer help and marketing your business. You are never alone throughout this process!

For more information on the steps to becoming a registered Family Child Care provider, please see the infographic on the next page or contact Veronica Soto, Home-Based Childcare Coordinator, at 732-918-9901 ext. 125 or vsoto@ccrnj.org.

Strengthening Child Care in Our Own Community



Love caring for children? Good at it? Get paid for doing what you love!

Become a Registered Child Care Provider Right from Your Home!



Child Care Resources staff will help you at each step along the way!



1

Attend an Orientation Meeting



Attending an orientation is a requirement of registration. This meeting provides an overview of the registration and application process. Experienced staff answer your questions and provide helpful tips to get you started!

2

Line Up a Substitute



Registered providers are required to have a substitute, someone who is 18 years or older. This will be a person who fills in for you if you are sick, have a meeting, or take some vacation time.

3

Register in NJCCIS



Registration in NJCCIS is free at www.njccis.com. Here, you will be able to fill out a provider profile, sign up for trainings, apply for grants, and so much more. CCR is only a phone call away to help!

4

Health Forms & TB Test



To promote your health as well as the health of children in your care, you, your staff, and any household members 14 and older must complete a TB test and have a doctor complete a physical health exam.

5

Background Checks



Background checks are free. You, your staff, and any household members 14 and older must complete a child abuse registry check and a fingerprint criminal record check.

6

Required Trainings



You and your staff need to complete a 10-hour series: Health, Safety, and Child Growth and Development/Mandated Reporting: Basic Requirements for Licensing along with CPR and first aid basics.

7

Emergency Preparedness



Sometimes emergencies happen. Federal law requires all childcare providers to have an emergency action plan. You will receive a packet and guidance to be reviewed with CCR staff.

8

Home Inspection



The last step will be a full home inspection for health and safety. We will schedule a courtesy inspection with you to help you prepare for your final inspection.

9

Record Keeping



CCR Staff will review the forms with you that are needed for the children in your care and work with you to develop a record-keeping system that works best for you!

10

Maximize Your Business Income



CCR Staff can provide resources to help guide you in your business practices (e.g., setting policies for families and marketing your program). The tax-deductible \$25 registration fee for providers is a start to growing your skills!

Contact: Child Care Resources (CCR) of Monmouth County today! www.ccrnj.org (732) 918-9901 ext. 132 info@ccrnj.org

Family Child Care Alliance

Are you operating your own registered Family Child Care home business? Interested in saving time and money while earning more money? How about sharing best practices with other Family Child Care home providers or learning about best practices with access to FREE resources and templates?

Join the Family Child Care Alliance in Monmouth and Camden Counties. It's free!

Each individual would still operate their own business but would benefit from being part of a group (i.e., a network) to strengthen the business aspect of home-based child care.



Here are just some of the benefits:

- Business Organization training with the FCC Navigator
- Personalized professional support
 - ◆ Business Skills
 - ◆ Peer Support & Sharing
 - ◆ Professional Practices
- Technology tailored for Family Child Care home businesses
 - ◆ Easy Online Materials and Tools
 - ◆ Tools to Save Time & Money
 - ◆ Basic Computer Support
- Increase financial sustainability (increase and maintain income)
- Reduce administrative costs and time on these tasks
- Increase access to business expertise (e.g., grow business strategies to save time, save money, and increase income)
- Increase knowledge of business and child care best practices
- Increase the number of registered Family Child Care providers
- Support the needs of working parents
- Promote the healthy development of children

If you are interested in being part of this opportunity, or have questions, please contact Courtney Noll, Family Child Care Navigator, at cnoll@ccrnj.org or 732-918-9901 Ext. 132.

New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System



Grow NJ Kids is New Jersey's Quality Rating and Improvement System. It was created to provide a universal standard of quality for all early care and education programs (Head Start, Child Care, Family Child Care, Public Schools, etc.) throughout New Jersey. The goal is to create a system that encourages ongoing enhancement for a safe, healthy, and high-quality child care experience.

Grow NJ Kids gives child care and early learning programs resources to assess and enhance the quality of care they are providing for New Jersey's young children. This initiative also focuses on educating parents with information that allows them to evaluate the quality of programs and make the best choices for their child.

Enrollment tells parents that your program is committed to quality improvement!



