

Instructor-Led Training Course Descriptions



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New Classes!!

STEM starts in Preschool!! Wiring our children for Math and Science Success! – Examine the enrichments and activities that boost children’s logical and creative thinking skills and learn the “pre-coding” thought processes that set preschoolers up to move towards their problem solving potential.

Rethinking Normal: In today’s changing world, teachers and managers alike have to evaluate what’s important and which things we do daily create the most value for children and their families. This workshops helps participants zone in on the habits and routines that will create success in their programs in today’s child care program.

Creating a Culture of Excellence: Building Routines and Habits that Exceed the Vision- Good, Better, Best. . . .Expore daily actions that create excellence in early education. Learn the steps for assessing target areas, and review habits that encourage operational excellence.

One, Two – It’s the Right Thing to Do; Three, Four, Let’s do it some more! – Building character into our young children takes both focus and fun! Learn the habits and skills we can teach early, and sing them into character building tunes that are easy to remember.

Circle Times and Transition Activities that promote Language and Literacy – From start to transition, keep your day rocking and rolling with appropriate and engaging group times that promote language and literacy. With a little practice, language builders become part of your daily routine!

Literacy in the Making – Language Development in Young Children – Learn how language and literacy develop in young children, and how to stimulate emerging literacy skills at each age and stage of development. Learn how to extend and expand children’s communications to help them build vocabulary and complexity in language, and how to create literacy rich programming.

Math Mania And Language Too – Mixing 123’s and ABC’s – (intermediate level) Learn stages of the “math learning cycle” and how to encourage logical thinking skills. Add language by remembering to extend and expand concepts with words. You’ll have little learners building problem solving and literacy skills at the same time!

The Power of Connections – (intermediate level): Learn the differences between relationship mentoring- based guidance and other guidance strategies, and what the research shows about how children internalize values best! You’ll find ways to connect with your little ones as you guide them towards self-discipline, problem-solving and thinking!

Let’s Get Moving’ - Fitness Fun for Preschoolers and School Agers From beginning sports skills, to fitness disguised as fun, this workshop will jump start your lesson plans for large motor, large group, outdoor games, and activities that encourage physical fitness and physical development. You’ll learn ways to keep your little ones moving more each day!!

Cooperative Games - Everyone Wins when Collaboration Begins! (Cooperation is key to fun for little ones. . . Take your games to the next level with new ideas for focusing on co-operation instead of competition. Learn when completion is good for children, and when it needs to take a back seat to skill building and cooperation. You’ll learn both indoor and outdoor games designed to help children work together. Come dressed to play for this active session (Also great for staff team building!!)

Supporting Children with Special Needs: Behavior Management & the ADD/ADHD Child -

Have children who have been diagnosed with ADD/ADHD or who aren't typically developing either physically, socially, or emotionally? This workshop provides strategies for assisting them with activities and classroom behaviors that are often challenging. Learn to help them "self-manage" as they grow with you throughout the year.

Developmental Doorways Series:

Program Planning that enhances Emerging Skills – (Birth to 36 months) Set up your interactions and environments to encourage children to develop their full potential in all the domains. You'll get fresh ideas to keep your program engaging and your classroom responsive to little needs.

Creating Programs Children WANT to come to: (Preschool and School Age) This workshop will explore the developmental stages preschool and school age children in order to help teachers build a solid program that is responsive to the children's needs and wants. Filled with ideas to help you keep your environments and programming fresh!

Health and Safety

Child Abuse

Learn the warning signs of child abuse and neglect; the legal reporting requirements for teachers, directors, and owners; and how to protect yourself from being accused of abuse.

Safety and Injury

Keep the little ones in your care safe and reduce liabilities by discovering these "safety musts" for the classroom, the playground, and field trips. Participants in this class will also leave with a better understanding of the Department of Human Resources' reporting requirements for accidents and injuries.

Infectious Diseases

Proper hand washing and diapering procedures are just a few of the sanitary practices addressed in this course to help early childhood professionals learn how to reduce the risk of spreading illnesses in child care settings.

Fire Safety

Learn the basics of fire prevention and emergency management. This course meets the requirements for teachers and directors for required fire safety hours.

First Aid/CPR

This class covers the basics of emergency first aid and CPR and provides certification upon successful completion.

Emergency Preparedness

Being prepared for the unexpected is a key best practice for center staff. Evaluate your center's emergency policies and practices and come away with a set of "to do's" to keep your center moving prepared when the unexpected strikes.

Health and Safety Orientation Training

This course meets the Federal requirement for CCDF funding and provides six clock hours of training in best practices in health and safety for preschools and schools. It includes infectious disease recognition, safety and injury prevention, and emergency preparedness.

Health and Safety Orientation Training and the First Year Basics

This eight hour class meets both the Health and Safety Orientation requirement and the basic six requirement for new teachers in Georgia.

