



Connecting early childhood professionals
to training and resources.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

A combination of in-person and online training events are available through December 2024. For online sessions, participants must have access to a computer, tablet, or electronic device that will allow them to view and participate with a camera via the Zoom format. Participants will receive the access link for the training with their training registration confirmation. Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions are approved in both Kansas and Missouri for clock hours.

Due to timing of this publication, some information may have changed and sessions added. For current information and to register online, visit: www.ecehub.org (see last page for a convenient QR code).

Using Sesame Street in Communities to Manage Uncertainty and Provide Comfort (In Person) Cost: \$5

Location: New City ELA-Shawnee, 7230 Quivira Rd, Shawnee, KS 66216

Monday, January 8: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

During tough times—both everyday challenges and more serious experiences— support from caring adults can offer children comfort and reassurance. But sometimes we need help showing we care in ways that help kids really feel it. Participants will explore and use tools and resources offered through Sesame Street in Communities to ensure that families have the support and information to provide encouragement and comfort to children during times of uncertainty and stress. (Trainer: Byra Nicodemus-Norman, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Move Your Bodies Anytime, Anywhere with Sesame Street in Communities (In Person) Cost: \$5

Location: The Family Conservancy, 444 Minnesota, Kansas City, KS 66101

Tuesday, January 9: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Children love to move—anywhere, anytime! Physical activity is great for growing bodies and minds. Being active together helps channel kids' natural energy and keeps them healthy and strong. Participants will explore and use tools and resources offered through Sesame Street in Communities to ensure that families have the support, information, and care they need to help children stay well by engaging in activities that promote movement and physical well-being. (Trainer: Gayle Anderson, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Let Them Lead: The Case for Risky Play (In Person) Cost: \$5

Location: Atchison Child Care Association, 1326 Kansas Ave, Atchison, KS 66002

Wednesday, January 10: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"Get down!...Stop that!...Be careful!" Do you find yourself frequently repeating these phrases throughout the day? Did you know that engaging in play with elements of risk can actually provide opportunities for valuable learning experiences for children? In this training, participants will define and discuss the benefits of risky play, learn how to facilitate opportunities for risky play, and understand why you may want to wait before telling children "no." (Trainer: Gayle Anderson, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Infant/Toddler Early Language Support Through Music (Virtual) Cost: \$15

Location: Online via Zoom

Thursday, January 18: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Infants and toddlers' language development occurs through back-and-forth exchanges with adults responding to and modeling communication. Through this process they gain the fundamental skills upon which all later language is built...

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Infant/Toddler Early Language Support Through Music (Virtual) *(continued)*

... We will explore early language support strategies and look at music as a joyful vessel (Trainer: Marsha Wiard, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers

Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) (Virtual)

Location: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free

Saturday, January 20: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) is designed to prepare participants to think about emergency planning in regard to their community-based organization (CBO). Through lecture, discussion, and activities, this course introduces participants to the 10 preparedness actions and empowers them to take the necessary steps to plan and prepare their Organization for incidents. (Trainer: Byra Nicodemus-Norman, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Reading Aloud to Babies and Toddlers (In Person)

Cost: \$5

Location: El Centro, 1330 South 30th St, KCKS 66106

Monday, January 22: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This training will be presented in Spanish. Why should we read to babies and toddlers? What does the research say regarding what to read, when to read, and for how long? Participants will review the many benefits of reading aloud to young children, learn best practices, and receive practical ideas as to how to fit reading aloud into daily routines and activities as a way to create learning environments that promote cognitive and socio-emotional development. (Trainer: Luisa Abellan-Pagnani, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Interactions Matter (Virtual)

Cost: Free

Location: Online via Zoom

Tuesday, January 23: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

We often hear the words “high-quality interactions” are really important. Did you ever wonder - “Just what do they mean?” Interactions are the foundation for all great teachers, we just need to identify and grow our skills. These tools help you deepen children’s learning and build their confidence in social and academic ways. Join us as we explore the research and learn strategies to strengthen, improve, and measure your skills. (Trainer: Laura Begnoche, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Art: A Process (In Person)

Cost: \$15

Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 13145 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS 66062

Tuesday, January 23: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants will learn from hands on projects and group discussion the value of process art in early childhood education. (Trainer: Aimee Alderman) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Understanding the Meaning of Behavior (In Person)

Cost: \$5

Location: Lansing Preschool, 200 E. Mary St, Lansing, KS 66043

Wednesday, January 31: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Are they misbehaving or are they communicating? Children are trying to communicate their wants, needs, intentions, and emotions and sometimes they do so in socially inappropriate ways. We will analyze and interpret the meaning of behavior and discuss strategies to address children’s behavior and build a supportive learning environment. (Trainer: Byra Nicodemus-Norman, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Unleashing the Magic of Math, Art, and Engineering with Infants and Toddlers (In Person)

Cost: \$5

Location: New City ELA-Shawnee, 7230 Quivira Rd, Shawnee, KS 66216

Monday, February 5: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Unleashing the Magic of Math, Art, and Engineering with Infants and Toddlers (In Person)*(continued)*

STEAM - one small acronym that calls on us to teach so very much! Science! Technology! Engineering! Art! and Math! Early Childhood professionals embed the concepts of STEAM into every aspect of their teaching. In this session, we will begin to define and explore how to implement STEAM concepts in your infant/toddler classroom and then focus more deeply on the E- Engineering, M- Math, and A- Art of STEAM. (Trainer: Byra Nicodemus-Norman, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Literacy Learning Interactions: Using a Daily Message Board (Virtual)

