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Four Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs), located across Kansas, provide services to all 105 counties. Together, we offer many services for families, child care providers and community members.

Our Resource Center makes finding quality child care programs quick and easy for parents and families.

For child care providers and early learning staff, professional development opportunities and resources are available.

For local communities, supply and demand data paints the picture about child care.

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FUN INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Finding an activity that the entire family can enjoy isn't as hard as it sounds. Give these fun activities a try:

INDOOR TREASURE HUNT

Hide several items throughout the house. Make a list and divide the family into two groups. The group who finds the most items wins.

THEATER

Put on a skit or talent show. Give each family member a part and allow them to display their talent by singing, dancing, playing an instrument, etc. Kids love the chance to dress up and act. Pull out old clothes, shoes, scarves and costume jewelry to create costumes. Get the video camera and capture some memories that will last a lifetime!

BAKE YUMMY TREATS

The whole house will go crazy with the smell of made-from-scratch bread. Children can help measure and mix and feel proud of their contribution when it's time to eat what they made.

THANK YOU

to all of the providers, families and CCR&R partners that provided feedback during a focus group session to help shape our new strategic plan!

Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions are very important to our staff at Child Care Aware of Kansas. We value your opinion and ask you to take a just few minutes of your time and fill out the Child Care Provider Survey. So we can better meet your needs and those of families and children in Kansas!

Click here to take survey: <http://bit.ly/3hS3rWd>

FOR THE LATEST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE STATE, CHECK OUT THE ONLINE TRAINING CALENDAR

FAMILY FOCUS



New Year's Resolution for Kids

Children gain confidence and build self-esteem through setting and achieving goals. It helps them focus and make better decisions. Children are naturally great goal-setters. Adults should encourage these early ideas. Goal setting may be something new to children, but just like brushing their teeth or picking up their toys, goal setting should become a habit for them. Since they are just starting out, it is important to remember that the emphasis should be on the process of achieving their goal, not just the goal itself. The idea is to get children started in the habit of planning and taking action in order to achieve results.

Goal Setting Tips:

Set the Goal:

Ask children what they would like to accomplish during the week or month and then make a list. Writing it down helps children focus on the efforts of meeting the goal.

Develop a Plan:

Divide up the goal into small steps to help children feel successful.

Record the Child's Progress:

Charts are a great visual reminder of the goal setting process.

Set a Deadline:

Writing down the date to accomplish the goal helps it become a reality.

Reward Achievement and Provide Incentive:

Success in itself is often a great reward, but sometimes more motivation is needed. Some rewards can include: family game night, stickers, high fives, or singing a goofy song - let children choose their favorite activity and family time.

What do you do when they don't meet their goal?

Even if children don't reach the ultimate goal, there are still valuable lessons about planning and goal setting that can be learned along the way. More importantly, they will learn some new things about themselves and develop their confidence and self-esteem. Goal setting can transform into a powerful belief that dreams can come true if they work hard enough to achieve them.



Source: www.omo.co.za/active-learning/goal-setting-for-kids

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INFORMATION FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION ONE

Professional Development Opportunities

To Register [Click Here](#) or Call: 855-750-3343

Date	Time	Title	Trainer	Hours	Fee
1/5/2021	6:30-8:30pm	*Bringing Family to the Center of Our Focus <i>\$5 for Dickinson County providers</i>	Jennifer Burgardt	2	15
1/9/2021	9:00-11:00am	*Child-Centered Teaching and Learning	Jennifer Burgardt	2	15
1/21/2021	6:30-8:30pm	*Ouch! Biting Hurts	Rebecca Quigley	2	15
2/2/2021	6:30-8:30pm	*Culture, Development, and Learning <i>\$5 for Dickinson County providers</i>	Jennifer Burgardt	2	15
2/6/2021	9:00am-12:00pm	*Conversations with Young Children	Rebecca Quigley	3	24
2/16/2021	6:30-8:30pm	*Cultural Horizons and Activities for All	Jennifer Burgardt	2	15
2/18/2021	6:30-8:30pm	*Defeating Dr. NO	Rebecca Quigley	2	15
3/6/2021	9:00-11:00am	*Essential Connections, Part 1	Jennifer Burgardt	2	15
3/9/2021	6:30-8:30pm	*Environments, Routines and Strategies that Support Social and Emotional Development in Young Children	Jennifer Burgardt	2	15
3/11/2021	6:30-8:30pm	*Scaffolding Learning	Rebecca Quigley	2	15
3/24/2021	6:30-8:30pm	*Positive Behavior Expectations	Rebecca Quigley	2	15

*Additional technology equipment may be required for this course, more information will be provided at registration.