Nutrition and Food Service

Nutrition I – Nutrition and the USDA Food Plan

This workshop covers the basics of sound nutrition for young children and the requirements of the USDA Child and Adult Food Plan for those who cook and do meal planning in the early childhood setting. Topics include the food pyramid, meal components, serving sizes, menu planning, and regulations for food service.

Nutrition II – Food Preparation, Food-borne Illnesses, and Kitchen Sanitation

A must for cooks and those who serve food to young children...this workshop presents precautions that must be taken to prevent food spoilage and contamination during cooking, serving, and storage.

Time Management for Nutritionists

Nutritionists face unique time challenges. This workshop is designed to help nutritionists evaluate how they spend their time in the kitchen, distinguish between purpose and priority as it relates to their job and time management, and discover ways to make effective use of their time.

Cooking in the Classroom: Snacks and Activities Children Can Make Themselves!

Participants will explore options for snack and lunch components that children can create in the classroom as a part of the learning program. Review food sanitation practices during preparation that apply to the classroom and discuss techniques to use with children that permit exploration and teach sound nutritional practices.

SCHOOL-AGE

Homework and Academic Enrichments in the Afterschool Program

Having a positive attitude about homework will help children to have one as well. Discover best practices for incorporating homework assistance and academic enrichments in your afterschool program to help reinforce learning that has taken place during the day and show children that you value education.

Positive Guidance in School-Age Care Programs

School-age caregivers are faced with daily situations that involve children's misbehavior, requiring quick intervention and resolution. In this workshop, participants will explore the difference between discipline and punishment as well as how to use positive guidance strategies in working with children ages 5 to 12.

Meeting the Developmental Needs of School-Age Children

This workshop is designed to help participants identify the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive characteristics of school age children and create developmentally appropriate activities to meet the unique needs of this age group.

Creative Activities for School-Age Children

Learn what school-age children like and need as they come back for after school and summer care. Develop a program that makes them want to come! This course provides tips on staff development, the learning environment, program planning, and parental involvement.

SUMMER

Creating a Sensational Summer Program Part I

Give the kids in your program a summer break!! Learn how to change the routine, jazz up programming, and create mini-camp experiences to keep interest high and children satisfied.

Creating a Sensational Summer Program Part II

From cooking centers to outdoor speciality centers, in-house field trips and more, gather resources to make your summer ROCK for your children! You'll come away with the foundation for a summer program designed to keep your children engaged and excited.

Sizzling Summer Activities

This workshop is jam-packed with ideas for both indoor and outdoor fun that will help create special summer memories for the children in your program. From infants and toddlers to school agers, you'll find ideas and enrichments that create summer memories and promote learning fun.

HOLIDAYS

Discovery Center: Activities for the Holidays

Enhance your learning centers by adding that holiday flair to your classrooms. Jazz up those learning centers, create some new teacher made for enriching math and literacy and celebrate away!

Celebrating the Holidays from a Multicultural Perspective

Develop a better understanding of the importance of celebrating the holidays from a multicultural perspective and discover ways to incorporate a variety of holidays into your program as you explore the traditions and holidays of the world.

Multicultural Celebrations: Games and Music

Add cultural diversity to the games and music you play during the holiday season. This up and moving workshop will keep your lesson plans filled with traditions from around the globe.

Administrative/Management

40 Hour Directors Training Program – (meets requirements for Ga pre-licensing requirement and Texas ongoing training requirement) This overview of a director's and owners roles and responsibilities in operating a child care program provides a sweeping look at the daily tasks of the leader of a quality center. From staffing and coaching, to budgeting and maintaining quality programs, this class is a must for administrators who want to freshen their skills and lead their program to new levels of quality.

Balancing the Budget in Tight Times Part I and II

This workshop includes budget basics, tips for keeping expenses in check, and marketing strategies to build enrollment. Come away with a budget template, comparison of percentage allotments from national averages for child care, staffing and scheduling tips to save money, ideas from your peers, and a look at funding options to increase revenues. A must for centers who are finding the economy chipping away at their bottom line..

Building Strong Programs Through Excellence in Client Services

This workshop examines how to improve customer service skills and relationships in order to build a stronger program. Participants will focus on developing rapport with customers, uncovering clients' needs, and motivating staff to deliver excellence in service.

Building Strong Programs Through Excellence in Service

Setting high standards for our programs and implementing them on a daily basis is a challenge for both new and experienced managers. Discuss the meaning of "professionalism" and apply it to the day-to-day experiences of the child care center. Set goals for "stretching" your staff towards their next step in excellence.

Building Strong Programs Through Excellence in Staff Services

This workshop will help participants understand the importance of delivering excellent service to staff through the following components: effective management, appreciation of staff, team building, and coaching.

