



Child Care Resources



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Pro Child, Family,
and Community

About 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.

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A Letter from our Executive Director

In May, I received the Aletha R Wright Award for Excellence in Early Care and Education. What an honor it was to receive this award from the NJ Early Care and Education Alliance.

This award is especially meaningful because Aletha Wright was a driving force in New Jersey's early education landscape. She elevated grassroots community efforts into state-level policy and helped align public policy with community networks. Her work established the administrative frameworks and government funding streams that allowed Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies to secure official operating contracts. And now, here we are.



Long before many others, Aletha understood that child care offers a window into the life of a family. She knew that for working families, child care helps shape a child's future and strengthens communities by supporting and protecting their most vulnerable members. Her work affirmed that child care is not only essential to families, but also foundational to strong, stable, and connected communities.

My work in early care and education began in 1999 at Child Care Resources. In 2000, I became both a parent and a consumer of child care. It was not long before I fell in love with this work. Like Aletha, CCR&Rs recognize that child care is the foundation of a healthy, thriving community.

We are the boots-on-the-ground organization—the people who know the work and do the work. We have supported families through personal transitions, economic downturns, natural disasters, public health crises, and everything in between. We have partnered with government agencies, nonprofits, school districts, and local businesses to build a responsive, inclusive system for all children. We have also supported and amplified the essential work of child care providers, many of whom are women, people of color, and small business owners. CCR&Rs are the quiet but powerful anchors of strong, safe, and connected communities. That is our work.

I am proud to share this recognition with my staff, colleagues, and child care partners in Monmouth County. Our relationships have grown from a deep love for this work, and I am grateful to be part of something so special. Together, we are part of a single heartbeat dedicated to New Jersey's future.

One thing I know for sure: this award is not only a reflection of past work, but also a call to keep going. It reminds us that our voices must continue to lift up the families who depend on us and the children who deserve every opportunity to succeed. This work matters now more than ever.

Thank you for being my partners on this journey.

With gratitude,

Kim Perrelli
Executive Director

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Fiscal Team

For assistance with payments, enrollment calendars, KinderConnect, etc., please feel free to reach out to our Fiscal team.

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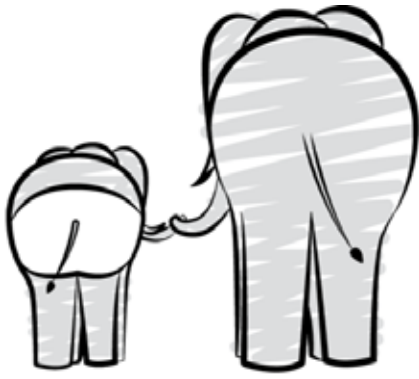
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Diapers @CCRMommouth

What is diaper need?

The lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy throughout the day. For parents, diaper need causes more distress than food insecurity.

Interested in Supporting Child Care Resources Donation Based Diaper Bank?

You or your organization can:

- Host a diaper drive
- Talk to others about diaper need
- Donate diapers, gift cards or monetarily to the diaper bank
- Ask guests to bring diapers to events as their “admission” or “in lieu of gifts” at baby showers, birthday parties, etc.



Volunteer activities include but are not limited to:

- Running a diaper drive
- Outreach to potential organizations willing to host diaper drives
- Unloading, unpacking, wrapping, repackaging, storage of diapers and wipes
- Drive to pick up/ deliver diapers throughout Monmouth County

To learn more about our Diaper Bank contact us at 732-918-9901
Thank you for supporting the children and families of Monmouth County!

Every child deserves to be clean, dry and healthy!
In the United States 1 in 3 families struggle to afford diapers.

Diapers cannot be obtained through WIC, SNAP, Medicaid or other government “safety net” programs.

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



Need Diapers?

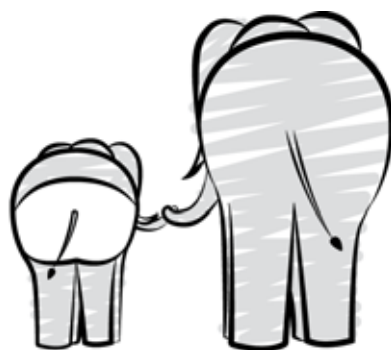
Once a month eligible families will receive approximately one week’s worth of diapers and one package of wipes per child.

CCR’s Diaper Bank is donation-based which means we rely on donations to provide diapers to families in need. All distribution amounts are contingent upon availability.

Find a diaper bank referral form on our website: <https://ccrnj.org> click on the diaper tab. This form must be completed by a community organization that has evaluated the family’s needs and can validate the family’s diaper need. Examples of community agencies are VNA, Fulfill, MCDSS, Child Care Resources, religious organizations, school or child care program.

All referred families must be Monmouth County residents.

We will contact you when diapers are available.



Diapers @CCRMomouth

To learn more about how to receive diapers from our Diaper Bank contact us at 732-918-9901.

Connecting Parents and Building Healthy Communities

The Parenting Village approach provides on-going opportunities for parents to engage with their children and connect with other parents. Through a variety of rich activities parents will gain insight on parenting, and their child's development. **The Parenting Village** supports families along their parenting journey. We provide enrichment of the parent child relationship through connections with peers, child care, experts in the field and other important community resources. We are here to help support your parent engagement work so every family will feel connected to their community.



Help Your Parents Build a Sense of Community Through a Parenting Village. Strong family engagement is central in promoting children's healthy development and school readiness. **The Parenting Village** is here for you to lean on. With an inclusive, supportive, compassionate, and team-based approach to help make the weight of parenting easier to carry. Through encouragement and empowerment, we support positive outcomes and effective partnerships.



This is how we build our village!



Parenting Village

of Child Care Resources of Monmouth County

To plan your customized Parenting Village program contact
Monica Orozco at 732-918-9901 ext. 104 or morozco@ccrnj.org



Parent Café Support Network

A safe space where parents can gather with other families in the community!

Parent Cafés are welcoming and supportive meetings that offer a safe space for parents to openly share the joys and challenges of raising children, exchange practical strategies, and connect with one another.

Each session explores important topics such as managing the overwhelm of parenting, supporting their child's social and emotional development, and recognizing the value of community in the parenting journey. We also integrate powerful tools and approaches—including Strengthening Families, Positive Solutions for Families, and Connections Matter—through the Pyramid Model framework, which supports children's healthy social-emotional development and promotes positive outcomes for families.

