

Training Opportunities for Early Childhood Providers

Fall 2021 Calendar



YWCA Northwestern Illinois

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WE'RE HIRING!

Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator:

Responsible for coordinating and/or delivering training opportunities for our Service Delivery Area and provide technical assistance to child care practitioners.

Requires: Bachelor's Degree in child development or related field. Additionally, must have knowledge of child care and child care practices.

CORE Receptionist:

Responsible for handling front office reception and administration duties, including; greeting guests, answering phones, handling company inquiries, and sorting and distributing mail. This position is an hourly non-exempt position

Requires: A minimum of at least a high school diploma or equivalency certification (GED), Associate's Degree from an accredited college or university preferred.

Supervisor, Child Care Assistance Program:

Coordinate and oversee the day to day work process in the CCAP unit, as well as provide/coordinate training for CCAP staff and communicate with IDHS staff. Assure IDHS and YWCA policies, procedures, requirements, timelines and goals are adhered to. Primary contact in resolving problem issues between staff and clients.

Requires: Bachelor's degree and two years' experience in social services, customer service, early childhood.

To apply for the above openings
Contact the Workplace at 815-961-0400
OR
Furst Staffing at 815-229-7810

| Date | Training Title | Time & Address | Audience & Course Description | Registration CDA Area & Fee |
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| Wednesday, 10/06/2021 | Should I Become Licensed? Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens and Jennifer Betts | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM GoToWebinar Live 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, 10/07/2021 | Cultivating a Growth Mindset Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis | 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar Live | All Providers Developing the right mindset early on is crucial for a successful, happy life. When children learn that putting forth effort and using the right strategies can help them become better at things, they feel empowered to try harder. When they know their brain is capable of growing, they are more confident, resilient, and can push through failure. Join me in exploring the power of "YET" in helping children learn that they are developing, not "fixed" to be a certain way. | Register here CDA: 2, 3 & 8 FREE |
| Tuesday, 10/12/2021 | Math: More Than Counting Introductory Presenters: Stephanie Koclanis and Andrea Capriotti | 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Zoom Live | All Providers Children use early math skills in their everyday life. In fact, when math is explored hand-in-hand with other subjects, such as art and science, children learn more math than they would if they were taught only math. In this training, providers will learn ways to introduce in play such concepts as patterning, sequencing, comparison, geometry, categorizing, graphing, and more. In addition, you will understand the progression of number sense from the concept level to the connecting level, and finally to the symbolic level. | Register here CDA: 2 & 8 FREE |
| Tuesday, 10/12/2021 | Virtual Storytime 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 |

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| Wednesday, 10/13/2021  | Pyramid Model: Infant Toddler Module 2/Part 1 Introductory Presenter: Casey Craft-Cortes | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Zoom Live Both parts (1 and 2) must be attended for credit. | Providers Ages 0-3 How do you promote healthy social-emotional development in infants and toddlers? In this training, participants will learn how to develop strategies and create an environment that helps support social-emotional development when working with infants and toddlers. Participants will also learn the importance of emotional literacy and how to model these behaviors in the classroom. | Contact Jennifer Betts at JenniferB@ywca-nwil.org to register. |
| Thursday, 10/14/2021 | Let's Get Healthy Together Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal | 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM GoToWebinar Live | All Providers This training will review the role of the child care provider in helping families address healthy behaviors, personal barriers to eating healthy, and physical activity; and possible solutions. | Register here CDA: 1 FREE |
| Saturday, 10/16/2021  | Pyramid Model: Infant Toddler Module 2/Part 2 Introductory Presenter: Casey Craft-Cortes | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Zoom Live Both parts (1 and 2) must be attended for credit. | Providers for Ages 0-3 How do you promote healthy social-emotional development in infants and toddlers? In this training, participants will learn how to develop strategies and create an environment that helps support social-emotional development when working with infants and toddlers. Participants will also learn the importance of emotional literacy and how to model these behaviors in the classroom. | Contact Jennifer Betts at JenniferB@ywca-nwil.org to register. |
| Tuesday, 10/26/2021 | How We Can Thrive in Discomfort Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis | 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar Live | All providers Discomfort is quiet! According to mindful.org "Discomfort is a signal-an internal GPS that tells us we might be off course. Discomfort says: Pay Attention. Something important is happening." In this training, providers will learn steps in how to work through these felt sensations. | Register here CDA: 3 & 6 FREE |

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| Thursday, 10/28/2021 | Free Information Meeting: Building the Framework for Your Child Care Business Presenter: Jennifer Betts and Kelly McNeal | 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar Live 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 move 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, 11/02/2021 & Tuesday, 11/09/2021 | Book Club: Family Child Care Marketing Guide Presenter: Stephanie Siemens | 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Zoom Live Two meetings will take place for group discussion, November 2nd and 9th. Participants are asked to attend both discussions for full credit hours. | All Providers In two separate discussions we will read and review Tom Copeland's book, "Family Child Care Marketing Guide". This course will be designed for beginner to intermediate providers with marketing strategies and ideas. Including marketing areas, setting rates, and other marketing issues. | Contact Stephanie Siemens , at StephanieS@ywca nwil.org to register. CDA: 4 & 6 FREE |
| Wednesday, 11/03/2021 | Name That Feeling Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis | 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar Live | 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: 3,7 & 8 FREE |