Cost: \$15

Location: Online via Zoom

Tuesday, February 6: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Through consistency and expectations, an effective daily routine helps ensure that children have the ability to predict the events of their day. We'll learn strategies for using visual daily schedules to provide a sense of safety, practice pre-reading skills, and support children in handling changes within the routine. (Trainer: Laura Begnoche, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: PreK

FLIP it! (In Person)

Location: Kingdom Christian Academy, 616 Grand Ave, LVKS 66048

Cost: \$5

Tuesday, February 13: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Four supportive steps to help children learn about their feelings, gain self-control, and reduce challenging behaviors. (Trainer: Byra Nicodemus-Norman, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Facts and FUNdamentals of Room Design in Family Childcare (Virtual)

Cost: \$15

Location: Online via Zoom

Thursday, February 15: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A high-quality environment is an essential element of learning and an intentional room design is vital for mixed age groups in the family child care home. This training will provide an overview of the fundamental room arrangement and placement of materials and equipment to encourage curiosity yet provide zones of safety. Participants will be able to assess their current spaces, share successful designs, and reflect on ideas for improvement. (Trainer: Gayle Anderson, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

The Best Circle Time Ever! (Virtual)

Cost: \$15

Location: Online via Zoom

Thursday, February 22: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This session will give you the tools to plan and facilitate a highly engaging circle time that goes beyond the calendar, weather, and the ABCs and 123s. Circle time can be highly enriching and filled with opportunities to build community, problem-solve, brainstorm, experiment, and create. Let's design a circle time that's so much more than a routine! (Trainer: Jenna Bodensteiner, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Toddlers, PreK

Strong from the Start (In Person)

Cost: \$5

Location: The Family Conservancy, 444 Minnesota, Kansas City, KS 66101

Saturday, February 24: 9 to 11 a.m.

Strong from the Start is for caregivers of children ages 0-5. This workshop introduces the importance of brain development, and what caregivers can do to support healthy development, especially during and after a crisis. There is also a focus on self-care for adult caregivers. (Trainer: Byra Nicodemus-Norman, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Tiny Tots Tumbling (In Person)**Cost: \$5****Location: The Family Conservancy, 444 Minnesota, Kansas City, KS 66101****Saturday, February 24: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Witness the wonder of handstands, flips, and cartwheels that are more than fun and games. These moves unlock strength, coordination, balance, and flexibility, especially for our little learners. But wait, there's more! These fun play sessions boost cognitive, social, and emotional growth! (Trainer: Byra Nicodemus-Norman, The Family Conservancy)

Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Head to Toe: An Overview of Child Development (In Person)**Cost: \$5****Location: El Centro, 1330 South 30th St, KCKS 66106****Wednesday, February 28: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

This training will be presented in Spanish. Upon completion of this professional development, participants will appreciate the principles and influences of child growth and development and recognize that child development is individual. This session addresses the four domains of child development and identifies benchmarks for each area of development from birth through six years of age. (Trainer: Luisa Abellan-Pagnani, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

The Terrific Twos (Virtual)**Cost: \$15****Location: Online via Zoom****Thursday, February 29: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

We learn best in what we're interested in! Infants and toddlers are no different. In this session, we will learn to create an environment to follow the interests of the child. In addition, we will share strategies to support basic understanding of child development in families. (Trainer: Meg Fuenhe, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Toddlers

Cost: \$5**FLIP it! (In Person)****Location: Knox Child Development Ctr, 9595 W. 95th Street, OPKS 66212****Tuesday, March 5: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Four supportive steps to help children learn about their feelings, gain self-control, and reduce challenging behaviors. (Trainer: Luisa Abellan-Pagnani, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

Cost: \$15**Beyond Bouncy Seats and Swings (Virtual)****Location: Online via Zoom****Thursday, March 7: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Come learn how to create environments and plan activities that encourage the healthy development of infants (Trainer: Marsha Wiard, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants

Emergency Preparedness for Early Care and Education Providers (In Person)**Cost: \$5****Location: The Family Conservancy, 444 Minnesota, Kansas City, KS 66101****Saturday, March 9: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Emergency preparedness in an early education setting requires every person in the child's life knowing their role. This event offers early education providers an opportunity to focus thinking on their setting's hazards and threats and to use resources to enhance current emergency plans. Participants will gain an understanding of the importance of planning, practicing and reviewing their practices to support their setting when an actual emergency occurs. (Trainer: Byra Nicodemus-Norman, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

What We Say and How We Say It Matters! (In Person)

Cost: \$5

Location: New City ELA - Edgerton, 517 W. Morgan, Edgerton, KS 66021

Monday, March 11: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

“Get in line.” “Stop that.” “Look at me.” These are all common phrases we say to children. These commands might activate the fight/fight/freeze response which we can interpret as deliberately misbehaving. What if we could change our language so that children stay positively connected and engaged while they learn from us? Join us to learn how! We will discover and practice the use of declarative language to help kids with social learning challenges feel empowered, capable, and valued. (Trainer: Luisa Abellan-Pagnani, The Family Conservancy) Age Focus: Infants, Toddlers, PreK

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