Participants receive free, on-site quality improvement technical assistance visits, access to information on the most current evidence-based practices, a clear roadmap for improving quality, and an assessment tool to review their program. Participants enrolled in Grow NJ Kids also have exclusive access to free training for staff.

Child Care Resources of Monmouth County supports Grow NJ Kids for early childhood providers throughout the county. We provide center-based and family child care providers with support in demonstrating and working to enhance quality of experiences for children and families in their care.

To enroll in Grow NJ Kids, visit NJCCIS.com or contact our Quality Improvement Specialist, Keithlyn Smith, at 732-918-9901 ext. 120 or ksmith@ccrnj.org



Infant Toddler Specialist Network

“Second only to the immediate family, child care is the context in which early development unfolds, starting in infancy and continuing through school entry for the vast majority of young children.”

National Research Council and Institute of Medicine.

Devoting time and effort to building respectful and responsive relationships with infants and toddlers in your care yields positive outcomes for children. These relationships impact virtually all aspects of their development – social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and behavioral. When you can engage in sustained relationships with infants, toddlers, and their families, you can develop a deeper understanding of each child’s unique interests, needs, cues, and temperament, which increases your ability to give sensitive, high-quality care.

We understand how important your role is in shaping the first years of a child’s life. We applaud the work that you do every day! At Child Care Resources, our priority is to help support your staff, your program, and the families in your care.

Some of the services that we can provide you with include:

- Professional Development
- Teacher Coaching and Mentoring
- Resources and Materials
- Community Partnerships

We understand how important your role is in shaping the first years of a child’s life and the families in your care and we are here to support you! Call our office at 732-918-9901 for more information about our Infant Toddler Specialist program!

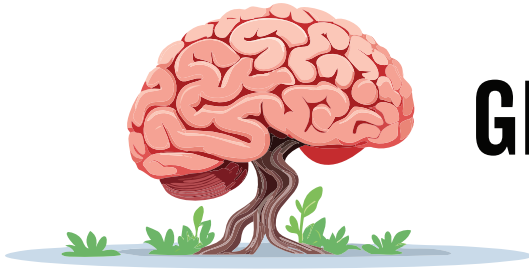
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Scan here with
your phone to
get some great
resources!





THE GROWING BRAIN

All Sessions will be online
Via Zoom from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.
To register, please visit
NJCCIS.com. For assistance,
please contact Dina Patel at
dpatele@ccrnj.org

**Unit 1:
The Basics**
October 29, 2024
Event ID: 143683

Unit 1 will focus on the basics of a young child's body and all that makes it! We will go into detail about how all of these systems work together so that you can better understand how to support children's overall development!

Unit 2 will focus on different factors that affect a brain's ability to have healthy growth and development. These would include: controllable factors, environment, stressors, and relationships.

**Unit 2:
The Factors Affecting Brain Growth
and Development**
November 7, 2024
Event ID: 143684

**Unit 3:
Communication and Language
Development**
November 12, 2024
Event ID: 143685

Unit 3 focuses on different types of communications, language and literacy milestones, ways to support your learners, and the abilities of multi-language learners.

Unit 4 focuses on various aspects of memory, cognitive development, types of thinking, and how that all ties into the brain's functions.

**Unit 4:
Cognition and Executive Function**
November 21, 2024
Event ID: 143686

**Unit 5:
Social-Emotional Development**
November 26, 2024
Event ID: 143687

Understand how Social Emotional Development and empathy come to be, the value of relationships, attachment and empathy, and the effects of stress on a young mind.

Understand how the connections between different areas of the brain are expressed through behavior. Learn about the factors that influence behavior and various causes of "challenging behaviors" & effective strategies to support children.

**Unit 6:
Behavior and the Brain**
December 5, 2024
Event ID: 143688

**Unit 7:
Everyday Play**
December 10, 2024
Event ID: 143689

Understand how the connections between different areas of the brain are expressed through behavior. Learn about the factors that influence behavior and various causes of "challenging behaviors" & effective strategies to support children.

CDA (Child Development Associate)

Child Development Associate Credential

Are you interested in learning more about Early Childhood Education?
How about an affordable CDA credential?

