

Training Opportunities for Early Childhood Providers

March 2021 Calendar



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Virtual Training Opportunities

See calendar for registration links



Tom Copeland will be hosting 2 virtual trainings for both centers and homes!

Please join us on the dates listed below!

Saturday, March 6th

9:00 AM-11:00 AM


Childcare Center Focus

Thursday, March 25th


6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Start and Grow Your Business

Date	Training Title	Time & Address	Audience & Course Description	Registration CDA Area & Fee
March				
3/1/2021- 3/31/2021	Individual or small group Ed sessions (Topic of your choice) Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	Self scheduled sessions. Zoom	All Providers Have a question about child development, program management, self-care, etc? Need specific resources for your classroom or a child? Schedule a Zoom session to have a one-on-one discussion.	Contact Stephanie Koclanis , CORE Coordinator & Quality Improvement Funds Specialist at stephaniek@ywcawil.org to schedule a day and time.
Thursday, 3/4/2021	Growth Mindset: Be Someone's Champion Introductory Presenter: Grayce Rademaker	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Zoom	All Providers During this training, you will learn the importance of establishing connections with the children you work with. This will create a high quality learning environment to enhance learning outcomes by using a growth mindset and supporting the social/emotional development of every child.	Register here CDA: 3 & 8 FREE
Saturday, 3/6/2021	Child Care Center Focus Introductory Presenter: Tom Copeland	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Zoom	Center Providers This training will help child care centers attract and retain parents to their program. It will describe how to identify the benefits of your program and compete against other programs. In addition, it will explain how directors and staff can save more for their own retirement.	Register here CDA: 5 & 6 FREE
Tuesday, 3/9/2021	Wow Up Your Dramatic Play Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 Dramatic play allows children to pretend, imagine, and be creative. Children can pretend to be anyone, do anything, and travel anywhere with a few props and their imagination. Come and learn how to introduce new skills and ideas to the dramatic play area.	Register here CDA: 1 & 3 FREE
Tuesday, 3/9/2021	Can We Go Outside Yet? Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers This training will help providers in developing awareness, knowledge, and skills to achieve creative and fun activities involving wildlife and the environment.	Register here CDA: 4 FREE

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Tuesday, 3/9/2021	Infant/Toddler Motor Development Introductory Presenter: Jodi York	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar	Providers for Ages 0-3 Infants require responsive care from the adults in their lives, proper nutrition, and appropriately stimulating environments to support the best possible physical development. Understanding how quickly a child's development happens will prepare you for providing the best possible environment for the various stages of motor development.	Register here CDA: 2 & 8 FREE
Tuesday, 3/9/2021	Should I Become Licensed? Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	2:00 PM to 3:00 PM GoToWebinar This is an informational meeting, no certificate awarded.	LE Providers Learn the benefits and necessary steps involved in becoming a Licensed Family Child Care Provider. Providers will be guided through each step of the process in preparation for the DCFS home visit and completing the licensing application.	Register here CDA: 5 FREE
Thursday, 3/11/2021	Free Information Meeting: Building the Framework for Your Child Care Business Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM GoToWebinar This is an informational meeting, no certificate awarded.	LE Providers Looking to start your career as a Licensed Family Child Care Provider? If so, this is the place to start. Learn what it takes to bring your business to the next level. You will be able to interact with a staff member from the YWCA as you learn about getting started, contracts, food programs, and other resources available to you through the YWCA.	Register here CDA: 7 FREE
Saturday, 3/13/2021 	Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) Module 1: Social-Emotional Growth & Socialization Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 Training will begin with an overview of the basic concepts of early social-emotional growth and socialization pertaining to the group care context. The overview addresses the importance of responsive caregiving, the critical role of family and culture in early identity development, exploring developmentally appropriate play strategies and creating supportive physical environments.	Register here CDA: 3 FREE

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Monday, 3/15/2021	Forgiveness-In a World of Hurt Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers There are 86,400 seconds in a day. How do you spend them? For many of us, we choose to focus on the wrongs done to us." (Positivepsychology.com) Let's right that habit! In this training, participants will learn about the psychology of forgiveness and the benefits on your well-being. This is an introspective webinar, come prepared to reflect and journal.	Register here CDA: 6 FREE
Tuesday, 3/16/2021	Preschool Fitness and Exercise Introductory Presenter: Gloria Davis	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	All Providers Let's move! Preschool fitness and exercise needs to be a priority in our classrooms. One out of five preschool children are in what is considered the "obesity" range regarding their weight. In this training, providers will gain beneficial tips on movement activities for their program.	Register here CDA: 1 & 2 FREE
Wednesday, 3/17/2021	Book Club: Family Child Care Marketing Guide Part 1: Chapter 1-5 Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Zoom This is a two-part training and it is highly recommended to attend both sessions. Please see the training on 3/24 for Part 2.	Family Child Care Providers This discussion is designed for beginner to intermediate providers to help with marketing strategies and ideas. The first discussion of Tom Copeland's book, "Family Child Care: Marketing Guide," will review the understanding of chapters 1-5 and their content. Participants will need to submit completed worksheets for participation credit. Book is included at no additional charge.	Contact Stephanie Siemens , Quality Improvement Funds Specialist at StephanieS@ywcانwil.org to register. CDA: 4 & 6 FREE Deadline to Register: 3/9/2021 Limited to 10 Participants

