



Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children

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ECE Matters

Year in Review

Professional Development

One of the goals of deaeyc’s Professional Development Committee is to provide quality trainings throughout the year to encourage ongoing professional development. Don’t wait until the last minute to get all the training requirements for the year.

In 2023, deaeyc provided access to 56 hours of professional development training -- over 3 times more than the amount required!*

Attendees participated from each county in Delaware and areas of Pennsylvania.

Some of the topics provided include the importance of play, emotional wellness, language development, transition tricks, behavior management, communicating with co-workers, and so many more!

**Delaware’s Office of Child Care Licensing requires early educators to obtain a minimum of 18 hours of training a year.*

2024



So far, 12 hours of training have been scheduled for 2024!

Topics include behavior management strategies, relationship-building, gossip in the workplace, fire prevention, and many more!

Visit

www.deaeyc.org/events

Become a Member!



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deaecy's Family Membership

\$35/year

Benefits include:

- First Aid/CPR for up to two (2) parents/caregivers
- One parent-centered training course
- Priority for local events and opportunities
- NAEYC benefits

Visit www.deaecy.org/family-membership to learn more!



Year in Review

Advocacy

Deaecy in partnership with First State PreK, Rodel, the Delaware Readiness Teams, and many others, continues to advocate for policy changes and legislation that benefits the education of young children in Delaware.

A thorough overview of the accomplishments this year can be found on the Alliance for Early Success website. The 50-State Progress Report 2023 provides an overview, as well as a in-depth look at each state.

Delaware's page includes information on the Early Childhood Landscape, the Advocacy Landscape, and Policy Progress this year.

This site is excellent for an at-a-glance overview, and an opportunity to view the progress in other states.

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Membership

The Rotary Club of Wilmington recently granted membership funds for 53 educators across four early learning programs:

- Christina Cultural Arts Center,
- Kingswood Community Center
- Latin American Community Center
- St. Michael's School & Nursery



Rotary
Club of Wilmington 

THANK YOU, ROTARY CLUB OF WILMINGTON!

ECE Community

There are many organizations and agencies across the state that are devoted to the betterment of early education. Working together, we can make a difference!

Children and Families First



“Children & Families First is one of Delaware's oldest and most trusted non-profit leaders in providing the supports and services children and their families need to thrive. Mission: Champion children & families using evidence-based, equity-centered, & innovative approaches.”

Visit their [site](#) to learn more about the services they provide and the resources they have.



My Child DE

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Children and Families First also manages [My Child DE](#), which is a website full of information for families and providers. Stay up to date on local initiatives, upcoming meetings, and advocacy updates, and gain access to a plethora of resources.

Rodel

“[\[Rodel\]](#) believe[s] a great education changes everything—from the life of a young person to the health and vibrancy of a community. A great education opens up worlds of opportunities, strengthens economies, and promotes civic engagement. It changes everything.

“At Rodel, [\[they’re\]](#) working to build an excellent and equitable public education system that supports all Delawareans to achieve success in school and life.”

Make it a habit to check [Rodel’s Blog!](#)



Get Face-to-Face With Your Infant for Language Development

“Infants all over the world become masters of the language their community speaks within the first 3 years of life, a surprisingly short time given the complexity of the task. Read [this article](#) to learn more about the things family members and caregivers can do to support that process.”

Charting Infant Minds: Early Brain Development Mapped

“Scientists have created a set of infant brain cortex parcellation maps that offer an intricate look into brain development from birth to two years old. Read [this article](#) to gain insights into the complexities of infant brain development, and how it paves the way for further studies on brain development.”

Resources for Families

This section of the ZERO TO THREE emphasizes the organization’s philosophy that parents are the true experts on their children, and that there is no “one-size-fits-all” approach to raising children. [Their resources](#) are designed to support families in developing their own ways to promote their children’s growth and development.

The Trick to Regaining Your Childlike Wonder

When we ditch our assumptions, new ideas can enter the world, says filmmaker Zach King. In an [entertaining talk](#) full of props and surprises, King shows us the trick to regaining our sense of childlike wonder through the power of storytelling -- and a bit of magic.



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THANK YOU!