Step 1:
120 Hours of Coursework Professional Portfolio
Enroll in Child Care Resources CDA program and complete Step 1 within a year

Step 2:
480 Hours of work Experience
Gain experience while completing coursework with our online platform, Quorum

Step 3:
CDA Application Verification Visit CDA Exam
We will support you through this process

Step 4:
Council Reviews Request for Certificate

Wondering how you can advance your career in early childhood education?

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™ is a nationally recognized credential in early childhood education and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement. The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™ is based on a core set of competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. You can get your CDA with Child Care Resources!

The CDA program at Child Care Resources offers a cost effective, virtual learning approach on a user-friendly online platform. The required 120 professional development hours are available in a self-paced, online format and are combined with monthly, Zoom coaching sessions. This approach allows for online learning to take place on your own time, while the coaching sessions keep you on track to complete your portfolio and obtain your CDA in a year's time!

How does it work?

- 1) 120 hours of coursework. Offered online through Quorum with Child Care Resources. Subject area requirements are outlined by the CDA coach for simple navigation.
- 2) 480 hours of experience working with young children within 3 years of applying for the credential. You can work towards these hours while completing your coursework
- 3) Prepare your CDA Professional Portfolio. You will do this with the help of your coach!
- 4) Participate in monthly Zoom coaching sessions: one session per month for two hours
- 5) After coursework is complete you will set up an in-class observation, take an exam, and apply for your CDA!!

The benefits of CDA coaching with Child Care Resources includes:

Guidance for completing your portfolio one step at a time
CDA exam preparation
Opportunities to ask questions
Guidance through the CDA Application Process

Knowledge assessments
Peer discussions
Progress checks with CDA Coach

Scholarships are available via NJCCIS.com for those that are employed at Child Care programs that currently accept subsidies!!

Our next cohort will begin in January!

For more information, or to enroll in CCR's CDA program or scholarships, please contact:

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Child Care Center Shared Service Alliance

What is a Child Care Center Shared Services Alliance?

The Monmouth County Child Care Center Alliance offers child care centers an opportunity to share knowledge, experience, and challenge-solving strategies to thrive in today's difficult economy. Being part of a network enables child care programs to tap into local expertise, save time, money, and strengthen business skills to navigate child care's changing landscape from the evolution of the future of work for parents, to preschool expansion. Membership is free!

Major Issue Identified: Child Care Staffing Crisis

Recent reports have documented continued challenges facing the child care industry and working parents since the onset of the COVID public health pandemic. Parents need reliable child care to work, but child care is facing an unprecedented staffing crisis. Programs report waiting lists for care because staff recruitment and retention has never been as difficult as it is in today's economy. At the same time, economic recovery and growth depend on working parents.

The Monmouth County Child Care Shared services Alliance is pleased to introduce: Early Childhood Substitute Solution, a program of Child Care Resources of Monmouth County, to help alleviate the staffing shortage. The substitute service was launched in September 2023 and includes a platform that enables centers in the Alliance to access a pool of vetted substitutes for their staffing needs. To date, the substitute service has thirteen substitutes who have worked 384 jobs for participating centers in the alliance.

Major Issue Identified: The Impact of State Funded Pre-School on Private Community-Based Child Care

Governor Murphy has committed to expanding Pre-K for all 3 and 4-year-old children throughout the state over the next several years. While the Governor's proposed expansion includes a focus on mixed-delivery to ensure that Pre-K expansion does not undermine the business model of community-based programs, in reality, that is not what is happening on the ground. This practice has been identified as a main concern by our Monmouth County Child Care Center Alliance.

Pre-K expansion should be an opportunity to increase access to high-quality programming for children while also meeting the needs of working parents. However, school districts only contract with child care centers to provide preschool if they do not have space or if they cannot create the space. What that means for child care centers within communities is that the business model is no longer viable as preschool-age children are shifted to public schools. For example, the higher cost for infant and toddler care is offset by larger enrollments of preschool-age children. Because of the important role that child care plays for parents of children under age 5, standing by and leaving mixed delivery to chance is a strategy which could lead to child care program closures and a much more difficult time for parents to find child care for infants and toddlers.

The goal is to develop a short and long-term plan for meaningful Pre-K mixed delivery across school districts in Monmouth County. The stakes for children, parents, employers, and communities are high.

Contact Anshoo Talwar, Shared Services Alliance Coordinator,
at 732-918-9901 ext. 138 or atalwar@ccrnj.org for more information!

