

Training Opportunities For Early Childhood Providers Summer Calendar 2024



**YWCA Northwestern Illinois- 4990 East State Street,
Rockford, Illinois 61108**

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YWCA Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

8:00am – 5:00pm

Walk-Ins 8:30am-4:30pm



YWCA Building Closures:

Thursday, July 4th, 2024

Monday, September 2nd, 2024

Fridays through August 30th -

lobby closes at 2pm

Highlighted Trainings:

****The following trainings include “freebies” and opportunities for providers who attend!**

7/29- The Happiest Preschool

Opportunity: to join an online book club!

9/12- Beautiful OOPS!

Freebie: Children’s book and take-home activities!

9/26- Name that Feeling


Freebie: Children’s book!

Additional Highlighted Trainings


CPR and First Aid will take place on the following dates:

7/27, 8/10, 8/17 and 8/24, 9/7 and 9/21.


***Please see the Training Calendar for more details. ***



Date	Training Title	Time & Address	Audience & Course Description	Registration CDA Area & Fee
Tuesday, 7/9/2024 	ExceleRate IL Orientation for Child Care Centers Introductory Presenter: Andrea Capriotti	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom Live	Child Care Center Providers ExceleRate™ Illinois is the quality recognition and improvement system for licensed child care centers, Head Start, and Preschool for All programs. This orientation provides an overview of the goals, quality indicators, benefits of participation, application process, and the system supports available for success at reaching each Circle of Quality. Please note: Your participation in this course will be shared with your local Child Care Resource & Referral agency. The information is used to better support your center's quality improvement through the ExceleRate™ Illinois program.	To register click here CDA: 5 FREE
Wednesday, 7/10/2024	Outside! Now What? Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Zoom Live	All Providers Tired of the same activities or need to freshen up your outside space? Gain easy DIY ideas in this training for fun engaging outdoor play.	To register click here CDA: 2 FREE


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Tuesday, 7/16/2024	Granting Children's Emotions Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom Live	All Providers Learn how to grant children their emotions and explore strategies for increasing trust and consider the effects and ethical issues of not taking children's emotions seriously.	To register click here CDA: 3 FREE
Wednesday, 7/24/2024	How to Trust in a World of Uncertainty Intermediate Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Zoom Live	All Providers Trust is an inside job. In this time of constant change and many unknowns, we tend to put faith in the outside world (and in others) to give us the correct information and answers. In essence, we are trusting external forces over ourselves. In this training, you will gain strategies to build trust/belief in yourself so you feel more in control of your thoughts and emotions...and of your life. We will also explore the many benefits of self-belief. Pen and paper/journal encouraged for periodic self-reflection.	To register click here CDA: 2 & 8 FREE

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Saturday, 7/27/2024 	CPR & First Aid Certification Introductory Presenter: Jim Manson	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers This course is certified through the American Heart Association. It is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Skills covered in this course include first aid; choking relief in adults, children and infants; and what to do for sudden cardiac arrest in adults, children, and infants. This course also covers anaphylactic shock.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 1 FREE
Tuesday, 7/30/2024	Sign to Learn: Why It Matters Introductory Presenter: Andrea Capriotti	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers Sign language is a key component of early childhood. This method of communication is often utilized prior to children being able to verbalize their needs. Providers teach sign language to children but the “why” it matters is much deeper than most realize, during this training participants will dive deeper into the importance of supporting children in using sign language and why it benefits their early development.	To register contact: Annemarie Toldo at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 3 & 8 FREE

Date	Training Title	Time & Address	Audience & Course Description	Registration CDA Area & Fee
Tuesday, 8/6/2024 & 8/13/2024	Program for Infant Toddler (PITC) Introductory Presenter: Andrea Capriotti	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	Providers Ages 0-3 Social-Emotional Growth and Socialization explores topics on social-emotional development in the first three years, temperaments of children and caregivers, socialization, guidance and discipline, environments, and gaining an understanding of children's behavior. Training will begin with an overview of the basic concepts of early social-emotional growth and socialization and their application to the group care context. An emphasis is placed on the development of a nurturing relationship between the infant and caregiver. The overview addresses the importance of responsive caregiving, the individualization of care through an understanding of infant temperament, the critical role of family and culture in early identity development, exploring developmentally appropriate play strategies with ages of infancy, creating supportive physical environments, and stages of emotional development.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 3, 4, 7 & 8 FREE *Registration closes on 7/15/2024* *This is a two-part series. Participants must attend BOTH sessions plus the online assessment, in order for credit to be given. *