Different Staff/Different Needs – Guiding Teachers to Their Potential

In this workshop, participants will explore the various personality types that work in a child care center. They will learn why it is important to understand different personalities as well as identify ways to work more effectively with a diverse group of people.

Customer Service for the Center Administrator

Want to increase your business and build customer loyalty? Customer service is the place to start. This workshop gives practical tips for good service for child care center administrators, and provides strategies for training staff in the same basics of client services.

Directing Your Center's Destiny

This workshop examines the role managers play in helping their center develop to its fullest potential. Specific attention is given to the life cycle of the center, the stages of director development, needs assessment, and self-assessment.

Emergency Preparedness – Developing a Crisis Plan for Your Child Care Center

As the homeland security agency gives us feedback on the threats to our nation, center owners face special challenges in preparing for the needs of the young ones in their care. Learn what the Red Cross, the CDC, and school systems suggest we do to be prepared for emergency situations.

Hiring, Coaching & Counseling Staff

An organization is only as strong as its people are. This class covers staffing issues from hiring team players to building through professional development. It's a must for directors and owners!

Leadership Lessons

This workshop helps managers to identify, develop, and train leaders within their centers. Participants will also gain a better understanding of how to encourage leadership among others with a 12-step action plan.

Magnificent Marketing Techniques

Participants in this class will explore the different roles that administrators, teachers, and parents play in marketing a program. They will also learn the "Four 'P's of Marketing" and begin to develop a customized marketing plan to help them better promote their center to parents and the community.

Marketing for a Fabulous Fall

In this workshop, participants will begin to develop a customized marketing plan for their center to better help them market their program to parents and the community in the fall.

Making Enrollments Happen: Spring Work = Summer additions!

NOW is the time to make a difference in the summer budget with revenues from additional students. This workshop covers marketing strategies designed to help you add enrollments for summer by putting a red hot marketing plan together now!!

Accounting and Bookkeeping Basics

Participants will learn some basic guidelines for proper fiscal management of a childcare facility. From building a chart of accounts to having processes to double check for accuracy and honesty, you'll go away with tools to help you build your bottom line.

The Miracle Manager: Time Management for Center Administrators

Center managers face unique time challenges. This workshop is designed to help administrators evaluate how they spend their time, distinguish between purpose and priority as it relates to their job and time management, and discover ways to make effective use of their time.

Nuts About Marketing: Marketing Strategies for Center Administrators

This workshop helps center managers promote their center to potential customers and includes topics such as, "Getting to Know Your Target Market," "Identifying Program Features and Strengths," and "Winning Clients During a Tour."

Time Management for Center Administrators

Learn the benefits of time management and discover how to use time more efficiently to manage everyday tasks. You'll discover ways to "create" time and to put first things first without compromising daily operations.

Tug of Peace: Activities That Promote Team Spirit

Tired of the constant "tugs-of-war" between staff that rob your time and drain your emotions? Turn your next staff meeting or professional development day into a team building extravaganza! This workshop will offer some "tricks of the trade" for developing a team spirit through playful, noncompetitive games and activities while cultivating cohesiveness between coworkers.

Viewing Parents as Partners

Parental involvement is a key element in providing quality child care. Discover how to motivate parents to help with curriculum planning, decision-making, and fund-raising as you work together to be true partners in their child's education!

Staffing for Success

Learn to make better staff selections as you identify the traits and skills you want in your team. Learn to match personalities with positions and how to help bring out the most in your staff.

Viewing Staff as Partners

Motivated, knowledgeable, and productive teachers are more important to children than any toy could ever be. Improve staff performance and strengthen your partnership with them through discussions, role-playing, and team building activities. Learn how to lead them as your partners, rather than manage them, to help create your very own "dream team."

The Bottom Line: Budgeting and Financial Planning for Child Care Part I & II

In this workshop, participants will review some of the basic concepts in budgeting and financial planning. Additionally, participants will explore how to estimate expenses and income and analyze budgets for soundness.

The Dynamic Director

This workshop will provide participants with essential components necessary in utilizing leadership skills to develop a cooperative, effective and efficient team. Participants will have a better understanding and additional tools to deal with the leadership role in the early childhood setting.

Building A Top Notch Program (Part I and II)

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Is Your Center A Great Place To Work?

In this workshop, participants will develop a better understanding of how a quality working environment effects and determines how staff teach and supervise our programs.

Professional Development

Fantastic Floaters Part I

Being a substitute, brand-new teacher, or floater between classrooms requires the ability to juggle a lot of responsibility, including classroom management. Learn the “tricks of the trade” to keep control of your classroom, even if you are only there for short periods of the day. Build your repertoire of techniques and strategies to help promote children’s choices and individuality. After this session, you’re sure to captivate your little ones and keep them engaged rather than misbehaving!

Fantastic Floaters Part II

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Overview of the Georgia Rules and Regulations – How much do you really know about the regulations? Review the regulations with a working quiz, and refresh your knowledge of Georgia’s requirements for Child Care Centers..

