2021 CCPC Virtual Professional Development Schedule

**Saturday, April 17 – 4 hours available**

**\*Workshop #1**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM:  Keynote**

**Coming to our senses, understanding sensory processing differences**

**Amy Nelson** - **Emotional Milestones - Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Registered Play Therapist**

Child Care professionals are called to accommodate and support children with a variety of needs.  Sensory Processing differences are widely unrecognized, since children are developing their need to self-regulate.  Providers can be on the forefront of providing information, resources and supportive services to individuals with sensory processing differences.  This course unpacks the concept of Sensory Processing and how to apply this knowledge.

**\*Workshop #2**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM:  Members Only Workshop**

**Life According to Mr. Rogers….**

**Beth Reeder**

**Make a Difference Train and Consultation/Wichita Collegiate School - 3 & 4 year old teacher**

​We will use the timeless words and video of Mr. Rogers to learn  
how best to meet the needs of students today. We will look at the many parts of a  
child’s life and Mr. Rogers wisdom to provide the best learning experience possible.

**Sunday, April 18 – 4 hours available**

**\*Workshop #1**

**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**What Belongs in a Contract? Creating and Improving Your FCC Contract**

**Robyn Kelton**

**M.A., is a Quality Training Specialist for the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership**

​Contracts are a critical business document that family child care providers can use to communicate with families and protect themselves and their business, but oftentimes determining what belongs in a contract can be unclear or confusing. Using the Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care (BAS) as a guide, this workshop will provide participants with the knowledge needed to create or improve their own family child care contracts.

**Workshop #2**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Navigating Child Care Provider Burnout**

**Carrie Griffin**

**Family Child Care Provider**

A career in family child care presents a unique set of challenges and stressors. As a small business owner, handling the business side of child care means enforcing contracts and policies, charging late fees, complying with regulatory entities, and budgeting. As a caregiver, the stress of daily life is in juggling cooking, cleaning, planning activities, tending to children's hygiene needs, and ensuring the safety and well being of every child in care. In addition to ten or more hour workday, then a provider still has to care for their own family and often shuttle children to activities. No wonder the burnout rate is so high for our industry! This workshop will help clearly identify the areas in a provider's life that are most stressful and offer real life solutions for each stressor. By fixing the root cause of stress rather than simply telling providers to mask the symptoms of burnout with a bubble bath, the children in care will benefit from a happier, mentally healthier provider.

**Monday, April 19 – 2 hours available**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM:**

**\*Workshop #1**

**Mistaken Goals of Misbehavior: The Crucial C’s Kids Need to Succeed**

**Amy Nelson** - **Emotional Milestones - Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Registered Play Therapist**

Having a challenging child in your care can disrupt your whole internal state. It can make you feel inadequate, incompetent, intimidated and inferior. It can also be an opportunity to grow yourself personally and professionally in ways you never thought you’d stretch. Effective discipline recognizes the reasons why kids do what they do and works to change those beliefs, rather than merely attempting to change behavior. This training will help childcare providers understand the purpose behind misbehavior and teach them how to work with the issue, rather than against it.

**\*Workshop #2**

**Make Some Noise!  Finding Your Voice for Advocacy**

**Michelle Gilbert**

Using the children’s book “The Very Quiet Cricket” as a starting point, participants will learn strategies for being effective advocates and finding a voice for issues affecting young children and their families.

**Tuesday, April 20 – 2 hours available**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**\*Workshop #1**

**Stimulating, Stupendous Storytimes**

**Anne Harris**

**Lively Minds Consulting and Butler Community College**

Have your storytimes gone stale? A veteran children's librarian will share tried and true tips and tricks to freshen up your storytimes. We'll discuss a variety of easy to make storytelling aids, engagement techniques, and recommended books that help kids love reading time.

**\*Workshop #2**

**Keeping it R.E.A.L. Recyclables. Engaging Environments. Adaptations for all Ages. Loose Parts**

**Star Robinson**

**KCCTO - Training & Technical Assistance Specialist**

How can loose parts and recyclables strengthen young children’s STEM skills?  This course explores using everyday materials to engage mixed age groups safely.  Participants will examine the importance of their role in supporting math and science skills; how to manage the environment using recyclables and loose parts; and bring it all together to align with Mathematics and Science KELS.

**Wednesday, April 21- 2 hours available**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**\*Workshop #1**

**You Didn’t Tell Me That…. Effectively Communicating with Parents**

**Beth Reeder**

**Make a Difference Train and Consultation/Wichita Collegiate School - 3 & 4 year old teacher**

Persons will gain useful tools for handling the tough conversations with  
parents. How to professionally raise concerns with parents about their child’s needs. Persons will also connect with parents as they learn more about the child.

**Workshop #2**

**From Seed to Harvest: How to reap the benefits of gardening with children**

**Carrie Griffin**

**Family Child Care Provider**

Planting a garden and including children in the growing process provides an enormous boost to their understanding of life cycles and the food that nourishes their bodies. In this workshop, participants will see a huge variety of ways to include gardening into their program no matter how small their space or how limited their budget. Different types of gardens will be discussed, from vegetable gardens and sensory gardens to butterfly gardens and herb gardens. Any of these can easily be incorporated into any program and enhance children's knowledge of the natural world. Visuals of my personal gardens will be shown and discussed, and I will share the resources I used to develop them. Participants will leave with an action plan to start their own garden and tips to engage their families in the process. Experienced gardeners will also benefit by learning about a variety of plants to try and new ways to incorporate lessons in the garden.

**Thursday, April 22 – 2 hours available**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Workshop #1**

**Clear is Kind: Communication to increase compliance**

**Julie McEathron**

**Emotional Milestones - MS Ed. Early Childhood Instructional Consultant**

Concise language involves using the most effective words in order to get one’s point across. Childcare providers may often use words in their sentences that may clutter their message. This may confuse children and result in undesired behavior or lack of compliance. In this training childcare providers will gain a basic understanding of language development and how it impacts compliance. They will learn how to convey a clear message when instructing children in their care.

**Workshop #2**

**Celebrating Creativity: Exploring Opportunity for Creative Art Experiences for all Children**

**Amy Palmer**, **M.S.**

**KCCTO Trainer, Infant/Toddler Specialist Network**

Creativity is the act of learning something new. During this session, we will explore the creative process and how to support the development of creativity for infants, toddlers, and young children. Learning how to incorporate appropriate art experiences into daily activities in your child care setting. We will also go into greater detail about process art versus product art, as well as the importance of safety and supervision of creative experiences for all children.

Extra Workshops I am checking on to fill our open spots

Beth Reeder

Anne Harris

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