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Saturday, 3/20/2021 	Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) Module 2: Group Care Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 Module 2 explores the ideas of primary care, well-designed learning environments, positive impact of responsive caregiving routines, and individualized care on the well-being and development of children. Attention is also given to how the policies of primary care, small groups, continuity of care, culturally responsive care, and inclusive care of children with special needs prove the foundation for high quality infant/toddler care. At the end of this module, participants will have the tools to use primary care in their home or classroom.	Register here CDA: 1 FREE
Tuesday, 3/23/2021	Virtual Storytime: Dress Like a Girl Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal	10:30 AM to 11:00 AM YWCA Facebook Live	Providers/Parents/Kids Gather up the kids and enjoy a story read by Kelly, YWCA of Northwestern Illinois staff member and Community Systems Specialist! #YWKelly	No registration required, watch our Event page on Facebook (@YWCANWIL)
Wednesday, 3/24/2021	Book Club: Family Child Care Marketing Guide Part 2: Chapter 6-11 Introductory: Stephanie Siemens	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Zoom This is a two-part training and it is highly recommended to attend both sessions. Please see the training on 3/17 for Part 1.	Family Child Care Providers This discussion is designed for beginner to intermediate providers to help with marketing strategies and ideas. This second discussion of Tom Copeland's book, "Family Child Care: Marketing Guide," will review the understanding of chapters 6-11 and their content. Participants will need to submit completed worksheets for participation credit. Book is required for participation.	Contact Stephanie Siemens , Quality Improvement Funds Specialist at StephanieS@ywcانwil.org to register. CDA: 4 & 6 FREE
Thursday, 3/25/2021	Start and Grow Your Business Introductory Presenter: Tom Copeland	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	Family Child Care Providers This training will help new providers get their business started off on the right foot by creating a start-up plan and business plan. It will help experienced providers plan accordingly to expand and grow their program by first examining the financial considerations.	Register here CDA: 5 & 6 FREE

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Wednesday, 3/31/2021	The Classroom Through an Engagement Lens Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers Too often it feels we're struggling against students to get them to do what we need them to do instead of focusing on creating the conditions where they can be their best as a learner. In this training, participants will learn seven strategies to build engagement in their learning environment.	Register here CDA: 3 & 8 FREE

ADDITIONAL ONLINE TRAININGS:

All Gateways approved trainings can be found at <https://courses.inccrra.org>.

You must be a Gateways Member to take the courses, become a member [here](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Social-Emotional Learning Should Be Priority During COVID-19 Crisis: [link](#)

40 Winter Activities: [link](#)

Winter Dramatic Play: [link](#)

Imagination Library: [link](#)

Virtual Fieldtrips: [link](#)

Mommy Poppins: [link](#)

Virtual Zoo Trips: [link](#)

****CPR****

In-person CPR at the YWCA is suspended at this time. DHS has approved hybrid CPR classes that are offered online/in-person. We encourage you to refer to the below list of approved entities for course offerings related to initial certification and renewals. You will need to follow up with the individual entities to find course offerings and times. If you have further questions, please follow up with your DCFS Representative.

List of approved CPR providers (Effective June 4th, 2020):

1. American Heart Association
2. American Safety & Health Institute(ASHI)
3. American Red Cross
4. American Trauma Event Management (ATEM)
5. Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI)
6. Edward Atkinson/Emergency Response Health Network
7. Ellis & Associates, Inc.-Orlando, FL
8. EMS Safety Services
9. MEDIC FIRST AID
10. National Safety Council
11. Pro-Trainings, LLC
12. R.H. Sanders & Associates

YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions

Provider Services

How can we help YOU?