While we offer guidance on key areas like child development and identifying quality in childcare, our conversations are shaped by the needs and interests of the parents who attend. That means every Parent Café is unique and relevant to them.

Beyond discussion, Parent Cafés are about building a strong, connected community. We invite families to come together for special events and activities that spark meaningful relationships and fun memories. Whether they're new to parenting or have years of experience, these gatherings are free and open to all.

If your program is looking to bring a presentation to your center for your families, we'd love to hear from you!

**For more information about dates and times—
or to schedule a session—please contact:**

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Family & Community Engagement Specialist

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We look forward to connecting and growing together!

Enhance Your Program with ASQ-3

What is ASQ-3?

The Ages & Stages Questionnaire, Third Edition (ASQ-3) is a simple, family-friendly developmental screening tool for children from birth to age 5. ASQ-3 helps identify how children are developing in key areas like:

- Communication
- Movement (gross & fine motor)
- Problem-solving
- Personal-social skills



Books, Balls, & Blocks!



Why Use ASQ-3 in Your Child Care Program?

- Build stronger relationships with families
- Show your commitment to quality care
- Identify developmental needs early
- Add value to your program without extra work

IT'S FREE & EASY!

Through Child Care Resources, you can offer ASQ-3 Screenings to your families at **NO COST!**

We provide:

- Screening in English & Spanish
- Support completing questionnaires
- Help understanding results
- Referrals if needed
- Books for all Children
- CCR will have a FREE Pizza Party or Ice Cream Party once a year per program after families complete their child's ASQ-3 Screening

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Books, Balls, & Blocks!



What is Books, Balls, and Blocks?

BBB is a fun, hands-on event designed for families with young children (birth to age 5).

Through play, children explore early learning skills while parents learn simple ways to support development at home.

What Happens at a BBB Event?

- Books: Early literacy activities like reading and storytelling
- Balls: Movement and play that build motor skills
- Blocks: Problem-solving and creativity through building

Activities are play-based, interactive, and easy for families to recreate at home!

Why Host a BBB Event at Your Center?

- Invites parents into your program
- Helps families learn how to support their child's growth
- Builds trust and connection with other caregivers

Grow Your Program!

- Showcases your learning environment
- Highlights your professionalism and expertise
- Attracts new families to your childcare
- Opportunity to partner with local organizations

What Child Care Resources brings to you?

- Dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers
- Snacks, light dinner/lunch, and drinks
- Giveaways
- Gifts for all families that complete an ASQ-3 screening
- Community Resources
- Information for families

Interested in Hosting?

Hosting a BBB event is a great way to:

- Bring families together
- Promote early learning
- Make your childcare stand out
- Contact us to learn how to bring Books, Balls & Blocks to your program!

Monica Orozco - 732-918-9901 ext. 104 or email - morozco@ccmj.org

Start a Family Child Care Home Business!

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

Be an entrepreneur by starting a child care business in your home!
Become a registered Family Child Care Provider!



Child Care Resources (CCR) can help you!
Call us at (732) 918-9901 today!

Parents want providers they can trust – an extension of family!

Start a Home-Based Child Care Business!

CCR offers **FREE** professional support!

- Tips and tools to help set up and operate a successful business
- Resources and hands-on support
- Quality tips
- A community of peers for learning and sharing

Become a Registered Family Child Care Provider

In New Jersey, the registration of a family child care home is voluntary. **Why become registered?**

- To promote the healthy development of children
- To learn the latest in safety practices
- To strengthen your business skills to maximize your income
- To qualify to enroll children who's care is paid for with child care subsidy

CCR Can Help You – For FREE!

CCR has decades of experience helping child care providers.

Our vision is your long-term success. Our goals for you:

- A successful business
- Work/life balance
- A quality program

We are here to help!

Attend an Orientation Meeting

Contact CCR to find out when the next orientation meeting is!

- Staff will walk you through the steps to become registered – better yet, they partner with you to accomplish each step!

For additional information about how CCR can help you become an in-home child care provider, call us today at (732) 918-9901 ext. 125



FCC FORWARD

Your Professional Network To Advance Home-Based Child Care

Running a business out of your home can be difficult, but we are here to help! Child Care Resources supplies you with support in organizing and growing your business. As a Family Child Care provider, if you are need of resources or assistance with any of the topics above, please utilize the support from the Family Child Care team!

QUALITY SUPPORT



INFANT & TODDLER COACHING

Incentives available!

ONLINE CDA PAIRED WITH COACHING

Scholarships Available!

MOVING FROM REGISTERED CARE TO GNJK

Transform your care,
potentially increase income,
attract more families!

CONNECTIONS TO NJ'S EXPERTS

Child Care Health and Mental Health
Consultation

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Support for partnering with parents
on behalf of children in your care

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Assistance with planning daily
activities and schedules

FCC CORE SERVICES



PEER LEARNING GROUPS

TECHNOLOGY HELP

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

PREPARING FOR A MONITORING VISIT

1:1 COACHING

FAMILY CHILD CARE TOOLKIT

Free online resource!

COMMUNITY & PEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

BUSINESS SUPPORT



MAXIMIZING INCOME

MARKETING

TUITION RATE SETTING

PARENT CONTRACTS

TAX TIME TIPS

RECORD-KEEPING

CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)

FREE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE & WEB SITE

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SCALE (BAS) FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE

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Upcoming Events

for Family Child Care Providers

2026 - 2027



Oct 7 2026 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm Document Control Workgroup <i>Event ID: 155282</i>	Nov 10 2026 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm FCC Alliance Meeting <i>Event ID: 155284</i>	Dec 9 2026 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm Holiday Alliance Meeting <i>Event ID: 155286</i>
Jan 12 2027 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm FCC Tax Tips <i>Event ID: 155287</i>	Feb 11 2027 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm FCC Alliance Meeting <i>Event ID: 155288</i>	Mar 10 2027 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm FCC Open Workgroup <i>Event ID: 155289</i>

Register on www.njccis.com

For any help registering please contact Veronica Soto
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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 childcare experience.

Grow NJ Kids gives childcare 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 professional development 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 childcare providers with support in demonstrating and working to enhance the quality of experiences for children and families in their care.