Partnering with Parents: Getting Parents Involved

This workshop helps participants identify common barriers to family involvement, learn ways to improve communication with families, and discover strategies for increasing parental involvement within their program.

Parents As Partners: Building Partners in the Education Process

Learn to build cooperation between parents and staff to reach common behavioral goals and educational goals. Discuss how barriers to parent involvement can be broken, and how important parents are to our success working with their little ones.

Positive Parent Communication

Learn how using positive feedback and effective listening can help you deal with even the most difficult parent. This course covers parent conferences and using positive communication to help resolve conflicts.

The Nurturing Teacher – How to Give Without Burning Out

Learn characteristics of a nurturing teacher. Evaluate yourself, and plan strategy for giving without “burning out.” This course covers the emotional needs of young children and discusses how teachers can meet these needs more effectively in group situations.

There Is Such A Thing As A Free Lunch: Free Resources For Teachers

Come gather FREE resources to help enhance your classroom and further the development of the children in your classroom.

Movin’ on up: Climbing the Professional Ladder

In this workshop teachers will learn about the career ladder in the field of early childhood education and what steps they must take to move up the ladder.

Crystal Clear Communication Part I and II

Mean what you say and say what you mean. . .in both the spoken and the unspoken communications you send! In this workshop, participants will learn how to make sure the message they want to give is received in the way they want it received – creating more meaningful relationships and minimizing the stress caused by mis-understandings. Perfect for building staff to staff or staff to parent communication skills.

Cognitive Development – How Children Learn

Cranium Craze: How Activities Impact Brain Development

This workshop explores the different parts of the brain as they relate to learning and how nature and nurture affect brain development. Participants will also discover ways to create an enriching and fun learning environment for young children that will maximize learning experiences and enhance brain development.

How Children Develop Intelligence – Brain-Building Basics

Where does intelligence come from? This workshop explores the application of current “brain-based learning” research to the early childhood classroom.

Brain Development and Learning: What Every ECE Professional Should Know

Know the latest brain research? Know how the brain works? Did you know your brain is like a garden? Come find out the answers to these questions and the best way to help children learn.

More Brain-Building Basics: Activities and Applications That Link Research to the Classroom

What are “multiple intelligences” and how do I develop them? This class covers the latest research on brain development, multiple intelligences, and how early childhood plays an important role in helping children achieve their potential.

Developmental Delights: Three Year Olds

This session provides a brief overview of the physical, social, and educational development of children ages three to four years. Participants are provided with information about early childhood development characteristics as well as practical applications to foster further development within the classroom.

Developmental Delights: Four and Five Year Olds

This session provides a brief overview of the physical, social, and educational development of children ages four and five-years-old. Participants are provided with information about early childhood development characteristics as well as practical applications to foster further development within the classroom.

Infants and Toddlers

Talk until Your Tongue is Tired - Exposing children to frequent adult interactions and spoken language and encouraging young children to communicate is essential both their emotional development and to their language development. Participants will be able to go back to their classroom and promote maximum language development in young children. They will learn both the stages of language development and how to provide children with a language rich environment. It will provide teachers with information about how language is formed and will identify practical strategies for language development in the early care and education classroom. Participants will leave knowing how to help children develop reading, writing, and oral communication skills through storytelling, which enhances literacy and language skills in young children.

Start Talking-Stop Biting: Language Development in Young Children

Participants in this workshop will discover how providing a print-rich environment, exposing children to spoken language, and encouraging young children to communicate can decrease biting and increase language skills.

Building Little Minds Without Blowing Your Top

Implementing current brain research into an infant or toddler classroom can be quite a challenge! Learn how to create a fun and enriching environment while keeping misbehavior and your stress level low.

Creative Activities for Infants and Toddlers

Refresh those infant and toddler “stages” and learn some creative activities that facilitate development. Enjoy this Make-it/Take-it with fun ideas to take back to the classroom.

Classroom Management for Infant and Toddler Teachers

In this workshop, participants will explore the characteristics of a well run infant/toddler room and examine health and safety concerns that affect your classroom

The Developmentally Appropriate Classroom for Infants and Toddlers

In this workshop, participants will explore how to enhance their classroom and turn their space into a developmentally appropriate learning environment for their infants or toddlers.

Uh Oh! Guiding Infant and Toddler Behavior

A positive approach to guiding young children’s behavior helps teach coping skills and self-control while discouraging inappropriate behavior. This workshop will outline appropriate expectations for the behavior of infants and toddlers, identify the most challenging behaviors of this age group, and define strategies for encouraging the more acceptable behaviors.

Radical Routines: Activities for Infants and Toddlers

This two-hour workshop is designed to help infant and toddler caregivers understand the developmental needs of this age group and how to create developmentally appropriate activities during daily routines.

