

Training Opportunities for Early Childhood Providers

April 2021 Calendar



YWCA Northwestern Illinois

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Virtual Training Opportunities

See calendar for registration links



Melanie Wingo

Saturday, April 3rd

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Appropriate Transportation of Children



Tom Copeland

Saturday, April 17th

9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Managing Money and Retirement



Barb Lessman

Tuesday, April 27th

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Handling/Storage of Hazardous Materials

Date	Training Title	Time & Address	Audience & Course Description	Registration CDA Area & Fee
April				
Tuesday, 4/6/2021 through Thursday, 5/13/2021	Business Academy Introductory Presenter: Mary Cline	Online, Self-Paced *See information flyer at the end of the training calendar for complete information and requirements.	All Providers Building a Business Plan to Build Your Business is a dynamic, self-paced, online training series. The purpose of this series is to introduce individuals to a business plan. Topics include: defining and creating a business plan for your program/business; understanding how a business plan can increase your BAS score; how to highlight your business strengths and build on your weaknesses; using research to market your business; and understanding your business's profits and losses.	Contact Andrea Capriotti , CORE Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator at AndreaC@ywcanwil.org to register. CDA: 6 Free for Illinois Gateways Registry Members \$10.00 for the public 15 Professional Development Hours
Saturday, 4/3/2021	Appropriate Transportation of Children Introductory Presenter: Melanie Wingo	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Zoom	All Providers Join us for a presentation on the proper use of car seats and booster seats. Learn the IL law and best practice in order to keep your children safe on our roadways.	Register here CDA: 1 FREE
Monday, 4/5/2021 and Tuesday, 4/6/2021	SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal	9:00 AM to 10:30 AM GoToWebinar This is a two part training, attendance for both days is required for credit.	All Providers This course focuses on the importance of understanding growth and development in infants and toddlers. This training will include proper sleep position, bedding, and temperatures. We will also discuss promoting safe sleep for infants, child safety, and prevention of SIDS. Additionally, you will learn the causes, signs, symptoms, the profile on an abuser, and how to prevent SBS.	Register here (4/5/2021) Register here (4/6/2021) CDA: 5 FREE

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Thursday, 4/8/2021	Teaching with Respect Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers In this training, you will understand the importance of human interaction, especially with young children. You will develop concrete ways to express respect through the physical environment and through everyday engagement with the children in your program.	Register here CDA: 5 & 6 FREE
Tuesday, 4/13/2021	Is Your Environment Inclusive? Caring For Children With Special Needs Introductory Presenter: Jodi York	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Zoom	All Providers A sense of belonging is essential for each child in your care. Creating a truly inclusive environment means not only making appropriate adaptations to the physical space and materials but also fostering the social and emotional environment. Caring for the children requires the utmost professionalism, patience, and sensitivity while supporting the children through development. Join us for this training to understand the practices of creating high quality, inclusive care.	Register here CDA: 1 & 5 FREE
Tuesday, 4/13/2021	Should I Become Licensed? Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	4:30 PM to 5:30 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
Wednesday, 4/14/2021	The Art of Authenticity (Part 1) Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar This is a two part training, attendance for both days is required for credit. Please see Part 2 on 4/21 for registration.	All Providers This two part training is adapted from Dr. Karissa Thacker's book 'The Art of Authenticity.' Participants will work through how to bring their best self forward when the pressure is high; reflecting on such questions as: "What are my strengths?", "How do I work best?", "What are my values?", "Where do I belong?" "What can I contribute?" This training will have outside reflective work.	Register here CDA: 6 FREE

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Saturday, 4/17/2021	Obesity in Children: We Choose Health Intermediate Presenter: Kelly McNeal	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM GoToWebinar	All Providers This training teaches the possible consequences of being overweight as a child while describing the role of the child care environment and child care staff in helping to prevent obesity in children. Providers will also learn some ways a child care facility can help children get more activity and eat healthier.	Register here CDA: 2 FREE
Saturday, 4/17/2021	Managing Money and Retirement Introductory Presenter: Tom Copeland	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Zoom	All Providers This training will help providers reduce their expenses, meet short and long term financial goals and identify the right retirement plan for themselves. It will also discuss when is the best time to claim Social Security benefits.	Register here CDA: 5 & 6 FREE
Tuesday, 4/20/2021	The House That Jack Built Introductory Presenter: Gloria Davis	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	All Providers Whether children are squealing with delight at the size of the tower they built or sighing with frustration as it topples over, the art of block building offers a multitude of learning experiences.	Register here CDA: 2 & 8 FREE
Tuesday, 4/20/2021	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