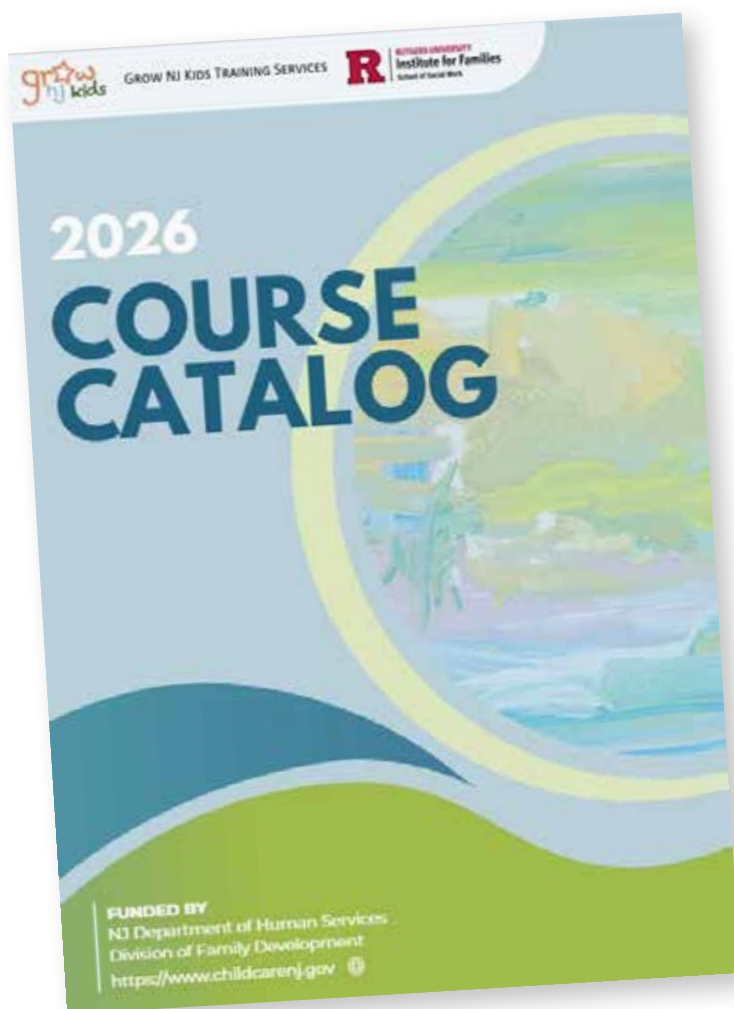
To enroll in Grow NJ Kids, visit NJCCIS.com or contact our

Quality Improvement Specialist

Keithlyn Smith Urfer

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Explore The Grow NJ Kids Training Catalog



Unlock New Training Opportunities!

We invite you to explore the Grow NJ Kids Course Catalog, designed to support professional development and training needs!

The catalog includes an introductory video and step-by-step navigation instructions to help users easily locate training in NJCCIS. Participants must have an NJCCIS account to register for training.

It also features a wide range of topics, with dates and times listed. It is updated in real-time, so we encourage programs and providers to bookmark it for ongoing use. Most topics are available in English and Spanish.

Scan the QR code to access the Course Catalog!



If you have any questions, email them at GrowNJKids@ssw.rutgers.edu for more information. Thank you for your commitment to improving the quality of child care, early learning, and Out-of-School Time programs for children throughout New Jersey.

The training sessions are funded by the NJ Department of Human Services – Division of Family Development and offered in partnership with Rutgers University School of Social Work – Institute for Families, and Grow New Jersey Kids Training Services.

CDA - Child Development Associate

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 steppingstone 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!

How does it work?

- 1) 120 hours of coursework
- 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 coaching sessions
- 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 include:

- Guidance for completing your portfolio one step at a time
- Knowledge assessments
- CDA exam preparation
- Peer discussions
- Opportunities to ask questions
- Progress checks with CDA Coach
- Guidance through the CDA Application Process

Scholarships are available via NJCCIS.com for those that are employed at child care programs that currently accept subsidies

For more information about CCR's CDA program or scholarships, please contact:

Dina Patel

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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!

Growing Quality Together: Infant & Toddler Lunch & Learn

Join us for an interactive Lunch & Learn designed for infant and toddler educators who are committed to providing high-quality care and learning experiences. Each session offers practical, easy-to-implement strategies, opportunities to collaborate with peers, and discussions focused on best practices, responsive caregiving, engaging layout, daily routines, social-emotional development, and up to date quality practices. Whether you’re looking for fresh ideas or ways to strengthen your classroom practices, you’ll leave with valuable resources and actionable strategies to support the growth and development of the youngest learners.

November 17, 2026

December 15, 2026

January 19, 2027

February 16, 2027

March 16, 2027

**All sessions will be held
1:00 – 2:00 PM**

Sign Up today at NJCCIS!

For more information contact

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CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK: LEARN, PRACTICE, AND LEAVE CONFIDENT!

Child Care Resources now offers car seat safety checks. This interactive learning experience will help you feel confident and prepared to install your child's car seat correctly. During your one-on-one session our Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, will guide you on proper installation and use of your child's car seat.

Goals

Learn how to correctly and safely install/reinstall your child's car seat.
Gain confidence in how to secure your child properly.
Demonstrate how to use the seat correctly every time.

Come prepared to Learn, Practice, and Ask Questions

Car seat safety checks can take up to 30 minutes depending on the type of car and car seat. This allows time for our Certified Passenger Safety Technician to TEACH you how to install/reinstall your car seat correctly in your car.

Contact Megan to schedule a car seat safety check and let us help you and your families feel comfortable, capable, and confident in safely securing your child for every car ride!

CCR can host a FREE car seat safety check at our Neptune location, at your school or at your next event.

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MONMOUTH COUNTY CHILD CARE CENTER ALLIANCE

Connect - Support - Strengthen

A network of early care and education providers, designed to achieve business sustainability. By collaborating and sharing proven strategies for everyday tasks, the alliance helps create efficiencies that save time and resources so providers can focus on what truly matters: supporting teachers, children, and families.



WHAT BEGAN AS A COUNTY INITIATIVE HAS GROWN STATEWIDE

Our Alliance members came together to build and develop a workforce solution that supports a program's day-to-day operation. Over the 2.5 years we designed, tested and perfected a subpool model that now benefits other counties in the state.

THREE TIERS, THREE WAYS TO JOIN

TIER 1 FREE Access to a Knowledge and Resource Hub

- FREE access to the NJAEYC Shared Resources website, it is a one-stop shop for child care professionals. An online resources database that supports every realm of the child care business.
- Access to Acquire 4 Hire, a one-stop job posting, applicant tracking, and candidate management platform- free for child care providers and ultimately saving providers money.