Young Minds Under Construction

This session will focus on brain development and how it relates to the early childhood classroom. Providing meaningful experiences for young children enhances their development.

Hard Hat Area: Musical and Movement for Infants, Toddlers and Twos!

Music and movement should be a routine part of a child's day. Music can set the tone of the classroom as well as contribute to the children's overall development. This class discusses the benefits of incorporating music and movement as well as classroom strategies that promote the enjoyment of music and movement.

Developmental Doorways: Program Planning that enhances Emerging Skills

This workshop will introduce participants to the ages and stages of development for infants and toddlers. Attention will be given to age appropriate activities, interactions and the environment.

Social/Emotional Development

Guiding Young Children: Practical Strategies for Encouraging Pro-Social Behavior Pt. I

Learn guidance techniques that reduce inappropriate behaviors while building self-esteem, thinking skills, problem-solving skills, and conflict resolution skills in young children.

Guiding Young Children: Practical Strategies for Encouraging Pro-Social Behavior Pt. II

In Part Two of this workshop, participants will examine the difference between self-initiated good behavior that indicates self-discipline, and behavior that results from external pressures. Teachers will apply the techniques to situational misbehaviors, and brainstorm solutions get rid of misbehaviors by moving children towards self-discipline.

Building Self-Esteem in Young Children

Help your children develop that "I can do it" attitude. Send them off with the essentials for success in school and in life.

Munchkin Manners

What is "socially correct behavior" anyway??? This workshop takes a practical look at the customs and traditions that our society expects of responsible adults, and helps teachers see how they can begin to model them in the preschool years. Cultural differences, socioeconomic differences, and values differences considered as the conventional "rules" of tactful behaviors are examined.

Rompin', Stompin' and Having Fun – Activities to Promote Self-Esteem

Early childhood teachers play an important role in the development of a healthy self-concept in children. This class highlights encouraging and nurturing activities that teachers can take back to the classroom.

Character Education for Preschoolers

Every teacher and parent wants their little ones to develop honesty, kindness, compassion, and character qualities that contribute to positive interactions with others. Learn how children develop character and what traits they are capable of mastering and understanding. Come away with developmentally appropriate ways that you can promote social and moral development in your preschoolers.

Classroom Management

Encouraging Best Behavior: Classroom Management that Works –

From the environment and programming, to guidance and discipline techniques, running a classroom takes planning and good strategies. Learn how you can impact children's behavior with the five basic components of a well-run classroom. You'll leave this workshop full of ideas.

Stress Free Conflict Resolution

Conflicts are an unavoidable part of working with young children, but resolving them doesn't have to be stressful! Tackle misbehaviors with positive guidance strategies, and learn how to solve the challenging situations that come your way with the steps to successful conflict resolution. Are Bad habits bothering you? Learn how to break them and re-channel children's behavior to more positive practices.

Circle Times and Transitions

Spice up your mornings and group times with activities that engage and excite your little ones. Learn that "do's and don'ts" of developmentally appropriate circle time and transitions and come away with new songs and finger plays to jazz up your program.

Classroom Management

Reevaluate your teaching and style and the type of behavior it elicits from your students. Map a plan for your own classroom "management" and make it work.

Challenges or Choices: Managing the Classroom Environment

With a look at sprucing up learning centers, room arrangement, the role of the teacher, and the overall environment, you'll walk away from this class with specific ways to foster optimal learning in the classroom! Use the timely tips and age-appropriate activities to decrease inappropriate behavior and help guide children towards their potential.

Creating a Classroom That Promotes Cooperative Behavior

Does your classroom support or hinder caring behavior? Learn how to increase cooperation in the classroom by creating the right environment.

Managing Stress in the Classroom

Stop the stress in your classroom! This class discusses the causes and symptoms of stress in young children and explores ways of identifying and reducing stress in children.

The Developmentally Appropriate Classroom

Creating a learning environment that is safe, secure, and full of opportunities for learning takes planning. This workshop covers the components of a classroom that meets the developmental needs of children.

Achieving Awesome Attitudes: Classroom Management Tips Part 1 and 2

In this workshop participants will learn how to have a positive attitude and in turn help the children develop a positive attitude. They will do this by examining their attitude and the attitude of the children and by looking at the space they create and share with the children.

Curriculum

General Curriculum, Learning Centers, Environments, and Enrichments:

Building A Quality Curriculum

Take your program to the next level with curriculum customized to the needs of your children. Learn what the research recommends as daily components and objectives, and come away with strategies to personalize to your program and maximize your time with children.

Lesson Planning 101

Make “What will we do today?” a historical statement with techniques and tips that help you create effective lesson plans. Apply the principles of effective programming to daily activities and routines, and watch the daily stress of classroom management disappear.