CCDBG The Child Care Development Block Grant

Meeting the basic health and safety needs of all children sets the stage for positive child outcomes. The Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) is the primary federal grant program that provides child care assistance for families and funds child care quality initiatives.

To meet these requirements, the State of New Jersey has issued the following provisions that must be met by all child care programs that receive child care subsidy funds. This includes all child care centers, family child care providers and summer camps which receive child care subsidy funds.

Required Trainings

Health, Safety and Child Growth and Development: Basic Requirements for Licensing (8 hours)

Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect: Mandated Reporting in Early Care and Education (2 hours)

First Aid and CPR (4 hours)

NEW!

Health, Safety and Child Growth and Development Refresher: Online (2 hours)

This online training session takes place in the NJCCIS LMS. Participants must have completed the CCDBG 8-hour Health, Safety, and Child Growth and Development: Basic Requirements for Licensing prior to completing this refresher course. Health, Safety, and Child Growth and Development: Refresher provides an overview of the Health, Safety, and Child Growth and Development: Basic Requirements for Licensing training. This online training provides helpful information and resources that can be used in work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, or school-age children. Participants will access important health and safety information and resources, view and reflect upon videos and animations, engage in interactive activities, complete quick knowledge checks, and review strategies for keeping children healthy and safe. **This training can be completed annually after initial completion of the 8-hour course as it supports important topics that should be reviewed once per year.**

Child Care Resources offers the CCDBG training in-person and free of charge. To locate the in-person training, log into your NJCCIS account – click Registry – click Find Professional and Development Trainings and you can search by event id#, county, training agency, title, or date.

NJCCIS also offers CCDBG trainings in a pre-recorded format (not including CPR/First Aid). The pre-recorded format is self-paced and must be completed within a two-week period. To locate the pre-recorded session, log into your NJCCIS account – click on Registry – then under CCDBG required trainings, click on Health & Safety Basics. To access the Health, Safety, Child Growth & Development Refresher: Online, click on registry and select “Refresher – Health and Safety Basics”.

If you would like to learn more or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

CPR/First Aid/AED

Our Heartsaver Total First Aid/CPR/AED for Adults, Children and Infants is geared towards individuals with minimal or no medical training who require a course completion card for their work as a childcare provider, or for any other individuals wanting to be prepared for an emergency in any setting. This is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. This course uses the American Heart Association's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which allows instructors to observe the students, provide feedback, and guide students' learning of skills. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a course completion card that is valid for two years. This class can also be taken to renew your certification. Please contact your employer to ensure that you are selecting the correct course.

Please see schedule below:

October 7, 2024	5:00pm to 9:00pm
October 22, 2024	5:00pm to 9:00pm
November 6, 2024	5:00pm to 9:00pm
November 25, 2024	5:00pm to 9:00pm
December 17, 2024	5:00pm to 9:00pm
January 6, 2025	5:00pm to 9:00pm
January 21, 2025	5:00pm to 9:00pm
February 5, 2025	5:00pm to 9:00pm
February 18, 2025	5:00pm to 9:00pm
March 5, 2025	5:00pm to 9:00pm
March 18, 2025	5:00pm to 9:00pm



****Sessions will be held at 3301 C Route 66, Neptune, 07754**

Registration and \$55 payment for all CPR/ First Aid sessions are due one week prior to the start date.

Professional Development Training

Child Care Resources is a leading training entity for child care professionals in Monmouth County and offers both in-person and online professional development courses for child care professionals. Our professional development courses are designed to provide learners with accepted childcare practices and training based on research in early childhood. Our trainings offer firm foundations as well as new perspectives and techniques for child care professionals working with children and families.

Professional development through Child Care Resources provides the opportunity for those working in the early childhood education field to participate in trainings that promote professionalism and program quality through a wide array of topics. Check out our calendar for all of CCR's upcoming training sessions!

Tailored Trainings

Are you looking for a specific training for your staff?

Child Care Resources is here to provide high quality, convenient, professional development just for your Monmouth County program! Our expert professionals can offer a training experience tailored specifically to your program's needs. Child care teachers, directors, before and after school staff, Family Child Care providers, as well as those working in Monmouth County school districts, can host these trainings for little to no cost.