TIER 2 Statewide Substitute Service

- Providers can access a pool of vetted substitutes for their staffing needs.
- Enhances work-life balance for regular staff
- Reduces disruption to daily operations
- Maintains required staff-to-child ratios
- Reduces administrative burden

TIER 3 Preschool Expansion

- Join the conversation on preschool expansion efforts
- Gain insight from experienced DOE contracted providers in our alliance
- Educate parents / community members about mixed delivery
- Get updates on preschool expansion conversation

EARLY EDUCATION SUBSTITUTE SOLUTIONS

While the sub pool now operates under a slightly new name as the state's official substitute service, the successful model, technology platform and commitment to supporting child care programs remain the same!

WHY JOIN THE CENTER ALLIANCE?



Be part of the
subpool
community

Stress-free staffing
is just a click away



Connect with fellow
owners, directors and
leaders



Stay informed about
funding, industry
changes and new
policies

Focusing on
enrollment & staff
retention



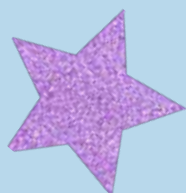
Receive practical
business resources
and operational
support



Have a stronger voice
through collaboration
and shared advocacy

There is strength in
numbers

Scan the QR code to learn more!



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Preschool Mixed Delivery Partnerships

The NJ State budget includes funding to expand access to Preschool!

Child Care Centers can partner with their School District (referred to as "mixed delivery")

"Mixed Delivery" Means Partnerships with Local Child Care Centers & Head Start

- New school district applicants must demonstrate that they have reached out to all interested child care centers and Head Start programs in their application.
- Applications are required to include a letter of intent between the district and private providers (i.e., don't wait to contact your school district if interested).
- Partnership contracts pay comparable salaries for teachers with a B.A. Degree & Preschool-Grade 3 certificate. Curriculum support and coaching are included.

Why Mixed Delivery? Parent Choices!

- Options for before & after care to meet the needs of working parents (e.g., centers can charge for "B&A" care if needed)
- The ability to keep siblings together at the same site
- Smaller learning environment compared to public elementary schools



What Can You Do?

- Contact your school district and local elementary school about a mixed delivery partnership
- Ask if they are applying for preschool funding and how your center can be a part of a community preschool vision!

**For more information about mixed delivery programs,
call Anshoo Talwar today at 732-918-9901 ext. 138**

Child Care Support Staff

For Administrators

Child Care Resources is not only here for families, but childcare staff, too! Our quarterly Child Care Administration Huddle is a confidential space where administrators can gather to network and review important policy updates from DFD, subsidy and fiscal. We also share additional information related to quality and shared services, along with discussing the various support systems that Child Care Resources offers within our community. It is also a great opportunity for administrators to connect with community partners outside of Child Care Resources, such as SEFI and the Child Care Health Consultants!

Be sure to check out the e-mailed flyers for agendas or contact Christine Boffa Mamazza at cboffa@ccrnj.org for more information.

For Teachers

We are also here to support teachers by offering Teacher's Corner meetings. During these sessions, teachers will have the opportunity to connect with other childcare professionals to share ideas, ask questions, and learn from one another. In addition, Teacher's Corner provides targeted guidance on Environmental Rating Scales (ERS) and Grow NJ Kids (GNJK) standards to help strengthen classroom practices and enhance overall program quality.

Check out the calendar for dates and times or contact Keithly Smith Urfer at ksmith@ccrnj.org for more information.

We look forward to connecting soon!



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 childcare assistance for families and funds childcare quality initiatives.

To meet these requirements, the State of New Jersey has issued the following provisions that must be met by all childcare programs that receive childcare subsidy funds. This includes all childcare centers, family childcare providers and summer camps. CCAP funding can be at risk if programs are not up to date on their training requirements. All required trainings must be completed within two weeks of hire and before a provider can be left alone with children.

**Required Trainings: Health & Safety Basics and Mandated Reporter/
Child Abuse and Neglect (10 hours)**

CPR and First Aid (4 hours)

**Health, Safety and Child Growth and Development
Refresher (3 hours)**

*This training should be completed annually after the initial completion of the 10-hour course as it supports important topics that must be reviewed once per year.
This training does NOT include Child Abuse and Neglect training.*

NJCCIS 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 two weeks. For more information on how to access the self-paced trainings, please see the next page.

Child Care Resources also offers these CCDBG trainings in-person/virtually and free of charge. To locate these trainings: ➡ log into your NJCCIS account

➡ click **Registry**

➡ click **Find Professional Development & Training Classes**

➡ and search by **Training Agency: Child Care Resources of Monmouth County.**

If you would like to learn more or have any questions, please contact:

Christine B. Mamazza

Child Care Education Coordinator

at 732-918-9901 ext. 119 or cboffa@ccrnj.org.

How to Sign Up for Self-Paced CCDBG Trainings

Health & Safety Basics and Mandated Reporter/Child Abuse and Neglect Training (to be taken once)

- ⇒ Sign into your NJCCIS account
- ⇒ Go to the top drop-down Registry
- Under:
- ⇒ CCDBG Required Trainings
- ⇒ Go to: **Health and Safety Basics and Mandated Reporter/Child Abuse and Neglect Training** (English/Spanish) - 10 hours

Refresher: Health and Safety Basics (to be taken annually)

For the *Refresher training*, follow **steps 1 and 2** from above, and

- ⇒ Go to: **REFRESHER** - Health & Safety Basics: English/Spanish (3 hours)

Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect Refresher (to be taken annually)

In NJCCIS –

- ⇒ Click “Registry” at the top of the page, then click “Find Professional Development and Training Classes”
- ⇒ Search by **event ID** and enter **146135** OR **title: Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect Refresher Course**
- ⇒ Click on the blue pencil to the left of the workshop title to enroll in the workshop.
- ⇒ To view additional course details, including workshop descriptions, click on the + symbol on the right side next to “Class Detail”
- ⇒ Scroll down until you see the event details (begin and end dates, start and end times), click “Register for this Event” to register

Questions? Please reach out to our office at 732-918-9901

First Aid/CPR/AED

Our in-person 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 individual 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.

**These 4-hour sessions are held
in-person at our office
from 5:00-9:00PM.
Please see the schedule below:**

October 6th

October 29th

November 18th – Spanish ONLY

December 17th

January 7th

January 20th

February 10th

February 17th

March 4th

March 17th



Child Care Resources is also happy to offer a blended First Aid CPR experience. This is a combination of online training and an in-person skill assessment. Students will be required to complete the 3-hour online training and knowledge assessment before attending the 2-hour in-person assessment session. Proof of online training completion must be presented at the in-person session.