Amy Ritter– *Front Desk Receptionist*

- Assists with annual child care program updates
- Provides customized child care referral lists, upon request

Extension:
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Heather Gordon – *Infant Toddler Specialist*

- Coordinates on-site consultations, observations, and assessments of children ages 0-3
- Provides trainings on Infant/Toddler topics
- Assists with implementing child care improvement plans

Extension:
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[Email Heather](#)

Jennifer Betts –*Data Specialist*

- Registers participants for training opportunities
- Assists providers with completing and reporting the IDHS CCAP training requirements
- Offers assistance with referral and retention as well as technical assistance and various training topics
- Coordinates annual child care program updates

Extension:
218

[Email Jennifer](#)

Andrea Capriotti– *Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator*

- Creates and manages the quarterly training calendar for ongoing professional development
- Manages and processes applications for CPR/First Aid Reimbursement and Professional Development Funds.
- Offers technical assistance regarding Gateways Registry membership, online trainings, credentials and accreditations, and various training related information

Extension:
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[Email Andrea](#)

Kelly McNeal – *Community Systems Development & Referral Specialist*

- Works and connects with programs and services across health, early care and education, family support, and social services
- Coordinates community outreach and collaborations
- Provides customized child care referral lists upon request

Extension:
204

[Email Kelly](#)

Stephanie Siemens– *Recruitment, Retention, & Referral Specialist*

- Meets with area schools and organizations to explain career paths with early childhood education
- Provides customized child care referral lists, upon request
- Offers in-depth information on starting a child care business, including on-site visits
- Maintains provider referral database and updates vacancies
- Assists with annual child care program updates

Extension:
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Stephanie Koclanis – *Quality Improvement Funds Specialist*

- Responsible for the promotion, technical assistance, receiving, processing, and awarding of funds for Quality Improvement Cohort, LE Health and Safety Improvement Funds Grant, Training Stipends, and Accreditation Assistance applications.

Extension:
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Grayce Rademaker- *Quality Specialist*

- Promotes the ExceleRate Illinois program to licensed Family Child Care Providers and licensed Child Care Centers; in addition to guiding the providers through the process and offering technical assistance.
- Coordinates on-site consultations, observations, and assessments of children 3-12 years of age.
- Assists with implementing Continuous Quality Improvement Plans

Extension:
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[Email Grayce](#)

Training Policies and Procedures

The following training policies and procedures apply to all YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions sponsored workshops and conferences.

Registration

- The training calendar indicates how to register for a workshop/series. *Please note, not all trainings offered have registrations through YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions.
- Pre-registration is required for all trainings.
- Typically, class size is limited. When class maximum has been met, registration will be closed.
- Participants are registered on a first come, first serve basis.
- Registration forms for YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions sponsored trainings can be found in the monthly training calendar and/or online at www.ywcanwil.org.
- Registration forms for all YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions sponsored trainings are accepted via mail or office walk-in only. Faxed registrations are accepted for non-fee trainings only.
- Registration closes 7 days prior to the scheduled training date.
- Payment must accompany the registration form for any training that has a fee. The registration request will not be processed if the fee is not included with the registration form.
- Upon receipt of a completed registration form and payment (if applicable), a copy will be sent to the provider confirming status of registration.
- Walk-ins are discouraged and may not be allowed admittance.

Training Participation

- Late arrivals—a 15 minute Grace Period will be given at all training sessions (including virtual trainings). This grace period begins at the advertised start time. Participants will not be allowed in after the 15-minute grace period.
- Early departures will not receive a training certificate; participants must stay until the training is finished.
- At the discretion of the trainer—if an attendee is considered to be disruptive in behavior, he/she may be asked to leave the training and will not receive a certificate or refund (if there was a fee).
- Adult learners' only; Children are not to be in attendance at training sessions.

Fees, Refunds, & Cancellations

- If YWCA Child Care Solutions cancels a workshop/series due to low enrollment all participants that registered will be contacted by phone or email no later than two days prior to the session and a refund will be processed, as applicable.
- If unforeseen circumstances occur, including but not limited to inclement weather, presenter cancellation/illness, or power outage, registrants will be notified as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to contact each provider via phone call or email.
- A participant may cancel a class for which they are registered up to 5 business days prior to the scheduled date to receive a refund. If it is 4 business days or less before the class is to be held, no refunds will be given nor will substitutions be made.
- Pre-registration fees are non-refundable for no-show registrants.

Certificates

- A certificate of attendance will be distributed at the end of each workshop/ or conclusion of a series.
- To receive a training certificate, participants must stay until the trainer is finished.
- Replacement certificates must be issued at the request of an individual participant. A processing fee of \$5.00 will be charged and the certificate will be held until payment is made.
- Certificates are only to be released to the individual who participated at the training.

Virtual Learning

- Please utilize a webcam to maximize the relationship and connection between trainer and participants
- Attendance, participation and interaction with trainer is required and will be verified through virtual platform
- Your safety and attention must be verified: No driving, shopping, etc. while participating in training
- Must complete evaluation form after each training, before certificate can be issued