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Saturday, 8/10/2024 	CPR & First Aid Certification Introductory Presenter: Jim Manson	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers This course is certified through the American Heart Association. It is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Skills covered in this course include first aid; choking relief in adults, children and infants; and what to do for sudden cardiac arrest in adults, children, and infants. This course also covers anaphylactic shock.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 1 FREE
Wednesday, 8/14/2024	Transitions: Moving Beyond Sitting and Waiting Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Zoom Live	All Providers 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.	To register click here CDA: 2, 5 & 8 FREE

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Saturday, 8/17/2024 	CPR & First Aid Certification Introductory Presenter: Jim Manson	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers This course is certified through the American Heart Association. It is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Skills covered in this course include first aid; choking relief in adults, children and infants; and what to do for sudden cardiac arrest in adults, children, and infants. This course also covers anaphylactic shock.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 1 FREE
Saturday, 8/24/2024 	CPR & First Aid Certification Introductory Presenter: Jim Manson	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers This course is certified through the American Heart Association. It is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Skills covered in this course include first aid; choking relief in adults, children and infants; and what to do for sudden cardiac arrest in adults, children, and infants. This course also covers anaphylactic shock.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 1 FREE




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Wednesday, 8/28/2024	Director's Dialogue Presenter(s): Stephanie Koclanis and Lisa Bock	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St, Rockford, IL, 61108	Center Directors and Daycare Owners Join us for an opportunity to connect with other childcares and childcare owners. In addition, we will go over the services the CCR&R provides.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org FREE *This is an educational meeting. No certificate will be awarded. *
Saturday, 9/7/2024 	CPR & First Aid Certification Introductory Presenter: Jim Manson	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers This course is certified through the American Heart Association. It is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Skills covered in this course include first aid; choking relief in adults, children and infants; and what to do for sudden cardiac arrest in adults, children, and infants. This course also covers anaphylactic shock.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 1 FREE

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Tuesday, 9/10/2024	Community of Practice Introductory Presenter: Andrea Capriotti	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Zoom Live	Providers Ages 0-3 Providers are invited to an evening of discussion as it relates to the rewards and obstacles providers face on a daily basis. We will have open discussion so please bring questions and concerns. The desired outcome of these meetings aims for participants to leave a bit more informed and enthused about the next day!	To register click here FREE *This is an educational meeting. No certificate will be awarded. *
Thursday, 9/12/2024	Beautiful OOPS! Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St, Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers *Receive a free book and take-home activities for participating! * A spill. A smear. A smudge. A tear. When you think you have made a mistake, think of it as an opportunity to make something beautiful in this fun hands-on training.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 3 FREE *Participant maximum is 15. Registrants will be placed on a waitlist once maximum is reached. *

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Thursday, 9/19/2024	Celebrations and Diversity Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom Live	All Providers This training is in association with the book “You Can’t Celebrate That! Navigating the Deep Waters of Social Justice Teaching” by Nadia Jaboneta. Nadia coaches us to stay conscious of the perspectives, experiences, and relationships that shape our teaching. We will discuss: Consideration of diversity when planning or celebrating holidays, environment and collaborate with families to expand perspectives on celebrations/holidays and create celebration/holiday policies for families to understand your position on celebrations in your program.	To register click here CDA: 3 FREE

Date	Training Title	Time & Address	Audience & Course Description	Registration CDA Area & Fee
Saturday, 9/21/2024 	CPR & First Aid Certification Introductory Presenter: Jim Manson	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers This course is certified through the American Heart Association. It is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Skills covered in this course include first aid; choking relief in adults, children and infants; and what to do for sudden cardiac arrest in adults, children, and infants. This course also covers anaphylactic shock.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 1 FREE
Tuesday, 9/24/2024	Family Child Care Legal & Insurance Issues Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Siemens	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Zoom Live	Family Child Care Providers You can never eliminate the risks of running your family child care business, but you can manage them. You can manage small risks by establishing and following commonsense policies. And you can manage large risks by purchasing adequate business insurance. We will discuss these topics as well as other legal and insurance issues.	To register click here CDA: 5 FREE

Date	Training Title	Time & Address	Audience & Course Description	Registration CDA Area & Fee
Tuesday, 9/24/2024	Infant Toddler Biting Introductory Presenter: Andrea Capriotti	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Zoom Live	Providers Ages 0-3 Biting is an issue in many infant and toddler classrooms. This can be difficult to navigate and challenging for educators. After this training, participants will gain new knowledge to help understand why biting happens and how it can be redirected into a positive learning experience.	To register click here CDA: 1 & 3 FREE
Thursday, 9/26/2024	Name that Feeling Introductory Presenter: Stephanie Koclanis	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM In Person YWCA 4990 East State St., Rockford, IL, 61108	All Providers *Receive a free book for participating! * 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.	To register contact: Annemarie at AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org CDA: 3, 7 & 8 FREE

