



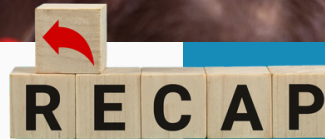
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ECE Matters

Week of the Young Child



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The Week of the Young Child (WOYC) was celebrated between April 1st through April 7th, and it was filled with activities and events that honored the importance of early education.

Each day had its own theme, and on Work Together Wednesday, the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC) hosted a robust panel discussion webinar entitled, "Challenging Behaviors: Partnering for Positive Outcomes."

Deaeyc's Executive Director, Lisa Miller, moderated the event, which included four (4) esteemed panelists: Stav Bennet, LPCMH; Dr. Sarah Mallory; Dr. Julius Mullen, LPCMH; and Dr. Bri Haut.

Registrants were asked to listen to three podcasts prior to the event, which were used to lead the discussion and ask poignant questions.

- Resistance to Relationship: Strategies for Reaching the Most Difficult Children
- Implicit Bias & Pre-school Expulsion
- Episode 20 - Children with challenging behaviors



Providers, share this webinar with your staff and families! It is filled with exemplary insights, best practices, and myriad community resources.

If you are interested in helping deaeyc achieve its goals in assisting the early childhood field, you can do so in many ways:

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Week of the Young Child



St. Michael's School and Nursery had a fun-filled week celebrating young children! Families were invited to share in the festivities, and some of their activities are listed below. What a great way to honor early education!

BONUS

Delaware Child Care Bonus!

The application for the 2nd round is open now! "This \$700 bonus is available to those who apply and qualify."

Application closes
May 15, 2023.

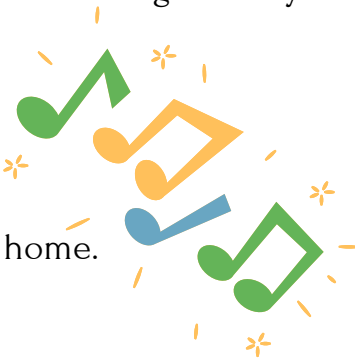
8 Great Reading Tips

"This resource set from ¡Colorín colorado! offers a single page with eight literacy tips on one sheet or eight mini-posters, each of which features one literacy tip. In both formats, the information is available in 16 different languages. Individual tips may also be shared via text, email, WhatsApp, or social media."



Music Monday:

Made instruments out of items found in the home.



Tasty Tuesday:

Hosted a Healthy Meal On-the-Go workshop with the owner/chef of Delectablez to show families a "go-to dish that is healthy, budget friendly and most importantly, a crowd pleaser for even the pickiest of eaters."



Work Together Wednesday:

Egg Hunt!



Artsy Thursday:

Family Paint Night--painting a colorful spring scene.

Upcoming Event

Early Childhood Coalition Meeting



Date: April 18, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom

This is an open coalition meeting for all members and advocates interested in learning more about the early childhood landscape, budget requests, and coalition campaign activities and how to get involved.

MORE Upcoming Events

Delaware Legislative Kids Caucus

Date: April 27, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. *Lunch Provided

Location: House Majority Hearing Room

RSVP to Bridget Wallace

Please join Kids Caucus Co-Chairs Representative Debra Heffernan and Senator Kyle Evans Gay for a panel-style discussion on Home Visiting: Opportunities for Equity, Education, and Systems Change. Panelists will include Crystal Sherman, Section Chief of Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services; Kirsten Olsen, CEO of Children & Families First, and Caitlin Gleason, Associate Secretary, Early Childhood Support, Delaware Department of Education.

Early Childhood Advocacy Day

Date: May 2, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Dover Library / Legislative Hall

We look forward to a powerful day of advocating for early childhood education, and we hope to see you there! Please be advised: the schedule is subject to change; updates will be provided accordingly.



Sussex County Health Coalition

presents

"Let's Get Healthy!"

a Nutrition Series presented by the University of Delaware's Master Food Educators

Mealtime in Less Time

"This workshop will help you discover strategies to offer healthful meals for you and your family in less time. Being busy doesn't mean you have to sacrifice nutrition."

April 28, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Register

First State Farm to My Plate

"A brief introduction to Delaware agriculture and the UD Research Farm, followed by interesting facts and recipe ideas surrounding local Delaware grown fruits and vegetables."

May 26, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Register

Table for One or Two, Making Mealtime Special

"This session provides information about planning and preparing healthy meals when cooking for yourself and others."

June 30, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Register



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Understanding Challenging Behavior: The Path to Behavior Support

"This webinar will provide an introduction to how we can understand a child's challenging behavior in regards to its form and function. Discussion and examples will be used to explain the importance of gathering functional data/information to establish a sensible and effective path to behavior support."

Culturally Responsive Strategies to Support Young Children with Challenging Behavior

"The authors of this article describe five culturally responsive core strategies to promote positive teacher relationships with young children in preschool and minimize challenging behavior: learn about children and families, develop and teach expectations, take the child's perspective, teach and model empathy, and use group times to discuss conflict."



Professional Development

DELAWARE INSTITUTE FOR
Excellence in Learning Festival
Early Childhood Date: May 6, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Beach Babies, 31169 Learning Lane, Lewes, DE

Please join us for in-person professional learning experiences. This day-long event at Beach Babies in Lewes, DE, will allow you — classroom educators, FCC professionals, and program leaders — to learn and engage in various topics while connecting.

Igniting Passion **deaeyc**
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Virtual Conference
May 22, 23, 24
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

18 Hours of Training over 3 days!

Some of the trainings topics include:

- Ableism
- Advocacy
- Brain Connections
- Developmentally Appropriate Practice
- Implicit Biases regarding Parenting Practices
- Psychological Safety to Increase Staff Retention
- Trauma-Informed Care

Registration Opens April 24, 2023

\$180 Value

General Admission: \$100
NAEYC Members: \$60

Bulk Pricing, Membership Bundles, and Provider Discounts are also available.

Resources



The Linguistic Genius of Babies

Patricia Kuhl shares astonishing findings about how babies learn one language over another -- by listening to the humans around them and "taking statistics" on the sounds they need to know. Clever lab experiments (and brain scans) show how 6-month-old babies use sophisticated reasoning to understand their world.



Place Matters: The Environment We Create Shapes the Foundations of Healthy Development



"With this paper, we aim to join a growing conversation around the power of place in shaping child development. This includes the many ways in which the latest science can help deepen our understanding and - combined with community expertise and fresh thinking across an array of policy domains - can offer promising opportunities for re-shaping the distribution of environmental influences so that all children can grow up in homes and neighborhoods free of hazards and rich with opportunity. Read the full working paper, along with a related infographic and action guide, via the links below."



Some of 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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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

3 Steps to Help Kids Process Traumatic Events

"What do we say to kids when intensely traumatic events interrupt everyday life? Whether you're a teacher, parent or community builder, educator Kristen Nguyen provides three research-backed steps for navigating these difficult conversations, restoring a sense of safety and facilitating collective healing." ([Read transcript.](#))



Visual Supports for Toddlers

"The most recent module from AFIRM (Autism Focused Intervention Resources & Modules) focuses on visual supports. It highlights a set of evidence-based practices (EBPs) that use images, pictures, or objects to cue a child to engage in a desired skill or behavior that provides them with meaningful information about an activity, routine, behavioral expectation, or skill. Visual supports are effective because they promote everyday routines and activities within the toddler's natural environment."



Send your contributions to Lisa Miller

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THANK YOU!