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Tuesday, 4/20/2021	Virtual Storytime: The Boy with Big, Big Feelings 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, 4/21/2021	The Art of Authenticity (Part 2) Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar This is a two part training, attendance for both days is required for credit. Please see Part 1 on 4/14 for registration.	All Providers This two part training is adapted from Dr. Karissa Thacker's book 'The Art of Authenticity.' Participants will work through how to bring their best self forward when the pressure is high; reflecting on such questions as: "What are my strengths?", "How do I work best?", "What are my values?", "Where do I belong?" "What can I contribute?" This training will have outside reflective work.	Register here CDA: 6 FREE
Tuesday, 4/27/2021	Handling and Storage of Hazardous Materials Introductory Presenter: Barb Lessman	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom	All Providers When we think of hazardous waste, we typically think of manufacturing businesses; however, we handle and store hazardous waste in our homes, schools, and daycares every day. Learn more about what is considered hazardous waste and how to properly handle and store these items to prevent potential harm to those in your care. Find out about new poisoning trends the IPC has seen during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Register here CDA: 1 FREE
Tuesday, 4/27/2021	Igniting Intrinsic Motivation in Children Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar	All Providers Do you want children to retain their natural curiosity for learning? In this training, participants will explore how intrinsic motivation works, the benefits on learning, and strategies to implement in your program.	Register here CDA: 2, 3, & 8 FREE



YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions: Business Academy



YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to participate in the YWCA Child Care Solutions' *Business Academy* online training series! This is a self-paced, online business series. The purpose of this series is to introduce you to a business plan so you can begin to build a plan for your own business. Topics will include:

- What is a business plan and why every business needs one
- Understanding how a business plan can increase your BAS score
- How to highlight your business strengths and build on your weaknesses
- The IRS and your business
- Using research to market your business
- Understanding your business's profits and losses

Business Academy was created by **Mary Cline**. This online series is easily accessed from a computer and can be completed on your own time, at **your own pace within the allotted 6-week timeframe**. Participants must have a computer, internet access, and be comfortable navigating the internet, email, and computer programs such as Word. This series will be held from **April 6th-May 13th 2021** and is worth a total of 15 training hours. Registration closes **April 1st, 2021** or when the 15 available spots are filled. **There is no cost for Gateway Registry members, but there is a cost of \$10.00 for the public.** To register, click the link accompanied with the training in the above grid or submit a registration form and payment to the YWCA at 4990 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61108. If you have questions, please contact the **Training Coordinator, Andrea Capriotti**, at (815) 484-9448, ext. 211.

Procedure:

This is a multipart learning series; you will complete one chapter at a time, at your own pace. After you feel you have mastered a chapter, you will contact the Training Coordinator and she will email you a short test to gauge your learning. Once a score of 75% or greater is achieved on the test, the Training Coordinator will contact you to relay your score. After a passing score is achieved, you may begin the next chapter. This process will continue until the series is complete. Upon completion, the appropriate training certificate will be issued.

We look forward to helping you build your business

See the below training opportunity sponsored by Caregiver Connections!

Circle of Security® Provider Virtual Training

A Relationship-Based Provider Program

Come to this exciting, new 8-week training

Who: Providers of young children, ages birth to 5

When: Meets every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30pm

(April 21st, April 28th, May 5th, May 12th, May 19th, May 26th, June 2nd, June 9th)

This will be a virtual training

Please Email **Mary Kelley** if you are interested in registering for the training. Please include your Name and Gateway's ID number in the email.

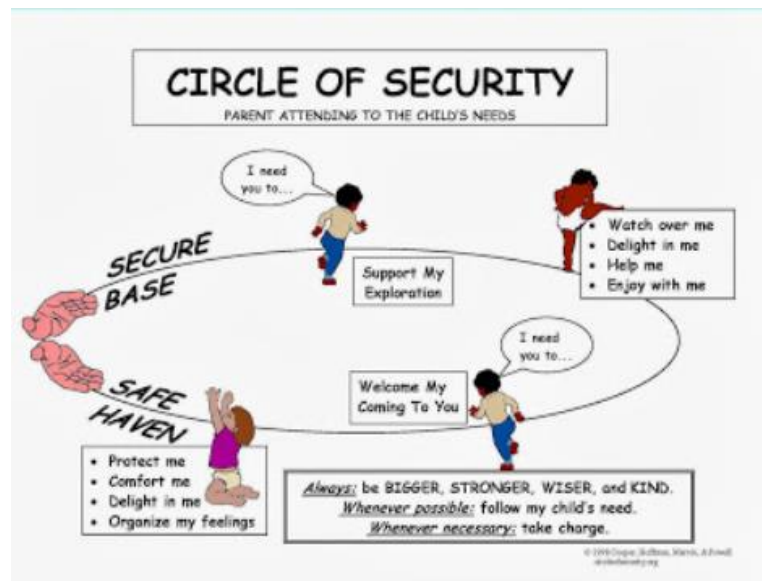
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(Registration is limited to 20 participants)

Facilitated by Mary E. Kelley, LCPC, I/ECMH-C and Molly Dunn-Steinke, M.S. Ed, LPC, I/ECMH-C

What is this training about?

Did you know all children come with an instruction manual? Based on more than 50 years of research, this training will make it clear that your child is the instruction manual. In this training, you will learn how to read the 'manual'. We'll show you various ways you can observe each child's cues and effectively read the instructions your child is offering you. Once you better understand what you are seeing, you will be able to talk about what you are doing and not yet doing to give your child the security needed to have a stronger relationship with you. This sense of security will help your child succeed in school and gain a higher self-esteem.



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](#)

Imagination Library: [link](#)

Virtual Fieldtrips: [link](#)

Mommy Poppins: [link](#)

Virtual Zoo Trips: [link](#)

Spring Activities: [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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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:
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[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:
211

[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:
205

[Email Stephanie](#)

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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[Email Stephanie](#)

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