

Training Opportunities for Early Childhood Providers

October 2020 Calendar



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Date	Training Title	Time & Address	Audience & Course Description	Registration CDA Area & Fee
October				
10/1/2020- 10/31/2020	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.
10/5/2020-10/8/2020 Request PowerPoint by October 5th and complete assignment and evaluation by October 8th at 12:00pm for credit	Blue Light Blues Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	Access Powerpoint by October 5th . Complete assignment and evaluation by October 8th at 12:00pm Powerpoint with assignment	All Providers As technology becomes more prevalent and important in our lives, children are exposed to visual and auditory stimulation earlier than ever before. Participants will gain knowledge in the three C's: Content, Context, and Child according to screen time and how it affects development.	Contact Stephanie Koclanis , CORE Coordinator & Quality Improvement Funds Specialist at stephaniek@ywcawil.org for PowerPoint, assignment, and evaluation form CDA: 1,2 & 3 FREE
Monday, 10/5/2020	Building Relationships with Infants and Toddlers Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 This training supports participants in exploring how to build positive, meaningful relationships with children in their learning environment. Participants will learn how to plan activities that best meet the needs of children and support the developmental skills of character building.	Register here CDA: 5 FREE
Wednesday, 10/7/2020	Field Study Fun: Exploring Nature with Young Children Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Recording	All Providers Learn to teach children how to investigate, explore, and develop an awareness of nature and the animals that call it home.	Register here CDA: 4 FREE

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Wednesday, 10/7/2020	Infants & Toddlers STEAM Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 Participants will be given an introduction to the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) approach to learning. Through activities and discussion, participants will learn the history and benefits of using STEAM-based experiences in their classroom with children.	Register here CDA: 1 & 8 FREE
Thursday, 10/8/2020- Thursday, 11/5/2020	Book Club: Business Planning Guide by Tom Copeland Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	6:00 PM to 6:30 PM Zoom Weekly meetings will take place for group discussion. October 15th, 21st, 29th and November 5th.	All Providers Explore the options in childcare and what is right for your situation. Providers will create a start-up plan, business plan, budget and learn how to manage a budget. Book is included at no additional charge.	Contact Stephanie Siemens at StephanieS@ywcawil.org to register. CDA: 4, 5 & 6 FREE
Wednesday, 10/14/2020	Preschoolers Can Cook and Learn Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Recording	All Providers Taking a look at why eating healthy is important and what role you as the child care provider plays in a child's eating habits. Participants will also enjoy a step by step video on how to make ice cream in a bag.	Register here CDA: 2 FREE
Thursday, 10/15/2020	Great Place to Be An Infant/Toddler Learning Environment Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 Infants and toddlers learn by exploring their environment. This training will help you to design and arrange the learning environment to benefit infants, toddlers, and yourself. Additionally, this training will help ensure health and safety by making physical spaces and materials appropriate for infants and toddlers.	Register here CDA: 1 & 5 FREE

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Monday, 10/19/2020	The New “Normal”: Making the New Rules and Regulations Work for Your Program Introductory Presenter: Jodi York	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers Unexpected hazards, pandemics, and illnesses can appear at any time. Over the past few months, our programs have seen many regulation changes that affect our daily routines with the children we serve. Our new “normal” is very different but necessary to keep our children and staff safe and healthy. We will learn strategies that providers and parents can use during a pandemic. Participants will review the main parts of emergency preparedness plans to meet the new regulations while also reviewing familiar procedures that take into account the safety of our physical premises. Participants will also review strategies for communicating with our families in new ways due to regulation changes.	Register here CDA: 1, 4 & 5 FREE
Tuesday, 10/20/2020	No Gym? That’s Ok! Easy, Fun Indoor Movement Activities Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers As sports clubs/teams and local play areas have not been as accessible, in addition to cooler weather returning, you may be looking for new indoor movement activities for the children in your program. In this webinar, providers will acquire easy and fun activities to engage and stimulate children’s gross motor skills.	Register here CDA: 1 & 2 FREE
Tuesday, 10/20/2020	Free Information Meeting: Building the Framework for Your Child Care Business Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	2:00 PM to 3:00 PM GoToWebinar	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 take 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
Tuesday, 10/20/2020	Teacher Burnout Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 When you help individuals understand the importance of their role and position, they are more likely to achieve greater results. This training reinforces taking responsibility for your growth and identifying effective ways to nurture your talent as you attempt to provide a quality experience.	Register here CDA: 8 FREE

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Thursday, 10/22/2020	Virtual Storytime: Lucy's Mask Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal	10:00 AM to 10:30 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)
Thursday, 10/22/2020	The Magic of Transitions Introductory Presenter: Gloria Davis	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers Last minute changes make us, as adults, tense and cranky. We cope more efficiently with change when we can anticipate and prepare for it. Transition times for children are similar, children have difficulty when they don't know what comes next. Transition activities....songs, finger plays, stories, chants and games help young children move from activity to activity in a busy day. These transitions can offer opportunities to introduce and reinforce concepts, vocabulary, and motor skills to toddlers, preschoolers and school-agers.	Register here CDA: 3, 5 & 8 FREE
Thursday, 10/22/2020	Attachment and the Child Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 Infants and toddlers who attend group care programs develop attachments with adults. These children have a wide range of emotions at a very early age. Attachment is a pattern of interaction that develops over time as the child grows. This workshop will give suggestions on how to support this development in your care.	Register here CDA: 1 & 5 FREE
Monday, 10/26/2020	The Walls Talk! Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 Children learn by moving through their environment. Why not help them explore learning opportunities and interactions with the displays on your program's walls? Let's help children learn and develop by exploring the displays caregivers create.	Register here CDA: 1 & 8 FREE

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Wednesday, 10/28/2020	Handling Difficult Conversations with Families Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 Building relationships with a child's caregiver is critical. When you have an established relationship, crucial conversations are more likely to take place and resonate. Challenging encounters are bound to happen. Learn how to get things back in order to provide the best care possible for the children you care deeply about.	Register here CDA: 7 FREE
Wednesday, 10/28/2020	Diaper/Handwashing Procedure Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Zoom	Providers for Ages 0-3 This workshop will provide detailed steps in diapering and hand washing for all providers who care for infants and children that are not toilet trained up to four years of age.	Register here CDA: 1 FREE
Wednesday, 10/28/2020	Name that Feeling!! Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers Feelings are complicated! It's important to begin teaching children about their emotions as early as possible since their feelings affect every choice they make. Children who understand their emotions are less likely to act out by using temper tantrums, aggression, and defiance to express themselves. Providers will gain information on how to get children to notice and label their feelings to better respond, rather than react, to a situation.	Register here CDA: 3 & 8 FREE
Thursday, 10/29/2020	Talking About COVID-19 Coronavirus Introductory Presenter: Heather Gordon	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	All Providers The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic is an unprecedented health crisis. We know there are concerns, especially among early childhood professionals. We wanted to provide information for you on how to discuss with the children about what is going on regarding policies and the environment. During this training, you will have time to ask any questions you may have. This training will be based on what we know so far versus what the future holds.	Register here CDA: 2 & 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](#)

The Pivot Back to Remote Learning: Checklists for Teachers, Principals and Ed-Tech Leaders Register [link](#)

Distance Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic: [link](#)

Find Ways to Play: [link](#)

Fall Activities: [link](#)

Easy Fall Crafts: [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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[Email Amy](#)

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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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Training Policies and Procedures

The following training policies and procedures apply to all YWCA NWIL 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 quarterly 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