Child Care Resources offers these tailored sessions at only \$10 per person per 2-hour session. If your program is enrolled in Grow NJ Kids, sessions are free of charge! We can schedule trainings during normal operating hours or during evening hours to accommodate you and your employee's schedules.

We can also help create and implement a training plan for your program. This ensures that you can provide continuous professional development opportunities for your staff that best fit your program's unique needs.

Call Christine Boffa Mamazza, Child Care Education Coordinator at 732-918-9901 ext. 119 or email cboffa@ccrnj.org to develop your personalized staff development plan!

Director and Teacher Corner Meetings

Child Care Resources' quarterly Director's Corner is a confidential space for Directors to gather for networking and learn about what is happening in the childcare industry. Through guided roundtable discussions, CCR's Director's Corner provides a platform to share experiences, review updates in subsidy and fiscal policy, and discuss business strategies for managing all that is involved in running a childcare center.

We are also here to support your teachers by offering quarterly Teacher's Corner meetings! At these meetings, teachers will be able to connect with other childcare educators in the field from across New Jersey. They will share ideas, ask questions, and learn from one another.

Check out the calendar for dates and times and remember to register on NJCCIS to receive the Zoom link.

We look forward to connecting with you soon!



New Jersey's Workforce Registry, NJCCIS, plays a major role in guiding the future of child care! It is here to help us better navigate, plan, and support the child care profession.

Advanced registration for trainings via NJCCIS is required. Please be sure to register for all trainings you plan to attend at least 24 hours prior to the training time.

Why is utilizing NJCCIS important?

- Tracks training attendance
- Enables you to view and print certificates of completion
- Supports career development
- Provides access to resources
- Provides data to inform the field

Questions? Call us!

Kelly Acanfora at 732-918-9901 ext. 135 or kacanfora@ccrnj.org

New User?

You must register an account before gaining access to the system

- Click "New to the NJCCIS?"
- Click "Create Your Account Now"
- Enter Information
- Click "Register"
- In the bottom section of the webpage, labeled "Child Care Provider Roles"
- Choose an *option from "Child Care Provider Roles"
- Complete the form
- Click "Register"
- Confirm your registration in your email

Enrolling in a Workshop

- Visit NJCCIS.com
- Click "Log In"
- Enter your email address and password
- Click "Registry"
- Click "Find Professional Development and Training Classes"
- Select "Monmouth from the "County" dropdown menu
- Click on the blue pencil left of workshop title to enroll
- To view additional course information, click on the "+" to the right of "Class Detail"
- Scroll down until you see the event details
- Click "Register for this Event"

Zoom Training Etiquette

Friendly reminders to ensure you receive credit!

Before the Training

- Choose a quiet area to set up for the training
- Log in a few minutes early to get settled
- Check that your internet, video & sound are working
- Check the lighting of your video/webcam
- Have a pen and paper to take notes

Tip:

Use earbuds with a built-in mic to minimize background noise.



During the Training

Tip:

Make sure you're engaged in the training and your camera is kept on to receive credit



- Ensure your display name matches your first and last name
- Avoid multitasking (**NOTE: Participants should not be driving during the training**)
- Be present. Give your full attention throughout the entire training
- Participate by taking yourself off mute or adding to the chat box

After the Training

- Take time to reflect on what you've learned
- Complete any evaluations and assessments
- Be sure to look out for any additional documents that will be sent out the following day

Tip:

Complete the evaluation while information is fresh in your mind



October 2024

■ In Person ■ Zoom

Tuesday, October 1

7:00-9:00 PM

A Guide for How to Respond to Children's Big Feelings

Learn how to respond to big feelings & meltdowns by co-regulating. Gain the skills to create a plan to be used in the moment, so you know exactly what to do and say to de-escalate meltdowns and support children as they process their big feelings. Shift perspective and look beyond children's behavior to get to the root cause.

Rebekkah Zydel

Wednesday, October 2

12:00-1:00 PM

Infant Toddler Specialist Network Information Meeting

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Dina Patel

Wednesday, October 2

12:00-2:00 PM

Assessing Children

Learn why observation is the best way to assess children's development, different types of observation records, purposes for observations, what to look for when observing, how to plan observation events, and ways to use observation in your early childhood program.

