

# Training Opportunities for Early Childhood Providers

## January 2021 Calendar



**YWCA Northwestern Illinois**

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Date	Training Title	Time & Address	Audience & Course Description	Registration CDA Area & Fee
<b>January</b>				
1/1/2021- 1/31/2021	<b>Individual or small group Ed sessions</b> <b>(Topic of your choice)</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis</b>	Self scheduled sessions.  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zoom</b></p>	<b>All Providers</b>  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 <b>Stephanie Koclanis</b> , CORE Coordinator & Quality Improvement Funds Specialist at <a href="mailto:stephaniek@ywcawil.org">stephaniek@ywcawil.org</a> to schedule a day and time.
Tuesday, 1/5/2021	<b>Should I Become Licensed?</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Stephanie Siemens</b>	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GoToWebinar</b></p>	<b>LE Providers</b>  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.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 5</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Thursday, 1/7/2021	<b>Tiny Fingers</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Heather Gordon</b>	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zoom</b></p>	<b>Providers for Ages 0-3</b>  During this workshop, you will be learning the basics of using sign language with Infants and Toddlers. Come learn about this wonderful way to communicate with your non-verbal infants and special needs children.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 2</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Tuesday, 1/12/2021	<b>Ready, Set, Play, Imagination, and Discovery</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Heather Gordon</b>	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zoom</b></p>	<b>Providers for Ages 0-3</b>  Open up your mind to understand play and discovery. Play is a part of a child's health and development. When you add imagination and discovery, it opens a whole new world. Join us to see how you can help children play, use their imagination, and discover new ideas.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 1 &amp; 5</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Tuesday, 1/12/2021	<b>Family Involvement</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Jodi York</b>	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GoToWebinar</b></p>	<b>All Providers</b>  Family involvement is a key part of providing care for the children you serve. The backbone to successful involvement is having specific goals and strategies for engaging families in your activities. Providers will gain tools to help encourage staff in implementing these positive strategies.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 4</b>  <b>FREE</b>

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Tuesday, 1/12/2021	<b>Let's Get Active</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Kelly McNeal</b>	4:30 PM to 5:30 PM  <b>Recording</b> <b>GoToWebinar</b>	<b>All Providers</b> We will be taking a look at what an active lifestyle is and why it's important to stay active. We will also explore what role you as the child care provider plays in a child's healthy habits.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 2</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Wednesday, 1/13/2021- Wednesday, 1/20/2021	<b>Book Club: Family Child Care Record Keeping Guide</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Stephanie Siemens</b>	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  Two meetings will take place for group discussion, <b>January 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup></b> . Participants are required to attend <b>both</b> discussions for full credit hours. <b>Limited to 10 participants</b>  <b>GoToWebinar</b>	<b>All Providers</b> Through two weekly discussions we will assess record keeping options and requirements needed for tracking and claiming income and expenses. Examine recommendations that Tom Copeland gives in his book, <i>Family Child Care Record Keeping Guide</i> to help you claim the maximum allowable deductions and pay the lowest possible federal taxes. Book is included at no additional charge.	Contact <b>Stephanie Siemens</b> , at <a href="mailto:StephanieS@ywcawil.org">StephanieS@ywcawil.org</a> to register.  <b>CDA: 5 &amp; 6</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Saturday, 1/16/2021	<b>Understanding the Complexities of Poverty</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Mary Cacioppi</b>	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  <b>Zoom</b>	<b>All Providers</b> This session provides an overview of the Bridges Model as it relates to the Individual. The following concepts are reviewed: Social Cognitive Theory, Mental Models of Economic Class, the Causes of Poverty, Hidden Rule Among Economic Classes, the Eleven Resources, Registers of Language, Household Dynamics, and Creating Relationships & Tools.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 3</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Tuesday, 1/19/2021	<b>Curious Minds</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Heather Gordon</b>	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  <b>Zoom</b>	<b>Providers for Ages 0-3</b> Children have a very curious mind and begin to inquire about their world through exploration and questioning. This training will help caregivers explore ways to answer those questions and help young minds.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 1</b>  <b>FREE</b>

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Tuesday, 1/19/2021	<b>Families &amp; Educators Working Together: Understanding Family Engagement</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Kelly McNeal</b>	4:30 PM to 5:30 PM  <b>Recording</b> <b>GoToWebinar</b>	<b>All Providers</b> This training will help providers get a better understanding of how to build strong relationships with families. Learn about sources of support and the six principals of family engagement.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 2</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Wednesday, 1/20/2021	<b>Applying Developmentally Appropriate Practice</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Heather Gordon</b>	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  <b>Zoom</b>	<b>Providers for Ages 0-3</b> This training will help you to effectively build DAP activities and apply them to your practice and children's development.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 1, 3 &amp; 4</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Thursday, 1/21/2021	<b>Infant/Toddler Social Emotional Development</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Jodi York</b>	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM  <b>GoToWebinar</b>	<b>Providers for Ages 0-3</b> Creating an environment where each child is able to grow and develop his/her social-emotional skills will enhance your quality of care. In this training, providers will gain communication skills in dealing with social-emotional challenging behaviors to build better familial relationships.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 3 &amp; 8</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Tuesday, 1/26/2021	<b>Science is Wonder-filled!</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis</b>	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM  <b>GoToWebinar</b>	<b>All Providers</b> Science for young children should involve asking questions, probing for answers, conducting investigations, and collecting data. Science, rather than being viewed as the memorization of facts, becomes a way of thinking and trying to understand the world. This training will introduce the joy of having wonderful ideas!	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 2 &amp; 8</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Tuesday, 1/26/2021	<b>Virtual Storytime: What to Bring on Your First Day</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Kelly McNeal</b>	10:30 AM to 11:00 AM  <b>YWCA Facebook Live</b>	<b>Providers/Parents/Kids</b> 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)

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Wednesday, 1/27/2021	<b>Free Information Meeting: Building the Framework for Your Child Care Business</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Stephanie Siemens</b>	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  <b>GoToWebinar</b>	<b>LE Providers</b> 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.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 7</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Wednesday, 1/27/2021	<b>Loose Parts Activities for Infants and Toddlers</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Heather Gordon</b>	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  <b>Zoom</b>	<b>Providers for Ages 0-3</b> Loose parts support children in using their creative, problem-solving and fine motor skills; in addition, enhancing social interaction and cooperative play. In this presentation, participants will gain the knowledge to enhance loose parts play in their childcare environment.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 1</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Thursday, 1/28/2021	<b>Transitions: Moving Past Sitting and Waiting</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis</b>	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM  <b>GoToWebinar</b>	<b>All Providers</b> As you know, transition times are usually the most difficult and stressful parts of the day in child care. Participants in this training will gain easy tips on smoothly engaging children from one activity to another.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 2 &amp; 8</b>  <b>FREE</b>
Saturday, 1/30/2021	<b>Early Intervention/Referral Process</b>  <b>Introductory</b> <b>Presenter: Lynne Riley</b>	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  <b>Zoom</b>	<b>All Providers</b> Lynne will share her family's personal journey through Early Intervention with her daughter. The history, referral process, and eligibility/qualifications for a family to participate in Early Intervention will be discussed, along with how the Child Family Connections staff assist the family in the transition to the school setting as the child turns three years old.	<b>Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  <b>CDA: 4 &amp; 8</b>  <b>FREE</b>

## 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](#)

Easy Winter Kids Crafts: [link](#)

40 Winter Activities: [link](#)

Winter Dramatic Play: [link](#)

Imagination Library: [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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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:**  
228

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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:**  
218

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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:**  
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

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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

**Extension:**  
205

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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:**  
234

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## **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](http://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