Please see the schedule below:

September 30th: Online start date

February 3rd: Online start date

October 6th: In-person assessment 6-8PM

February 10th: In-person assessment 6-8PM

Upon successful completion of these courses, students receive a course completion card that is valid for two years. These classes can also be taken to renew your certification. Please contact your employer to ensure that you are selecting the correct course.

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

**Please contact Kelly Acanfora at
732-918-9901 ext. 135 or kacanfora@ccrnj.org to register.**

Professional Development Training

Child Care Resources is a leading training entity for childcare professionals in Monmouth County and offers both in-person and online professional development courses for childcare providers. Our professional development courses are designed to provide learners with accepted childcare practices and training based on research in early childhood education for FREE and at your convenience through NJCCIS! Check out our calendar or NJCCIS for all of CCR's upcoming training sessions!

Tailored, On-Site Trainings

In need of a specific training? 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. Childcare 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 on-site 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 employees' 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 schedule an on-site training
or for help developing your programs training plan.**

NJCCIS New Jersey Workforce Registry

www.njccis.com

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

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

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.

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

NEW USER?

**You must create 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 web page, choose an option from Child Care Provider Roles
- Complete form
- Click "Register"
- Confirm your registration in your email

Enrolling in a Workshop

- Visit NJCCIS.com
- Log in
- Click "Registry"
- Click "Find Professional Development and Training Classes"
- Select "Child Care Resources of Monmouth County" in "Training Agency" drop down
- Click on the blue pencil to the left of the workshop title
- Click "Register for this Event"

To view additional course information, click on the + to the right of "Class Detail" and scroll down until you see the event details.

Zoom Training Etiquette

Friendly reminders to ensure you receive credit in NJCCIS

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.



Tip:

Make sure you're your camera is kept on & we can see your face to receive credit.



During the Training

- Be present. AI may not take your place
- Ensure your display name matches your first and last name
- Avoid multitasking (***NOTE: Participants should not be driving during the 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 the training evaluation
- Be sure to look out for any additional documents and surveys that will be sent out

Tip:

Complete the evaluation while information is fresh in your mind.



October 2026

Thursday, October 1, 2026 12:30-1:30 PM

CLASSROOM MATERIALS (ECERS-3)

With ECERS-3 there is a decreased emphasis on counting materials - how those materials are used will be much more important. Learn how to meet the standards. Supports GNJK ERS tools CTL 3

Keithlyn Smith Urfer

Monday, October 5, 2026 11:00-2:00 PM

FCC/FFN ORIENTATION

FCC/FFN Only

In this orientation, we will discuss the process for becoming a Family Child Care Provider or Family, Friend, and Neighbor Provider. We will review the application process, background checks, home inspection regulations, emergency preparedness procedures, family enrollment forms, and any other tools that you will need in order to run a successful business. Participants will also identify best practices for keeping their child care documentation organized in order to maintain compliance.

Daniel Bartkewicz

Wednesday, October 6, 2026 6:00-8:00 PM

FIRST AID & CPR BLENDED LEARNING SKILL CHECK

Heartsaver® Total - First Aid CPR AED Online is a self-directed course that provides students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of first aid, CPR, and how to use an AED. This blended learning course is ideal for students who want the flexibility to complete the cognitive portion of the course at their own pace and location. Students will be required to complete the 3-hour online training and knowledge assessment before attending this 2-hour in-person skill assessment session. GNJK Standard CW 2.

Monica Orozco

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 6:30-8:30 PM

FCC WORKGROUP: DOCUMENT CONTROL

FCC Only

Curated through our Family Child Care Alliance, CCR has developed FCC Work Groups to further best practices within our providers in Monmouth County. This work group will go over different documentation needed for FCC's as per the Family Child Care Handbook, helping to organize and control paperwork to better their business best practices.

Veronica Soto

Thursday, October 8, 2026 12:30-1:30 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. Supports GNJK standards FCE 3 FCE 5 FCE 6

Keithlyn Smith Urfer

Thursday, October 15, 2026 12:30-1:30 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. Supports GNJK standards CTL 3 CTL 8.

Keithlyn Smith Urfer & Monica Orozco

Thursday, October 15, 2026 6:30-8:30 PM

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE INTERACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS AND TWOS

Participants will learn about how developmentally appropriate experiences support the development of cognitive, critical thinking, and social-emotional skills. They will learn to set up the environment, schedules for toddlers/2 year olds, and both child-centered and adult-led times of the day in a way that promotes development and growth. They will also learn how hands-on, meaningful experiences in the infant-toddler years leads to deeper learning when children move toward the 3 to 5 year old classes. Participants will learn that learning is a processes that is unbounded.

Cynthia Terebush, MS.

Thursday, October 22, 2026 5:00-8:00 PM

FCC/FFN ORIENTATION

FCC/FFN Only

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Daniel Bartkewicz

Thursday, October 22, 2026 7:00-9:00 PM

FOUNDATIONS OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

According to NAEYC, Curriculum is not a boxed product, a theme calendar, or a stack of worksheets. Curriculum is the intentional, organized system of goals, content, experiences, environments, interactions, and assessments through which a program supports children's learning and development. This session equips educators of children birth through age 8 to identify the core components of high-quality curriculum, apply Bloom's Taxonomy across learning domains at developmentally appropriate levels, design multisensory learning experiences grounded in cognitive science, and embed social-emotional, mental health, and culturally sustaining practices - then practice all of it with a reusable planning template.

Rebekka Zydel Lupianez

Thursday, October 29, 2026 5:00-9:00 PM

CPR/FIRST AID/AED ADULT, CHILD, INFANT

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Courtney Noll

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Classroom Materials (ECERS-3) 12:30-1:30 PM	2	3
				8 Building Partnerships with Parents 12:30-1:30 PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Assessing Children 12:30-1:30 PM Developmentally Appropriate Interactions and Activities for Infants, Toddlers and Twos 6:30-8:30 PM	16	17
				22 FCC/FFN Orientation FCC/FFN Only 5:00-8:00 PM Foundations of Curriculum Development in Early Care and Education 7:00-9:00 PM	23	24
18	19	20	21	29 CPR/First Aid/AED Adult, Child, Infant 5:00-9:00 PM	30	31
						Halloween

November 2026

■ In Person ■ Zoom

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 11:00-2:00 PM

FCC/FFN ORIENTATION FCC/FFN ONLY

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Daniel Bartkewicz

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 12:30-1:30 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. Supports GNJK standards CTL 3 CTL 8

Keithlyn Smith Urfer & Monica Orozco

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 6:30-7:30 PM

TEACHERS CORNER

Where teachers can come collaborate! We can discuss any topics you would like during this open-floor meeting. We will also have current events for discussion.