Keithlyn Smith

Thursday, October 3

6:30-8:30 PM

Keeping Infants Safe in Childcare

Safety is an essential part of taking care of infants. During this training, you will learn about the history and science behind the Safe Sleep campaign and how to enforce Safe Sleep with not only the infants in your care, but infants in anyone's care. You will also learn about the signs and symptoms of Shaken Baby Syndrome and how to prevent it.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Monday, October 7

5:00-9:00 PM

First Aid/CPR/AED

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Tuesday, October 8

6:00-9:00 PM

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Tuesday, October 15

12:30-2:30 PM

Classroom Materials (ECERS-3)

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Keithlyn Smith

Thursday, October 17

6:30-7:30 PM

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness is a crucial part of having children in care. During this training, you will learn to identify your role as an Early Care Education (ECE) professional in creating and maintaining safe indoor environments. You will compare the emergency preparedness policies and procedures in your own program with those in the licensing requirements and identify necessary modifications or additions to your own program's emergency preparedness policies and procedures.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Thursday, October 17

6:30-8:30 PM

ERS: Caring for Infants and Toddlers

In this meeting we will discuss some everyday things that you can do to make your infant/toddler care space more efficient. We will touch on classroom management, schedules, interactions, and much more! We will also have plenty of time for open ended discussion!

Dina Patel

Monday, October 21

6:30-8:30 PM

Empower and Educate: Building Supportive Environments Through Autism Understanding

Our training session provides you with a unique and impactful perspective on Autism, integrating diverse experiences and essential insights to enhance understanding, awareness, empathy, inclusion, and representation. With Autism diagnoses now affecting 1 in 36 children in the U.S. (CDC, 2024), the need for effective and inclusive educational resources and support services is more urgent than ever. Through a comprehensive presentation and interactive activities from our full workshop program, you will gain valuable skills and knowledge in an engaging manner. This training is designed to equip you with strategies to foster a supportive, compassionate, and inclusive learning environment for all children.

Shekira Farrell

Tuesday, October 22

5:00-9:00 PM

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Thursday, October 24

11:00-2:00 PM

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November 2024

Tuesday, November 5

5:30-8:30 PM

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Tuesday, November 5

6:30-7:30PM

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Courtney Noll

Wednesday, November 6

12:00-2:00 PM

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Keithlyn Smith

Wednesday, November 6

5:00-9:00 PM

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Tuesday, November 12

6:30-8:30 PM

Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect

During this training, we will learn about how to identify different types of child abuse and neglect and what it means to be a mandated reporter in the state of New Jersey.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Thursday, November 14

6:30-8:30 PM

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Dina Patel

Monday, November 18

6:30-8:30 PM

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Dina Patel and Cindy Terebush

Tuesday, November 19

5:30-8:30 PM

Health, Safety, Child Growth & Development Part 2

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Tuesday, November 19

6:30-8:30 PM

Literacy as a Foundation for Future Learning

Learning literacy is a process that takes many years. Early childhood professionals can provide children with a strong foundation for reading comprehension and writing when we understand that process and intentionally select books that are diverse in scope and content. Our approach to teaching both reading and writing can help children feel capable and instill joy in literacy that they will carry with them for years to come.

Cindy Terebush

Thursday, November 21

11:00-2:00 PM

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Thursday, November 21

6:30-8:30 PM

Encouraging the Growth of the 5 Developmental Domains

Understanding the developmental domains is an important part of being an early childhood educator. During this training, we will review all the domains: cognitive development, language and literacy, physical development, and social and emotional development. We will review Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) and the activities you can do within the classroom to help develop all of these necessary skills in young children.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Monday, November 25

5:00-9:00 PM

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	First Aid/CPR/AED 5:00-9:00 PM			<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Black Friday</i>	

December 2024

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Tuesday, December 3 5:30-7:30 PM

Health, Safety, Child Growth & Development Part 3

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Wednesday, December 4 12:00-2:00 PM

Assessing Children

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Keithlyn Smith

Wednesday, December 4 5:00-8:00 PM

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Thursday, December 5 6:30-8:30 PM

Understanding and Managing Behaviors in Group Care

Caring for large groups of children comes with various challenges, the biggest being managing behaviors. During this training, we will dig into child development and discuss the reasons why certain behaviors may occur. We will then review different strategies to implement in the classroom to help minimize these behaviors on a daily basis.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Tuesday, December 10 6:30-7:30 PM