Enrichments for Fall Fun

This workshop is designed to assist participants with building a wealth of resources to add to their fall lesson plans. From language and math, to art and block, you’ll come away with fall-focused enrichments to take back to the classroom.

Liven Up Your Learning Centers

Give your classroom and your learning program an instant “perk up” by adding new ideas to your learning centers. This workshop is full of practical ideas and activities

Creative Activities for the Classroom

Can we help children achieve through early activities? Participants will discover numerous development and enrichment activities that promote creative thinking skills in the classroom.

Curriculum: Language and Literacy:

Books and Beyond: Extending the Reading Experience

It's not just reading. This workshop will present creative ideas to extend preschool book themes into your classroom planning.

Use Your Words – A Creative approach to language development

This workshop will not only provide teachers with information about how language is formed but will also identify practical strategies for language development in the early care and education classroom. Learn how to help your children “Use their Words!”

Sensational Storytelling

Learn how to make stories, books, and literature come alive. Enhance your storytelling ability by learning techniques that will grab and keep the children's attention.

The Creative Art of Storytelling

Learn many creative ways to present stories to children. Teachers will learn how to use their voice, props, dramatics, puppetry, and role-playing to enrich their storytelling abilities in an entertaining way.

Once Upon a Time: Literacy and Language Through Fairy Tales

Storytelling is not only a fun and pleasurable pastime, but it is also an enjoyable activity that enhances literacy and language skills in young children. In this two-hour workshop, participants will learn how to help children develop reading, writing, and oral communication skills through the use of fairy tales.

Light Up With Literacy: Language Development for Children (*6hrs)

Exposing children to spoken language and encouraging young children to communicate is essential in language development. Participants will be able to go back to their classroom and promote maximum language development in young children. They will learn both the stages of language development and how to provide children with a language rich environment. It will provide teachers with information about how language is formed and will identify practical strategies for language development in the early care and education classroom. Participants will leave knowing how to help children develop reading, writing, and oral communication skills through storytelling, which enhances literacy and language skills in young children.

Numberlines and Storytime: Using Books To Enhance Math and Language Skills

In this workshop you will learn how to enhance math development through the use of story time. You will learn how to math enrich your classroom to bring out the full math potential in your children.

Curriculum: Math, Science and Sensory

Sorting, Counting, Matching, and More

This workshop will help participants understand the importance of incorporating math into early childhood programs and will provide creative ideas for extending math activities throughout the classroom.

Math and Science for Young Children

Discover how children develop early cognitive skills that set the stage for success with math and science. This class is a “make it/take it” that sends participants home with lots of developmental activities for math and science for young children.

Ooey, Gooley: Sensory Experiences for Young Children

This workshop will help participants understand the importance of sensory experiences for young children and give them ideas on creating a sensory area in the early childhood environment.

Awesome Activities for Summertime Math and Science

This workshop is designed to give participants hands on summer science and math activities to do with children in the preschool classroom.

Math Madness

Develop those logical thinking skills with age-appropriate activities that make “math” for the preschool child come to life!! This workshop illustrates how children learn pre-math skills during the preschool years and provides a section with multitudes of math activities for young children.

Crazy Concoctions: Science for Young Children

This workshop is designed to give participants hands on science activities to do with children in the preschool classroom.

Building Self-Confidence through Science

Science is the process of exploration that children naturally do throughout their day. It is a natural part of who they are. Through the recognition of this ability, we can encourage self-esteem by building on their strengths.

Sensational Science

Science is everywhere! Learn how to help your little ones explore and ask questions as you jazz up your science area, lesson plans and learning objectives!

Curriculum: Outdoors:

Creating an Outdoor Classroom

From gardening to art to language, you'll explore extending learning as you create outdoor environments that stimulate curiosity and engage little minds. You'll learn to bring the classroom to the outside as you add nature to children's everyday environment.

Outdoor Games

Add to your repertoire of games and activities for outdoors and "getting the wiggles out" on rainy days. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes!

Curriculum: Home Living, Blocks, Dramatic Play

Tower of Pisa: Block Play for Young Children

The course will help participants understand the benefits of block play for young children and how to create developmentally appropriate learning experiences with blocks into the early childhood environment.

Curtain Call: Drama for Young Children

A standing ovation for experiential learning! Teachers will learn how to use drama in the classroom to enrich children's dramatic play and developing language skills.

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: Dramatic Play for Young Children

This two-hour workshop examines the role of dramatic play in the development of young children. Participants will explore the teacher's role in dramatic play, the importance of literacy props, and considerations for setting up a dramatic play area.

Tea for Two: Enhancing Dramatic Play for All Ages

This two-hour workshop examines the role of dramatic play in the development of young children. Participants will explore the teacher's role in dramatic play, how dramatic play can be used to help reduce conflict, and low cost ideas for enhancing the dramatic play area.