Keithlyn Smith Urfer

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 6:30-8:30 PM

FCC ALLIANCE FCC ONLY

Join us for our Family Child Care Alliance meetings, where we have created a welcoming space for providers to connect, share

experiences, and grow professionally with others who understand the unique challenges and rewards of family child care. Designed specifically for Family Child Care Providers in Monmouth County, these meetings will be highlighting different areas of our FCC Forward support & services.

Veronica Soto

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 1:00-2:00 PM

GROWING QUALITY TOGETHER: INFANT & TODDLER LUNCH & LEARN

Join us for an interactive Lunch & Learn designed for infant and toddler educators who are committed to providing high-quality care and learning experiences. Each session offers practical, easy-to-implement strategies, opportunities to collaborate with peers, and discussions focused on best practices, responsive caregiving, engaging environments, daily routines, social-emotional development, and continuous quality improvement. Whether you're looking for fresh ideas or ways to strengthen your classroom practices, you'll leave with valuable resources and actionable strategies to support the growth and development of the youngest learners.

Megan Brennan

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 6:30-9:30 PM

NEW JERSEY BIRTH TO THREE EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS OVERVIEW

This New Jersey Birth to Three Early Learning Standards Overview course provides families, child care providers, and early childhood educators with research-based information to support the development of infants and toddlers. In this interactive training, participants will learn how to use this common framework for understanding and communicating around developmentally appropriate expectations for infants and toddlers. GNJK standard CTL 4.

Megan Brennan

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 5:00-9:00 PM

CPR/FIRST AID/AED ADULT, CHILD, INFANT - in Spanish

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Monica Orozco

Thursday, November 19, 2026 5:00-8:00 PM

FCC/FFN ORIENTATION FCC/FFN ONLY

In this orientation, we will discuss the process for becoming a Family Child Care Provider or Family, Friend, and Neighbor Provider. We will review the application process, background checks, home inspection regulations, emergency preparedness procedures, family enrollment forms, and any other tools that you will need in order to run a successful business. Participants will also identify best practices for keeping their child care documentation organized in order to maintain compliance.

Daniel Bartkewicz

Thursday, November 19, 2026 6:30-8:30 PM

CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM ORIENTATION FCC ONLY

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care and making it more affordable for many low-income families. CACFP serves nutritious meals and snacks to eligible participants enrolled for care at participating Family Child Care Homes. The program promotes the development of basic nutritional concepts and provides nutritious, well-balanced meals. In addition, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides monthly adjusted cash reimbursement to Family Child Care daycares serving daily meals and snacks. Learn how to implement all of the standards during this orientation.

Courtney Noll

Thursday, November 19, 2026 7:00-9:00 PM

BEYOND THE PHOTO: NOTICING HOW YOUNG CHILDREN THINK

Some of the most important learning in your classroom leaves no trace - no photo, no product, no words. This interactive session helps early care and education professionals recognize the quiet, implicit ways young children reveal deep thinking through play, pauses, and gestures. Walk away with a sharper eye, richer documentation language, and one concrete strategy to bring back to your classroom.

Rebekka Zydel Lupianez

November 2026

■ In Person ■ Zoom

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 FCC/FFN Orientation FCC/FFN Only 11:00-2:00 PM	4 Assessing Children 12:30-1:30 PM Teachers Corner 6:30-7:30 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10 FCC Alliance FCC Only 6:30-8:30 PM	11 <i>CLOSED Veteran's Day</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17 Growing Quality Together: Infant & Toddler Lunch & Learn 1:00-2:00 PM New Jersey Birth to Three Early Learning Standards Overview 6:30-9:30 PM	18 CPR/First Aid/AED Adult, Child, Infant in Spanish 5:00-9:00 PM	19 FCC/FFN Orientation FCC/FFN Only 5:00-8:00 PM Child & Adult Care Food Program Orientation FCC Only 6:30-8:30 PM Beyond the Photo: Noticing How Young Children Think 7:00-9:00 PM	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

CLOSED Thanksgiving

CLOSED Black Friday

December 2026

■ In Person ■ Zoom

Tuesday, December 8th, 2026 12:30-1:30 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. Supports GNJK standards FCE 3 FCE 5 FCE 6

Keithlyn Smith Urfer

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 12:30-1:30 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. Supports GNJK standards CTL 3 CTL 8

Keithlyn Smith Urfer & Monica Orozco

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 11:00-2:00 PM

FCC/FFN ORIENTATION FCC/FFN ONLY

In this orientation, we will discuss the process for becoming a Family Child Care Provider or Family, Friend, and Neighbor Provider. We will review the application process, background checks, home inspection regulations, emergency preparedness procedures, family enrollment forms, and any other tools that you will need in order to run a successful business. Participants will also identify best practices for keeping their child care documentation organized in order to maintain compliance.

Daniel Bartkewicz

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 6:30- 8:30 PM

FCC HOLIDAY ALLIANCE MEETING FCC ONLY

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Veronica Soto

Thursday, December 10, 2026 7:00-9:00 PM

REWRITING THE LANGUAGE OF LEARNING: A SESSION ON CONNECTION OVER INDEPENDENCE

What if the goal was never independence at all? Join us for a thought-provoking session that challenges one of education's most unquestioned values - and invites us to imagine something more relational in its place. Through reflective discussion, hands-on mapping, and creative exploration, educators will unpack the language we use around independence, dependence, and community, and leave with fresh language and concrete practices for their own classrooms and programs. Come ready to slow down, think deeply, and reimagine learning as something we build in. dependence with one another.

Rebekka Zydel Lupianez

Tuesday, December 15, 2026 1:00-2:00 PM

GROWING QUALITY TOGETHER: INFANT & TODDLER LUNCH & LEARN

Join us for an interactive Lunch & Learn designed for infant and toddler educators who are committed to providing high-quality care and learning experiences. Each session offers practical, easy-to-implement strategies, opportunities to collaborate with peers, and discussions focused on best practices, responsive caregiving, engaging environments, daily routines, social-emotional development, and continuous quality improvement. Whether you're looking for fresh ideas or ways to strengthen your classroom practices, you'll leave with valuable resources and actionable strategies to support the growth and development of the youngest learners.