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| Saturday, 11/06/2021 | Handling and Storage of Hazardous Waste Introductory Presenter: Barb Lessman | 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Zoom Live | 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 |
| Tuesday, 11/09/2021 | Virtual Storytime 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) |
| Saturday, 11/13/2021 | HELP! I'm Running Out of Space Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal | 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM GoToWebinar Live | Family Child Care Providers Rediscover your family day care home space while maintaining space for your own family's use. | Register here CDA: 7 FREE |
| Thursday, 11/18/2021 | Creating a Sensory Smart Program Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis | 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar Live | All providers Our senses! They provide us with constant input about the world around us. In this training, providers will gain knowledge of 8 components that make up the sensory system, how the brain interprets the input, and ways to "smarten up" your program to integrate the various input. | Register here CDA: 1, 3 & 8 FREE |

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| Thursday, 12/02/2021 | Fostering a Trauma Sensitive Program Intermediate Presenters: Stephanie Koclanis | 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar Live | All Providers Trauma, as defined in the book <u>Building Trauma-Sensitive Schools</u> , "is a distressing experience or set of experiences that threatens a person's actual safety or perceived sense of felt safety to such a degree that it exceeds an individual's capacity to cope in healthy ways." In this training, providers will learn ways to foster a program where children feel safer, more connected to peers, better equipped to deal with their emotions, and become ready to learn. | Register here CDA: 1, 2 & 3 FREE |
| Saturday, 12/11/2021 | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal | 9:00 PM to 10:30 PM GoToWebinar Live | All providers: This training will discuss Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), the behaviors that increase the risk of SIDS, safe sleeping habits, licensing standards, and resources to help you reduce the risk of SIDS for infants in your care. | Register here CDA: 2 FREE |

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| Saturday, 12/18/2021 | Shaken Baby Syndrome Introductory Presenter: Kelly McNeal | 9:00 PM to 10:30 PM GoToWebinar Live | All Providers This training will discuss the signs, symptoms, causes, triggers, prevention and long-term effects of Shake Syndrome and traumatic brain injury. Successful completion of this training meets DCFS pre-service requirements for the Home Care Provider License application. Licensed providers will receive hours of training for renewal of the license. | Register here CDA: 2 FREE |
| Tuesday, 12/21/2021 | Setting Healthy Boundaries Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis | 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM GoToWebinar Live | All Providers The practice of setting personal boundaries (a daily practice!) is one of the most essential tools for healthy living. It is often unclear, as educators, how much of ourselves we should give, and making decisions can be filled with doubt. In this training, providers will explore the types of boundaries needed, the advantages of healthy boundaries, and how to set personal boundaries. | Register here CDA: 1, 3 & 6 FREE |

IDHS Required Health and Safety Trainings For License-Exempt Providers

| One-time trainings: | Format: | How to Access: |
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| CPR/First Aid | Hybrid (Online/In-person) and Traditional (In-person) | Approved CPR providers: American Heart Association; American Safety & Health Institute(ASHI); American Red Cross; American Trauma Event Management (ATEM); Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI; Edward Atkinson/Emergency Response Health Network; Ellis & Associates, Inc.-Orlando, FL; EMS Safety Services; MEDIC FIRST AID; National Safety Council; Pro-Trainings, LLC; R.H. Sanders & Associates/Titan CPR Associates <i>*Contact CPR entities directly for time/dates of trainings</i> |
| Child Abuse and Neglect/Mandated Reporter Training | Online | Link: Illinois Mandated Reporter Training (dcfstraining.org) |

| Yearly Trainings: | Format: | How to Access: |
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| Child Development, Health & Safety Requirement: Six (6) hours | Online through Illinois Gateways i-Learning system YWCA Northwestern Illinois CCR&R | Link to Illinois Gateways i-Learning: system at https://courses.inccrra.org . Link to Training Calendar: https://www.ywcanwil.org/training-professional-development/ |

For your convenience, **October – December HEALTH AND SAFETY** trainings are listed below:

- Handling and Storage of Hazardous Waste (Saturday, November 06, 2021, 9am-10am *1 credit hour*)
Register [here](#)
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Saturday, December 11, 2021, 9am-10:30am *1.5 credit hours*)
Register [here](#)
- Shaken Baby Syndrome (Saturday, December 18, 2021, 9am-10:30am *1.5 credit hours*)
Register [here](#)

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](#)

Back to School Routines: [link](#)

Fall Reading List: [link](#)

20 Easy Pumpkin Decorating Ideas: [link](#)

****CPR****

In-person CPR at the YWCA is suspended at this time. 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?

Jennifer Betts – *Data, Recruitment, and Retention Specialist*

- Maintains and updates provider database
- Assists in the recruitment and retention of child care providers
- Assists with data entry for training registrations and provides applicable training certificates
- Offers information on starting a child care business

Extension:
218

[Email Jennifer](#)

Andrea Capriotti – *Infant Toddler Specialist*

- Promotes the ExceleRate Illinois program and offers technical assistance to licensed Family Child Care Providers and licensed Child Care Centers; conducts Silver Circle of Quality renewals
- Coordinates consultations, trainings, observations, and assessments of children ages 0-3
- Assists with implementing Continuous Quality Improvement Plans

Extension:
228

[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 Referrals upon request

Extension:
204, 205

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Stephanie Siemens – *Quality Specialist*

- Promotes the ExceleRate Illinois program to licensed Family Child Care Providers and licensed Child Care Centers; conducts Silver Circle of Quality renewals
- Coordinates consultations, trainings, observations, and assessments of children ages 3-12
- Assists with implementing Continuous Quality Improvement Plans

Extension:
234

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Stephanie Koclanis – *Quality Improvement Funds Specialist*

- Responsible for the promotion, technical assistance, receiving, and awarding of funds for:
 - Quality Improvement Cohorts
 - Training Stipends
 - Accreditation Assistance
 - License-Exempt Child Care Health and Safety Grants

Extension:
224

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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.
- 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 trainings
- Must complete the online evaluation form after each training, before certificate can be issued