Pinocchio & Company: Puppetry Arts for Young Children

Bring imagination and play alive. Teachers will learn how to use puppets as classroom aids and how to enrich children's dramatic play through puppetry arts.

Curriculum: Art

Unleash your creativity – Enhancing art in preschool programs.

This workshop will help participants enrich the art experiences available to the children in their classrooms. Participants will examine how to stock the art center and how to reinforce the artistic process, determining the effectiveness of their art center. Participants will also explore how to interact with children in the art center to facilitate maximum creative exploration.

Creative Activities for Preschoolers

A Make-it/Take-it with fun activities for spring! Refresh your knowledge of how young children learn and go back with lots of activities that stimulate “thinkers” and keep their natural curiosity aroused. Go home with lots of ideas to stimulate their emerging skills.

Hands-On Activities That Promote Creativity

This workshop will help participants bring out the most in children. Designed to give teachers insights and tools to bring out the creativity in children.

Incorporating Art Throughout the Day

Bring out the creative genius in your children! Set the stage for them to create art that helps develop their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional skills by learning how to develop an A+ art center, select appropriate art supplies, and put those creative minds to work.

Curriculum: Music/Transitioning/Group Times

Joyful Noise: Songs and Instruments for the Classroom

This workshop will assist participants with incorporating music throughout their classroom and throughout their day. Participants will learn how to make some simple instruments and learn some simple songs that they can use in their classroom.

The Magic of Music

How does music affect learning and development in preschool children? How can songs help with transition times? Discover the answers to these and other important questions as you learn about the “magic of music” in the classroom. With songs, movements, and finger plays, it’s sure to be a “romping, stomping” good time!

Shazam!: The Magic of Transitioning

Nap time? Mealtime? Outdoor time? This workshop is jam-packed with ideas for both indoor and outdoor fun that help children cope with the schedule changes and movement from one area to another that happen each day in group care. Learn songs, fingerplays, and movement activities that will help your little ones transition more easily.

Come Full Circle: Making the Most of Circle Time

Keeping circle time meaningful and fun for children can be a challenge. Like it or not, teachers compete with toys, other children, television, and video attractions for their preschooler's attention. Learn the "dos and don'ts" of developmentally appropriate circle time.

Shake, Rattle, and Roll: Games and Movement for Young Children Games and movement activities provide much more than fun and amusement for little ones. Learn to stimulate emerging skills in all areas of development as you incorporate new ideas in your programming.

It's A Small World After All: Small Group Time

Spice up your mornings and group times with activities that engage and excite your little ones. Come away with new songs and finger plays to jazz up your program.

Creating Circle Times That Kids Want to Come to

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GUIDANCE

Anger Management Strategies

Use your enrichment areas to redirect and reduce anger and aggression in your preschoolers. Learn practical steps to help young children manage anger and reduce aggressive behaviors.

Soothing solutions for Sudden Outbursts: Positive Guidance Strategies Part I & II

In this workshop, teachers will learn the difference between misbehaving and mistaken behavior and ways to deal with mistaken behavior

Calming Down & Cooling Off: What to Do When Conflict Arises

This workshop reviews why children respond differently to conflict and shows how they can learn to reduce their own anger.

Behavior Management in the Classroom

Promote child choice and individuality and keep "control" in your classroom. This workshop focuses on techniques and strategies for classroom management that assist teachers with guiding children while running a developmentally appropriate program.

Keeping Your Cool When Things Get Hot (Part I and II)

Does your classroom support or hinder caring behavior? Learn how to increase cooperation in the classroom by creating the right environment. Use your enrichment areas to redirect and reduce anger and aggression in your preschoolers. Learn practical steps to help young children manage anger and reduce aggressive behaviors through cooperation.

Behavior Management & the ADD/ADHD Child

Have children who have been diagnosed with ADD/ADHD? This workshop provides strategies for assisting them with activities and classroom behaviors that are often challenging. Learn to help them "self-manage" as they grow with you throughout the year.

Positive Child Guidance

Learn to guide versus control. Turn those negatives into positives and keep everyone smiling through the day. Includes tips on healthy “self-talk” and “modeling,” as well as behavior motivators for young students.

Why Children Misbehave

Disruptive behavior can take its toll on the teacher, the children, and the learning environment. This workshop provides an explanation as to why children misbehave and how teachers’ responses affect misbehavior. Return to the classroom empowered with guidance techniques that support appropriate behavior while discouraging misconduct.

Winning the Behavior Battle: Guiding Children to Self-Discipline Part I

Review the principles of positive rules and logical consequences and spend more time praising than punishing with techniques that guide children towards self-discipline.

Winning the Behavior Battle: Guiding Children to Self-Discipline Part II

Review the principles of positive rules and logical consequences and spend more time praising than punishing with techniques that guide children towards self-discipline.