Megan Brennan

Wednesday December 16, 2026 12:30-1:30 PM

CLASSROOM MATERIALS (ITERS-3)

With ITERS-3, there is a decreased emphasis on counting materials - how those materials are used will be much more important. Learn how to meet the standards. Supports GNJK ERS tools CTL 3.

Keithlyn Smith Urfer

Thursday, December 17, 2026 5:00-9:00 PM

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Courtney Noll

Friday, December 18, 2026 5:00-8:00 PM

FCC/FFN ORIENTATION FCC/FFN ONLY

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Daniel Bartkewicz

December 2026

■ In Person ■ Zoom

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Building Partnerships with Parents 12:30-1:30 PM	Assessing Children 12:30-1:30 PM FCC/FFN Orientation FCC/FFN Only 11:00-2:00 PM FCC Holiday Alliance Meeting FCC Only 6:30-8:30 PM	Rewriting the Language of Learning: A Session on Connection Over Independence 7:00-9:00 PM		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Growing Quality Together: Infant & Toddler Lunch & Learn 1:00-2:00 PM	Classroom Materials (ITERS-3) 12:30-1:30 PM	CPR/First Aid/AED Adult, Child, Infant 5:00-9:00 PM	FCC/FFN Orientation FCC/FFN Only 5:00-8:00 PM	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					<i>CLOSED Christmas Day</i>	
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2027

■ In Person ■ Zoom

Thursday, January 7, 2027 5:00-9:00 PM

CPR/FIRST AID/AED ADULT, CHILD, INFANT

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Courtney Noll

Thursday, January 7, 2027 7:00-9:00 PM

BEYOND THE BEHAVIOR: DECODING THE MESSAGE BEHIND THE MELTDOWN

Every challenging behavior is a form of communication - the question is, are we fluent in the language? This interactive session moves past quick-fix strategies to explore the "why" behind difficult behaviors, equipping educators and caregivers with practical tools to respond rather than react. Participants will learn to identify triggers, de-escalate high-tension moments, and build trust-based relationships that prevent challenges before they start. Walk away with a toolkit that transforms your most stressful moments into opportunities for connection and growth.

Rebekka Zydol Lupianez

Monday, January 11, 2027 11:00-2:00 PM

FCC/FFN ORIENTATION FCC/FFN ONLY

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Daniel Bartkewicz

Tuesday, January 12, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

FAMILY CHILD CARE TAX TIPS FCC ONLY

In this session, providers will learn about common family child care provider business deductions that will enable providers to maximize their income (e.g., gross income minus deductions equals net income upon which tax liability is based). Child care providers can lower their taxable income if they understand tax concepts of what is deductible. The presentation will show several IRS tax forms, match common family child care business expenses to allowable deductions on those forms, and offer a period for Q&A. This session will help providers better understand how to prepare to file their taxes whether they do their own taxes or have someone else prepare them. Maximize your income by lowering your taxes!

Veronica Soto

Wednesday, January 13, 2027 12:30-1:30 PM

ASSESSING CHILDREN

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Keithlyn Smith Urfer & Monica Orozco

Wednesday, January 13, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM ANNUAL TRAINING CACFP FCC'S ONLY

Family child care homes participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) must complete annual training to ensure knowledge of the program rules and can operate the program correctly. Required topics include meal pattern requirements, civil rights compliance, program duties and documentation, food safety, and NJ state-specific policies. This training must be completed by all FCCs enrolled in CACFP each year to maintain compliance.

Courtney Noll

Tuesday, January 19, 2027 1:00-2:00 PM

GROWING QUALITY TOGETHER: INFANT & TODDLER LUNCH & LEARN

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Megan Brennan

Wednesday January 20, 2027 12:00-1:00 PM

CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION HUDDLE CENTERS ONLY

Our quarterly Child Care Administration Huddle is a confidential space where administrators can gather to network and review important policy updates from DFD, subsidy and fiscal. We will also share additional information related to quality and shared services, along with discussing the various support systems that Child Care Resources offers within our community.

Dina Patel

Wednesday, January 20, 2027 5:00-9:00 PM

CPR/FIRST AID/AED ADULT, CHILD, INFANT

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Monica Orozco

Thursday, January 21, 2027 5:00-8:00 PM

FCC/FFN ORIENTATION FCC/FFN ONLY

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Daniel Bartkewicz

Thursday, January 21, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM ORIENTATION FCC ONLY

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Courtney Noll

Wednesday, January 27, 2027 12:30-1:30 PM

CLASSROOM MATERIALS (ITERS-3)

With ITERS-3 there is a decreased emphasis on counting materials - how those materials are used will be much more important. Learn how to meet the standards. Supports GNJK ERS tools CTL 3.

Keithlyn Smith Urfer

■ In Person ■ Zoom

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	3	4	5	6	<i>CLOSED</i> New Years Day	1
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	FCC/FFN Orientation FCC/FFN Only 11:00-2:00 PM	Family Child Care Tax Tips FCC ONLY 6:30-8:30 PM	Assessing Children 12:30-1:30 PM Child & Adult Care Food Program Annual Training CACFP FCC's only 6:30-8:30 PM	CPR/First Aid/AED Adult, Child, Infant 5:00-9:00 PM Beyond the Behavior: Decoding the Message Behind the Meltdown 7:00-9:00 PM		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<i>CLOSED</i> Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Growing Quality Together: Infant & Toddler Lunch & Learn 1:00-2:00 PM	Child Care Administration Huddle Centers Only 12:00-1:00 PM CPR/First Aid/AED Adult, Child, Infant 5:00-9:00 PM	FCC/FFN Orientation FCC/FFN Only 5:00-8:00 PM Child & Adult Care Food Program Orientation FCC Only 6:30-8:30 PM		
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31			Classroom Materials (ITERS-3) 12:30-1:30 PM			

February 2027

Tuesday, February 2, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

THE GROWING BRAIN UNIT 1: THE BASICS OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

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!

Megan Brennan

Thursday, February 4, 2027 6:30-7:30 PM

TEACHER'S CORNER

Where teachers can come collaborate! We can discuss any topics you would like during this open-floor meeting. We will also have current events for discussion.

Keithlyn Smith Urfer

Monday, February 8, 2027 11:00-2:00 PM

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Daniel Bartkewicz

Tuesday, February 9, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

THE GROWING BRAIN UNIT 2: WHAT AFFECTS BRAIN 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.

