

Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children

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# ECE Matters

\*Virtual\*

## Professional Development Opportunities

Listed throughout this month's newsletter, you will find trainings offered between September and November at a variety of times.

Register today!

September 12, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20

The More We Come Together:

### Intentional Circle Time and Morning Meeting

The primary focus of circle time or morning meeting is to create a space where children feel like a member of the classroom community.

Intentional whole group times value a child-centered approach to learning. During this workshop we will explore an intentional approach (why) to guiding group meeting times (what happens) which will impact the length and possible frequency of your large group meeting time.

Register [HERE!](#)

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# Professional Development Opportunities

September 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$20

## Play for the Emotional Wellness of Preschoolers



Play is one of the best ways to teach kids just about anything, and expressing emotions is no exception. From learning to cope and building resilience and practicing empathy, learning to manage emotions helps little hearts grow bigger and stronger, building the foundation for a healthy adulthood. What's more, play is an excellent tool to promote relaxation, encourage positive emotions, and provide moments of joy to offset and relieve life's everyday stresses — for both kids and adults! In this session, discover play-based activities that are designed to help kids develop emotional intelligence and learn to express their feelings in a healthy way — while having fun! Register [HERE!](#)

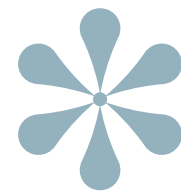


September 20, 2023

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15

## Children's Language Development (0-5): Understanding Language Development and Ways to Foster that Development in Your Classroom



Language development leads to many things for young children, but it is not something that happens overnight. In this session, learn ways to support the children's developmental milestones. Register [HERE!](#)

September 27, 2023

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$15



## Fire Prevention in the Child Care Classroom

This year's Fire Prevention Week (FPW) theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay attention to fire prevention." The lessons associated with the theme will focus on the simple, yet critical actions people can take to reduce cooking fires and burns. Cooking incidences are the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. There's something for everyone in this year's theme no matter the type of cooking (stoves, grills, electric appliances) or audience (kids, college students, older adults) for fire and life safety, injury prevention, and community educators to engage and connect for cooking safety. Kim O'Malley from the Delaware State Fire School will be discussing some of the lessons and tools from the website that you can use in your classrooms to teach valuable fire safety tips to your students and their families. Register [HERE!](#)



# Professional Development Opportunities

October 2, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20



You Wanna Play  
With Me?

Dramatic play is more than props in "housekeeping". When thought about intentionally dramatic play can enhance learning and development. Join us as we play with puppets and dress up to understand the skills children refine while engaging in role play and make believe/pretend. In this interactive session, we will explore four areas of development: social/emotional development, physical, cognitive and language. Come ready to play. Register [HERE!](#)

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October 21, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$20



Looking to Learn--  
Learning to Look:  
Developing  
Observation Skills

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November 4, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20



It's Time to Play!  
Learning Why Play is  
Important for Infants

The training will give a background on the importance of play for infants and ways early childhood educators can foster play in their settings. Register [HERE!](#)

October 24, 2023

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15



PRIDE SKILLS:  
Skills Teachers Use to Enhance  
the Relationship Between the  
Adult and the Child

Presented by the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants--ECMHC  
PRIDE is a set of skills that early childhood providers can use with young children to build and enhance a safe and secure relationship between providers and students. It creates a warm atmosphere in the classroom which promotes learning, getting along among peers, listening to adults and improves the child's self-esteem. It can help manage small misbehaviors and it teaches ways to teach a child without frustration for either the child or the teacher. These are behavior management PREVENTION skills. Used daily for 5 minutes a day, they can create a positive learning environment. PRIDE is part of the Child Parent Interaction Therapy, an evidence-based treatment for families and it has been adapted for teachers and children. Register [HERE!](#)



# Professional Development Opportunities: POWER HOURS!

Three-part series devoted to a specific theme.  
(You do NOT have to register for all in order to attend.)

## Let's Get Artsy!

September 14, 2023      Drip Drop Plop Messy  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.      with Art  
Cost: \$10

In the session, we focus on why art should be messy to be meaningful, and how we can manage the mess with ease and laughter. Register [HERE!](#)



September 21, 2023      Art is Sticky  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.      Not Icky  
Cost: \$10

Join us as we think about how we teach children to use a variety of tools such as glue, scissors, markers, paint and others to create masterpieces. Register [HERE!](#)



September 28, 2023      Tall, Small, Learn, or  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.      Sway: Creating Art  
Cost: \$10      the 3D Way

Art is so much more than a flat piece of paper hanging on a wall, in this session we discuss the art children can create that is tall, wide, short, moveable, stationary and uniquely one of a kind. Register [HERE!](#)







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## Transition Tricks & Techniques

October 4, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

ABC Won't You Sing With

Me? Songs and Nursery

Rhymes

Many teachers have several songs ready to go at a moment's notice. Twinkle, Wheels, ABCs are tried and true. In this sing along session, we will think about language development, and be intentional about what songs we use during transitions throughout the day. Register [HERE!](#)



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October 11, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Where is Thumbkin?

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Funny Fingerplays

Fingerplays can help children make transitions and help pass the time spent waiting for their peers. But carefully selected, these finger plays can have a huge impact on physical and language development. Register [HERE!](#)

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October 18, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Red Light! Green

Light! Go! We've Got

to MOVE IT MOVE!

Sometimes those little bodies need great big whole-body movement. These activities can be done in most places, with minimal materials. But can have maximum impact on children's gross motor development. Register [HERE!](#)



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### Do Re Mi...It's the Sound of Music

October 13, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Music has a Time and  
Place

In early childhood education that time is NOW and the -place is the classroom. Join us as we discuss ways to intentionally incorporate music into your curriculum. Register [HERE!](#)



October 20, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10



Making Music:  
Instruments that Is!

During our hour we will think about all of the instruments we all have access to, how to create instruments, and which can be intentionally used by children. Register [HERE!](#)



October 27, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10



It's Music to My Ears--  
Teaching Music: Don't  
We Just Listen?

You don't need to be a professional musician to begin teaching rhythm, melody, tempo, pitch to children. Register [HERE!](#)





# Resources!

## Talking to Children About Differences and Similarities

Children's ability to notice differences and similarities around them is key to their development. This set of resources reveals how adults can support children as they make sense of differences by talking with them about what they observe. **Español**

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## What is Inclusion? Being Accepted, Respected, and Valued!

Watch this 60-minute episode of Circle Time Magazine to explore key concepts and strategies related to creating equitable and inclusive early learning environments. Hear from families, teachers, and individuals with disabilities about the importance of inclusion. **Español**

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## Positive Parenting Tips

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention provides a comprehensive break down of different age groups and includes milestones, general tips and tips for safety and health. **Español**



## Songs, Rhymes, and Fingerplays

This resource includes Spanish translations of traditional children's songs to be used in bilingual playgroups for infants, toddlers, and families. **Español**

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### Would You Like to Contribute to this Newsletter?

We are looking for contributors for content in the following areas:

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



The resources shared in this newsletter 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.



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