Conflict Resolution for Preschoolers

Discover how to turn “I win, you lose” battles with children into win-win victories! With a look at “winning strategies” for various discipline problems and ways to develop a win-win situation when a behavior becomes a bad habit, you’ll leave empowered to help children learn that everyone is a winner and they are valued.

Using Drama and Art to Resolve Conflict

Guide children to expressing their frustrations in creative outlets rather than inappropriate misbehaviors. Learn to use your drama and art centers as a release for children’s stress as you encourage their creativity!

Music and Games that reduce conflict and promote cooperation.

Can the music and games you offer in your programming effect children’s cooperation levels? Can they reduce conflict? This two-hour workshop explores the difference between competitive games and cooperative games and examines how each affects children’s cooperation levels. Participants will learn techniques for turning traditional competitive games into fun as well as discover ways to use music to help promote cooperation in the classroom.

SALSA: Songs and Laughter To Soothe Aggression

Songs and Laughter play an important part of easing aggression among children. Both are a natural part of children’s lives. Songs can be comforting to children as well as laughing. Participants will have fun exploring ways to bring songs and laughter in the classroom.

Hands On Anger Management Strategies

Participants will learn how to help children deal with conflict and how to help children engage in conflict resolution.

Guidance Strategies (Part I and II)

Are you looking for tested and true tips for calming chaos and putting order into your classroom? This four-hour workshop starts at the beginning with expectations, rules, logical consequences, and strategies for resolving conflicts, and then progresses to managing exceptional misbehaviors, from bullies to attention deficits. If you're looking for the latest suggestions, combined with the tested and true foundations of positive guidance, this workshop is for you!

The Power of Connections: Transforming Behaviors through Relationships (Intermediate Level for QRIS)

Transform behaviors as you build relationships that help children be open to your mentorship. Learn the differences between relationship mentoring based guidance and other strategies, including traditional behavior modification, redirection, modeling, and time away to reflect. Learn to pick the strategy that best relates to the misbehaviors you see, as you build relationships that help you know triggers and motives better! A must for both new and experienced teachers.

Faith Based Classes:

Train Up a child - . . .For the faith-based teacher, working with young children is more than a job, it's an opportunity to impact young lives for eternity. Whether you need to deal with discipline from a biblical perspective, recharge your batteries, or get new ideas for classroom activities, you'll find the best practices of childcare nailed back to scriptural principles you'll use daily!

Higher Calling: Moving Children towards their God-given potential – *We are marvelously designed and created.* Early education research meshes perfectly with the role of the faith-based teacher in guiding children to become all they can be, in all the domains of development. Explore the impact of this higher calling on little lives as you walk through concrete ways to connect them with their potential.

Train up a child – Christian principles for guiding children's behavior – Guiding children to self-discipline takes focus and intentional interaction from both parents and teachers. Explore the differences between intrinsic and extrinsic motivations for behaviors, and nail their roots right back to principles from scripture. Learn what works, and what doesn't, in guiding children to be responsible, self-disciplined adults.

Creating Bible Circles that captivate Children – Building practical lessons from scripture that make circle time meaningful and fun for children can be a challenge. Like it or not, teachers compete with toys, other children, television, and video attractions for their preschooler's attention. Spice up your mornings and group times with activities that engage and excite your little ones. Learn the "dos and don'ts" of developmentally appropriate bible circle times and come away with new songs and finger plays to jazz up your program.

Incorporating Art throughout the Day – Learn to enhance God-given creativity as you enrich art experiences for children. You'll learn to build creativity, reinforce the artistic process, and incorporate art in other learning areas. Explore ways to extend books and bible stories through the creative art process. You'll go back to your classroom FILLED with new ideas for your children.

More than 9 – 5 – The Power of Prayer in Preschool – The praying teacher continues to touch her children long after the preschool day has ended. Wrap your little ones in the strong arms of the Heavenly Father as you challenge yourself to keep pray as the top priority in Christian preschool. Discuss ways to involve parents and to teach young children to pray as well.

Creating a Classroom that Promotes Cooperative Behavior - More often than not, the solution for creating cooperation can be found in examples from scripture. Does your classroom support or hinder caring behavior? Learn how to increase cooperation in children by creating an accepting, nurturing environment that teaches children how to live for a lifetime, not just how to act in the moment.

Moving from Music and Movement to Worship and Praise – Children learn best when they stomp, sing and move. Whether you want to jazz up your chapel or add a worship circle to your classroom, you'll come away with songs and ideas that put music in your little ones' hearts and move their focus to their faith.

Math Madness - How do children learn math? Come away with the answer, and strategies to make your classroom encourage young thinkers. Find math extenders for common bible stories that encourage thinking and problem solving skills in your little ones.

Reaching Parents through Faith-based children's activities – Ministry meets missions when we use our children's activities as an outreach to their seeking parents. Learn what works and what doesn't as you plan your enrichment programs designed to minister to parents.