FCC Alliance with Camden County - FCC Only

Are you operating your own registered Family Child Care home business? Interested in saving time and money? And earning more money? Interested in sharing best practices with other Family Child Care home providers or learning about best practices? Are you interested in access to free resources and templates? Join the Family Child Care Alliance in Monmouth and Camden Counties. And it's free! We would love to have you join this wonderful opportunity! Each individual would still operate their own business but would benefit from being part of a group (i.e., a network) to strengthen the business aspect of home-based child care. The FCC Alliance will offer access to tools and templates so that each provider doesn't have to recreate the wheel.

Courtney Noll

Wednesday, December 11 12:00-1:00 PM

Director's Corner - Centers Only

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

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Dina Patel and Cindy Tereshush

Thursday, December 12 6:30-8:30 PM

Self-Regulation and Positive Guidance in Early Childhood - FCC Only

Caring for young children comes with various challenges, especially when we do not have the best understanding of why children act the way that they do. During this training, we will discuss the development of self-regulation in early childhood to help us get a better idea of why certain behaviors occur. We will also talk about the six strategies of positive guidance discipline and how we can use them appropriately in certain situations.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Tuesday, December 17 5:00-9:00 PM

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Wednesday, December 18 7:00-8:00 PM

Teachers Corner

At these meetings teachers will be able to connect with other child care educators in the field from across New Jersey. Child Care Resources will bring updated health and safety procedures, best practices, and industry trends to share during the meeting. Please join and brainstorm with us as we discuss new topics together each month. There will be ample opportunity for Q & A and discussion in this Zoom session.

Dina Patel and Keithlyn Smith

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Thursday, January 9 6:30-8:30 PM

Building Partnerships with Parents

Learn about the importance of building positive goal-oriented relationships with families. Explore the role these relationships play in effective parent, family, and community engagement and school readiness.

Keithlyn Smith

Tuesday, January 14 5:30-8:30 PM

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Dina Patel

Thursday, January 16 6:30-8:30 PM

Strengthening Families Bringing the Protective Factors to Life in Your Work

Working with families using a strength-based approach often requires a shift in our lens and mindset. During this training, participants will learn to understand the possible lifelong negative effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how protective factors can prevent and buffer ACEs. They will

review the goals of the Strengthening Families approach and all that comprise the framework, including culture and family background. They will become familiar with the 5 protective factors and how they align with other strength-based approaches so that they can best support all the children and families in their care.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Tuesday, January 21 5:00-9:00 PM

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Wednesday, January 29 11:00-2:00 PM

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Thursday, January 30 6:30-8:30 PM

Effective Teaching and Classroom Management

Classroom management is a skill not easily achieved, but a necessary one to teach effectively. During this training, you will learn about various tips and tricks to manage your classroom, ensuring that the children in your care are getting the most of out their day-to-day experience.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

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Tuesday, February 4 12:30-2:30 PM

Classroom Materials (ITERS-3)

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Keithlyn Smith

Wednesday, February 5 12:00-2:00 PM

Assessing Children

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Keithlyn Smith

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Thursday, February 6 6:30-7:30 PM

Birth to Three Early Learning Standards: Overview

The New Jersey Birth to Three Early Learning Standards provide a common framework for understanding and communicating developmentally appropriate expectations for infants and toddlers. These standards are based on research about what

children should understand and do (competencies and skills) in different domains of learning and development. These sessions will allow participants to gain in-depth knowledge for supporting what children should know and be able to do and to dive deeper into the essential domains of early childhood development.

Dina Patel

Monday, February 10 5:00-8:00 PM

FCC/ FFN Orientation

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Tuesday, February 11 5:30-7:30 PM

Health, Safety, Child Growth & Development Part 3

This course provides an overview of nine of the required health and safety topics plus basic child development information for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This training provides helpful information and resources that can be used in work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, or school-age children. This training is delivered over the course of three sessions. Participants will download a Self-Reflection and Resource Guide at the beginning of the training. This guide will be referred to throughout all fifteen sections. Participants must attend all sessions to get full credit.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Tuesday, February 11 6:30-8:30 PM

Understanding Science for Early Learners

Early learners are natural scientists, yet educators are often hesitant to plan science as often as other content area activities. Learn about the importance of science activities, how to facilitate children's explorations, and what is needed in your science area to enhance what children do naturally- inquire, explore, and investigate.