Megan Brennan

Tuesday, February 9, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

CREATING A COHESIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: PARTNERSHIP, CULTURE AND BELONGING

How do we make space for an invite everyone to bring themselves into our early childhood settings? We are obligated to partner with families, and when we do, everyone benefits. Learn about what the NAEYC Ethical Code of Conduct's Core Values teaches us about supporting children in the context of their families and culture. Explore the ways in which we can reflect, examine our biases, and improve communication with all families. Be inspired to warmly welcome each family!

Cynthia Terebush, MS.

Wednesday, February 10, 2027 12:30-1:30 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. Supports GNJK standards CTL 3 CTL 8.

Keithlyn Smith Urfer & Monica Orozco

Wednesday, February 10, 2027 6:00-8:00 PM

FIRST AID & CPR BLENDED LEARNING SKILL CHECK

Heartsaver® Total - First Aid CPR AED Online is a self-directed course that provides students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of first aid, CPR, and how to use an AED. This blended learning course is ideal for students who want the flexibility to complete the cognitive portion of the course at their own pace and location. Students will be required to complete the 3-hour online training and knowledge assessment before attending this 2-hour in-person skill assessment session. GNJK Standard CW 2.

Courtney Noll

Thursday, February 11, 2027 6:30- 8:30 PM

FCC ALLIANCE FCC ONLY

Join us for our Family Child Care Alliance meetings, where we have created a welcoming

space for providers to connect, share experiences, and grow professionally with others who understand the unique challenges and rewards of family child care. Designed specifically for Family Child Care Providers in Monmouth County, these meetings will be highlighting different areas of our FCC Forward support & services.

Veronica Soto

Tuesday, February 16, 2027 1:00-2:00 PM

GROWING QUALITY TOGETHER: INFANT & TODDLER LUNCH & LEARN

Join us for an interactive Lunch & Learn designed for infant and toddler educators who are committed to providing high-quality care and learning experiences. Each session offers practical, easy-to-implement strategies, opportunities to collaborate with peers, and discussions focused on best practices, responsive caregiving, engaging environments, daily routines, social-emotional development, and continuous quality improvement. Whether you're looking for fresh ideas or ways to strengthen your classroom practices, you'll leave with valuable resources and actionable strategies to support the growth and development of the youngest learners.

Megan Brennan

Tuesday, February 16, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

THE GROWING BRAIN UNIT 3: COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

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

Megan Brennan

Wednesday, February 17, 2027 5:00-9:00 PM

CPR/FIRST AID/AED ADULT, CHILD, INFANT

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Monica Orozco

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Daniel Bartkewicz

Tuesday, February 23, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

THE GROWING BRAIN UNIT 4: COGNITION & EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

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

Megan Brennan

Wednesday February 24, 2027 12:30-1:30 PM

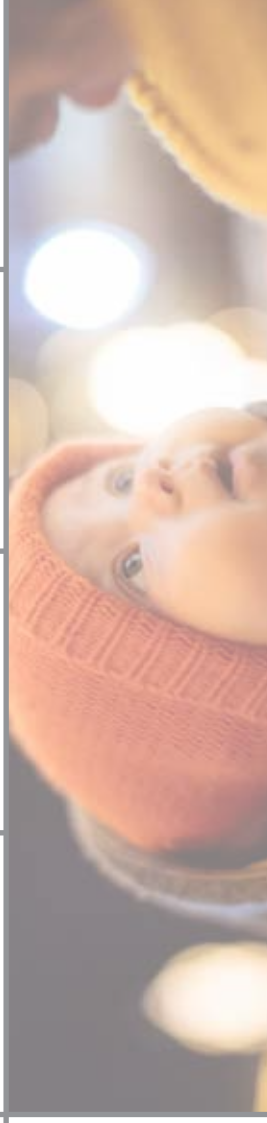
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21	22	23 The Growing Brain Unit 4: Cognition & Executive Function 6:30-8:30 PM	24 Classroom Materials (ECERS-3) 12:30-1:30 PM	25	26	27
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March 2027

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Tuesday, March 2, 2027 11:00-2:00 PM

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Daniel Bartkewicz

Tuesday, March 2, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

THE GROWING BRAIN UNIT 5: SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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.

Megan Brennan

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Courtney Noll

Tuesday, March 9, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

THE GROWING BRAIN UNIT 6: UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOR

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' and effective strategies to support children.

Megan Brennan

Wednesday, March 10, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

FCC OPEN WORKGROUP - FCC ONLY

Curated through our Family Child Care Alliance, CCR has developed FCC Work Groups to further best practices within our providers in Monmouth County. This work group will serve as an open space for providers to bring whatever topic they may need help with.

Whether its tax questions, marketing help, or technology assistance, the FCC team will help assist you with your needs.

Veronica Soto

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Megan Brennan

Tuesday, March 16, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

THE GROWING BRAIN UNIT 7: EVERYDAY PLAY

This unit will discuss the development of play and the differences between free and guided play. Learn about core skills that children develop through play and how to promote these skills.

Megan Brennan

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Monica Orozco

Tuesday, March 23, 2027 6:30-8:30 PM

CACFP ESSENTIALS: WHAT'S NEW & WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - FCC ONLY

Stay up to date with the latest CACFP program updates, requirements, and best practices. This refresher training will review key program requirements and highlight what's new or changing in CACFP. Participants will also review required paperwork, documentation, recordkeeping, and common compliance expectations to help ensure program operations remain accurate and up to date. Whether you're new to CACFP or need a refresher, this training will provide practical information and helpful reminders to support successful program administration and compliance.

Courtney Noll

Wednesday, March 31, 2027 6:00-8:00 PM

INTRODUCTION TO STRENGTHENING FAMILIES-PROTECTIVE FACTORS

The "Strengthening Families" approach focuses on building five key protective factors to enhance family well-being and prevent child abuse and neglect: parental resilience, social connections, concrete support in times of need, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children. These factors act as a shield against risks and promote healthy family functioning.

Monica Orozco

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7	8	9 Child & Adult Care Food Program Orientation FCC Only 6:30-8:30 PM The Growing Brain Unit 6: Understanding Behavior 6:30-8:30 PM	10 FCC Open Workgroup FCC Only 6:30-8:30 PM	11	12 FCC/FFN Orientation FCC/FFN Only 5:00-8:00 PM	13
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