As we begin 2021, Child Care Aware would like to extend a gracious THANK YOU to all child care programs. This year has been anything but easy on you. The long hours, the tough decisions, the adversity that you have gone through and what you have yet to experience due to the pandemic have not been overlooked. At Child Care Aware, we see you and we are cheering you on. The work that you do daily has a ripple effect all over Kansas.

You are valued, you are needed, you are essential.

Thank you for being flexible.

Thank you for adjusting your hours.

Thank you for pushing through with a smile and an encouraging attitude.

Thank you for continuing to put the children first.

Thank you for staying positive in a time surrounded by negativity.

Thank you for being a place of familiarity for children in a time of complete uncertainty.

Thank you for keeping the children in your care safe, loved, and healthy.

Thank you for all the work you have done outside of business hours.

Thank you for being resilient.

Thank you for being patient.

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INFORMATION FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION TWO Professional Development Opportunities

Costs listed are for Child Start Members that have pre-registered; if not a Member, please call 800-684-3962.

DATE	TITLE	TRAINER	HR	COST	TIME
1/5/2021	Eliminating Transitions = Eliminating Chaos	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7:00 PM
1/9/2021	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 9:00 AM
1/9/2021	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 11:30 AM
1/9/2021	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 1:30PM
1/9/2021	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 3:30PM
1/12/2021	But They Are Only Playing	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time 7:00 PM
1/14/2021	Developing Rapport, Trust and Relationships with Families in Butler County	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time 7:00 PM
1/19/2021	Recognizing the Essentials of Developmentally Appropriate Practice	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time 7:00 PM
1/21/2021	Environments that Speak to Us	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM
1/23/2021	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 9AM
1/23/2021	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 11:30AM
1/23/2021	Medication Administration in Child Care	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 1:30PM
1/23/2021	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 3:30PM
1/26/2021	Building Relationships with Young Children	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM
2/4/2021	Becoming the Best You!	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM
2/6/2021	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 9:00AM
2/6/2021	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 11:30AM
2/6/2021	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 1:30PM
2/6/2021	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 3:30PM
2/9/2021	The Business Basics of Child Care and Taxes (Guest Speaker)	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time 7:00 PM
2/16/2021	Power to the Profession (Guest Speaker)	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM
2/20/2021	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 9AM
2/20/2021	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 11:30AM

2/20/2021	Medication Administration in Child Care	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Time: 1:30PM
2/20/2021	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 3:30PM
2/23/2021	Beyond the Book: One Word	Amanda Waugh	1.5	12	Start Time: 7PM
3/2/2021	Designing for the Child's Imagination	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM
3/4/2021	The Seeds of Dramatic Play	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM
3/6/2021	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 9AM
3/6/2021	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 11:30AM
3/6/2021	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 1:30PM
3/6/2021	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 3:30PM
3/16/2021	Conversations with Young Children	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM
3/20/2021	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 9AM
3/20/2021	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 11:30AM
3/20/2021	Medication Administration in Child Care	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 1:30PM
3/20/2021	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 3:30PM
3/23/2021	Scaffolding Learning	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM
3/30/2021	Once Upon a Story: Co-creating Narratives Enhances Creativity and Language	Amanda Waugh	2	12	Start Time: 7PM



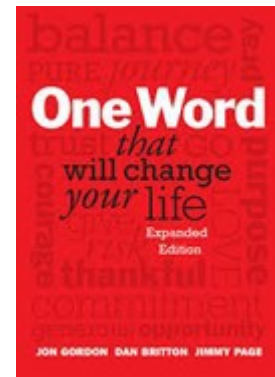
BEYOND THE BOOK



Do you have a list of books to read you just can't find to get to? Would you like to earn professional development hours for reading? This is the opportunity for you! We are launching Beyond The Book in February 2021 with One Word by Jon Gordon. Join us for personal and professional growth as we each read through Mr. Gordon's book. At the end of the month, we will come together to dive into the book through discussion, lecture, and collaborative work. You will earn 1.5 hours of professional development!

