

Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children

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ECE Matters

from NAEYC

"From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, NAEYC has remained committed to understanding and sharing the breadth of the crisis and the challenges child care programs are facing across states and settings.

Calling All Educators to Take the *NEW* ECE Field Survey!

[In English](#)

[En Español](#)

"Take the survey by October 23
and earn the chance to win one of TEN \$100 gift cards.*

"We won't let policymakers leave child care behind.

"To keep up our collective advocacy, we must have updated data to show policymakers, the press, and the public what's happening on the ground right now. We can only do this together. Ten minutes makes all the difference."

Thank you!

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Babes on the Square Too Excels in NAEYC Accreditation

contributed by Andria Keating, Director/Owner

"Babes on the Square Too Preschool and Childcare Center has successfully accomplished NAEYC Accreditation for the 2nd time! Our overall pass rate was 95.85%. I am very excited to acknowledge all of my staff, including my Teachers and Administration, for their hard work and dedication in accomplishing this task!



"I am very proud of the work that we do every day for the children and families that we serve. The results of our accreditation are a reflection of the hard work and passion that my teachers have for caring and educating young children."

NAEYC Standards

"Babes on the Square Too Preschool and Childcare Center achieved high scores in all NAEYC Standards:

Relationships: 100%

Curriculum: 91%

Teaching: 102%

Assessment of Child Progress: 100%

Health: 94%

Staff Competencies, Preparation, and Support: 91%

Families and Community Relationships: 100%

Physical Environment: 100%

Leadership and Management: 97%



Bravo



Early Childhood History, Organizing, Ethos, and Strategy Project (ECHOES)

ECHOES connects early care and education (ECE) today with its history and activism. Discover the origins of inequities for children, families, and educators and why the fight for a more just system continues. Learn about past and current efforts by courageous teachers, parents, and other social justice activists using their collective power for change.

Creating a Sense of Identity and Belonging for Infants and Toddlers

This site includes ideas about how to help very young children to learn about themselves and each other. You'll find strategies for interactions, environment, and individualization.

Using Stories to Nurture Identity

Encouraging Positive Racial Identity in Young Children

It is never too early to engage in direct and indirect communication about race and ethnicity. This site has multiple examples of how to do that.

10 Childhood Benefits of Being Bilingual

Early Education Resources

The following resources are from "Baby Talk: Resources to Support the People Who Work with Infants and Toddlers" and "Natural Resources: Free Resources for Learning About and Using Trauma-informed practices," NAEYC, or other early education-based institutions. All content is free to be shared or copied.

The Power of Learning Through Imitation **ESPAÑOL**

"This module explores early imitation, an important aspect of children's social-emotional development. The sequence of narrated slides with embedded video examples takes 20 minutes to complete. A discussion guide is provided, along with an activity sheet, and all materials are in English and Spanish."

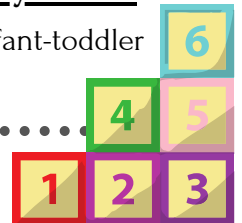
Where Do a Baby's Personality Traits Come From?

"Although children will certainly pick up qualities from mom and dad, a new study finds the traits that will define an infant's behavior start forming at birth. A team from the United States and Germany say neural connections in the brain which determine a baby's unique behavioral traits are already active and working from the day they're born."



Effective Communication About the Early Years

"This series of articles is intended to help support infant-toddler professionals in their communications efforts."



Problem Solvers

"Problem Solvers is a free, play-based early math curriculum for children aged 2 ½ to 4 years old. It includes 22 early math activities, 22 specially-composed songs to support each activity, and 22 read-aloud suggestions that embed early math learning into literacy experiences. Each unit also includes a parent resource (English/Spanish) suggesting at-home math play ideas."

How to Support Your Child's Social-Emotional Health:

8 Tips for Families **ESPAÑOL**

This family-friendly resource from Colorín Colorado shares How to Support Your Child's Social-Emotional Health, a printable tip sheet, in 16 languages.

Celebrating Children's Identities to Advance Equity and Inclusion

"Children and families with multiple identities may experience increased discrimination and bias. Biases such as racism and ableism (i.e., discrimination against people with disabilities) can lead to prejudice and unfair treatment of children and families who have these intersecting identities. They can also impact who has — and importantly, who does not have — equitable access to high-quality, inclusive early learning experiences. This set of resources offers ways to read about, look at, and try out practices that promote and affirm individual differences."

How Caregivers Can Help Build Children's Emerging Language Skills

Please share any of the resources from this newsletter with your staff, colleagues, and families. If anyone is interested in receiving the newsletter, please have them contact Lisa Miller, lmiller@deaeyc.org to be added to the mailing list.



More Resources!

Both Not Half: How Language Shapes Identity

"This thought-provoking TED Talk explores the ways in which language and culture weave their threads into the fabric of who we are as individuals. Please, please, please take the time to listen to Jassa Ahluwalia and to internalize his messages so you may better support each child's identity."

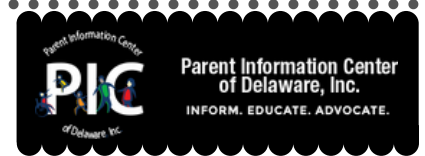


Training Opportunities

Encourage Play to Stimulate Growth & Development

"Online Books, Balls and Blocks encourages play of young children & parents through Zoom to stimulate growth and development. These three Saturday Zoom sessions in October and November are targeted toward 3 to 4 year old children. They encourage adults to play with children in directed age appropriate play. By participating with your child - fine motor, communication and problem solving skills are increased."

When One Child is Deaf or Hard of Hearing



"Dr. Michael Hoffman will present on the topics of sibling rivalry and responsibility – when one child is deaf or hard of hearing, the importance of building a strong first language foundation, and language deprivation syndrome – social, emotional, and intellectual consequences for deaf people without access to spoken or signed communication."

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- TEACHER HIGHLIGHTS
- CENTER/PROVIDER HIGHLIGHTS
- EVENTS/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
- NATIONAL & LOCAL ADVOCACY
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT/ECE RESOURCES

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THANK YOU!