Cindy Terabush

Wednesday, February 12 6:30-8:30 PM

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Courtney Noll

Thursday, February 13 6:30-8:30 PM

Birth to Three Early Learning Standards: Domain 1

The social and emotional domain includes the development of trust and emotional security, self-awareness, self-regulation and the beginning of relationships with adults and other children. These sessions will allow participants to gain in-depth knowledge for supporting what children should know and be able to do and to dive deeper into the essential domains of early childhood development.

Dina Patel

Thursday, February 13 6:30-8:30 PM

Building Partnerships with Parents

Learn about the importance of building positive goal-oriented relationships with families. Explore the role these relationships play in effective parent, family, and community engagement and school readiness.

Keithlyn Smith

Thursday, February 13 6:30-8:30 PM

Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Thursday, February 20 6:30-8:30 PM

Birth to Three Early Learning Standards: Domain 2

The Approaches to Learning domain includes the dispositions, attitudes and behaviors that reflect the diverse ways that infants and toddlers learn. These sessions will allow participants to gain in-depth knowledge for supporting what children should know and be able to do and to dive deeper into the essential domains of early childhood development.

Dina Patel

Wednesday, February 26 11:00-2:00 PM

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Courtney Noll & Veronica Soto

Thursday, February 27 6:30-7:30 PM

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness is a crucial part of having children in care. During this training, you will learn to identify your role as an Early Care Education (ECE) professional in creating and maintaining safe indoor environments. You will compare the emergency preparedness policies and procedures in your own program with those in the licensing requirements and identify necessary modifications or additions to your own program's emergency preparedness policies and procedures.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Thursday, February 27 6:30-8:30 PM

Birth to Three Early Learning Standards: Domain 3

Discuss how the ability of infants and toddlers to understand and use language to communicate supports the development of social-emotional, cognitive, and physical skills as well as their relationships with others. These sessions will allow participants to gain in-depth knowledge for supporting what children should know and be able to do and to dive deeper into the essential domains of early childhood development.

Dina Patel

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Thursday, March 6 6:30-8:30 PM

Birth to Three Early Learning Standards: Domain 4

Cognitive Development during infancy is one manifestation of the early and rapid development of the brain and related higher centers of thinking and knowing. These sessions will allow participants to gain in-depth knowledge for supporting what

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Dina Patel

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Wednesday, March 12 6:30-8:30 PM

Birth to Three Early Learning Standards: Domain 5

Infants and toddlers learn about themselves, others, and their environment through the use of their motor skills and abilities and their increasing ability to coordinate their hands, arms, legs, and their whole body. These sessions will allow participants to gain in-depth knowledge for supporting what children should know and be able to do and to dive deeper into the essential domains of early childhood development.

Dina Patel

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Christine Boffa Mamazza

Wednesday, March 19 12:00-1:00 PM

Director's Corner - Centers Only

CCR's quarterly Director's Corner is a confidential space for Directors to gather for networking and learning about what is happening in the childcare industry. Through guided roundtable discussions, CCR's Director's Corner provides a platform to share experiences, review regular updates in subsidy and fiscal policy, and discuss business strategies for managing all that is involved in running a childcare center. We will also share any additional support as it relates to quality and shared services.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Wednesday, March 19 6:30-8:30 PM

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Courtney Noll

Tuesday, March 25 6:30-8:30 PM

Keeping Infants Safe in Childcare

Safety is an essential part of taking care of infants. During this training, you will learn about the history and science behind the Safe Sleep campaign and how to enforce Safe Sleep with not only the infants in your care, but infants in anyone's care. You will also learn about the signs and symptoms of Shaken Baby Syndrome and how to prevent it.

Christine Boffa Mamazza

Wednesday, March 26 7:00-8:00 PM

Teachers Corner

At these meetings teachers will be able to connect with other child care educators in the field from across New Jersey. Child Care Resources will bring updated health and safety procedures, best practices, and industry trends to share during the meeting. Please join and brainstorm with us as we discuss new topics together each month. There will be ample opportunity for Q & A and discussion in this Zoom session.

Dina Patel and Keithlyn Smith

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