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For your convenience, we have added Icons to the Trainings that are Gateways Registry approved, ExceleRate or Health and Safety Trainings-please refer to the key below:				
 Gateways Registry Approved Trainings  ExceleRate Approved Trainings  Health & Safety Trainings				

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

IDHS Required Health and Safety Trainings For License Exempt Providers

One-time trainings:	Format:	How to Access:
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 *Contact CPR entities directly for time/dates of trainings
Child Abuse and Neglect/Mandated Reporter Training	Online	Link to website : Illinois Mandated Reporter Training (dcfstraining.org)
ECE credential: Level 1	Online through Illinois Gateways i-Learning system	Link to Illinois Gateways i-Learning: https://courses.inccrra.org .
Child Development, Health & Safety Basics: Six (6) hours	Online through Illinois Gateways i-Learning system	Link to Illinois Gateways i-Learning: https://courses.inccrra.org .

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:

Summer Reading and Family Events at the Rockford Public Library [Link](#)

Summer Reading and Family Events at the Freeport Public Library [Link](#)

****CPR****

In-person CPR at the YWCA has resumed. In- person dates and times are listed on the “Highlighted Trainings” page in the calendar. If you are unable to participate, a list of alternate entities is below. 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. Look for our new First Aid/CPR Funds Program application, available soon.

List of approved CPR providers (Effective June 14, 2022):

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. Know CPR
10. MEDIC FIRST AID
11. National Safety Council
12. Pacific Medical Training
13. Pro-Trainings, LLC
14. Titan CPR Associates

YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions

Provider Services

How can we help YOU?

Carol Lyons- CORE Receptionist

- Handles all front office, administration duties for CORE team
- Responsible for greeting guests, answering phones, handling company inquiries and the sorting and distribution of mail

Extension:
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Jennifer Wicklein – Data, Recruitment & 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:
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[Email Jennifer](#)

Stephanie Jones- Referral Specialist (Lead) and Admin Support

- Provides customized child care referrals upon request and processes TANF referrals as needed
- Assists with processing all incoming child care provider grievances
- Provides administrative support and completes program related errands

Extension:
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[Email Stephanie](#)

Annemarie Toldo – Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator & Referral Specialist

- 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
- Back up to the Referral Lead

Extension:
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Leisha Kury– Community Systems Development & Grants Specialist

- Works and connects with programs and services across health, early care and education, family support, and social services
- Coordinates community outreach and collaborations
- Responsible for the promotion, technical assistance, receiving, and awarding of funds for:
 - Quality Improvement Cohorts
 - Training Stipends
 - Accreditation Assistance
- LECC Health & Safety Grants

Extension:
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[Email Leisha](#)

<p>Andrea Capriotti – Infant Toddler Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes the ExceleRate Illinois program and offers technical assistance to licensed Family Child Care Providers and licensed Child Care Centers; assists with Silver Circle of Quality renewal process • Coordinates consultations, trainings, observations, and assessments of children ages 0-3 • Assists with implementing Continuous Quality Improvement Plans 	<p>Extension: 228</p> <p><u>Email Andrea</u></p>
<p>Stephanie Siemens – Quality Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes the ExceleRate Illinois program to licensed Family Child Care Providers and licensed Child Care Centers; assists with Silver Circle of Quality renewal process • Coordinates consultations, trainings, observations, and assessments of children ages 3-12 • Assists with implementing Continuous Quality Improvement Plans 	<p>Extension: 234</p> <p><u>Email Stephanie</u></p>
<p>Silvia Diaz- Higher Education Workforce Navigator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruits and connects incumbent early childhood care and education workforce members with appropriate early childhood programs at 2- and 4-year institutions • Creates strong relationships with early care and education employers, members of the incumbent workforce, and ECE programs at 2- and 4-year institutions of higher education • Maintains an up-to-date and ongoing understanding of all early childhood programs offered by 2- and 4-year institutions within SDA1 • Provides assistance with the technicalities of completing the FAFSA to qualify for federal aid, access state scholarship monies for the EC workforce, and apply to the relevant institution and programs. • Local expert for the Smart Start Workforce grant. 	<p>Extension: 205</p> <p><u>Email Silvia</u></p>