The cost is \$40. Each participant will be sent a copy of the book, networking opportunity, and 1.5 hours of professional development training. You must register by Jan. 22nd.

February 2021 Book: It's easy to get wrapped up with complex goals that we set and finding the precise ways to execute them. Often times, this leads to procrastination and overwhelming feelings. So, if goals could be simplified, it would lead to more success rather than fretting over unaccomplished goals. In the book, One Word by Jon Gordon, he discusses a method of using just one word as a driving force for growth. Thought this might help people to know about the first book's purpose but long so don't know how or if we can fit it.



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Professional Development Opportunities

To Register Visit: <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>

Date	Type	Title	Trainer	Start Time	Hrs	Cost
1/6/2021-1/13/2021	Online	Helping Families Navigate Transitions in the Early Years- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Grace Cott		3	\$20
1/7/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Director's Toolbox: Coaching Staff on Powerful Interactions- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	9:00 AM-12:15 PM	3	\$15
1/12/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Schedules, Routines, and Transitions- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Susan Drewelow	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
1/13/2021-1/20/2021	Online	Lesson Planning Made Easy- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Audrey Danielson	9:00 a.m. on January 13, and have until 11:59 p.m. on January 20	3	\$20
1/14/2021	Online	Environments, Routines and Strategies that Support Social and Emotional Development in Young Children	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$20
1/16/2021	Classroom	Behavior & Learning Support: Effective Interactions in Family Child Care-Free to CCQI Participants	Talia Juiliano	PRIVATE CLASS	3	\$0
1/19/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	The Role of Staff in an Effective Classroom- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Grace Cott	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
1/20/2021-1/27/2021	Online	Teaching Critical Thinking Skills through Loose Materials-Free to CCQI participants	Marie Treichel	9:00 a.m. on January 20, and have until 11:59 p.m. on January 27.	3	\$5
1/21/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Relationships Matter!	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	*20
1/26/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Scaffolding Learning-Free to CCQI participants	Deb Danielson	7:00-9:00 PM	2	\$5
1/26/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Understanding and Guiding Children's Behavior- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
1/28/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Are You a "Stopper" or a Teacher"? Using Mindful Communication to Deepen Children's Understanding and Support Development- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Susan Drewelow	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
1/30/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	STEAM Through the Ages- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Sherry Voth	9:00 AM-12:15 PM	3	\$15
2/3/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	The Anti-Bias Classroom: A Global Look- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
2/3/2021-2/10/2021	Online	Joyful Writing: Exploring the Stages of Writing Development- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Audrey Danielson	9:00 a.m. on February 3, and have until 11:59 p.m. on February 10.	3	\$20
2/9/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Act Naturally: Discovering Nature with Young Children- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Susan Drewelow	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
2/10/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	The Anti-Bias Classroom: Relationships and Rituals- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
2/10/2021-2/17/2021	Online	The Journey to Independence: Applying Child Development in Daily Practice- Free to CCQI participants	Marie Treichel	9:00 a.m. on February 10, and have until 11:59 p.m. on February 17.	3	\$5
2/11/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Fostering Children's Thinking- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Grace Cott	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
2/16/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Environments, Routines and Strategies that Support Social and Emotional Development in Young Children- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	*20
2/17/2021-2/24/2021	Online	I'm a Child Care Center Director! Now What?- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	9:00 a.m. on February 17, and have until 11:59 p.m. on February 24. (APPROVAL PENDING)	3	\$20
2/18/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness-This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the Health and Safety Topic requirements	Sherry Voth	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
2/23/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Sensory Exploration and Early Literacy for Infants & Toddlers- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Susan Drewelow	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
2/24/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Important Social & Emotional Gifts to Share with Young Children- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Grace Cott	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12

2/25/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Relationships Matter!	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	*20
2/27/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Let's Pretend: Dramatic Play with Infants and Toddlers- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Audrey Danielson	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	2	\$12
3/2/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	The Anti-Bias Classroom: Language and Literature- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/3/2021-3/10/2021	Online	Beyond the Book Nook: Creating a Literacy Rich Environment- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Grace Cott	9:00 a.m. on March 3, and have until 11:59 p.m. on March 10.	3	\$20
3/6/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Week of the Young Child: More Than Just a Party	Michelle Gilbert	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	2	\$12
3/9/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Raising Readers: Early Literacy for Preschool-aged Children- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Susan Drewelow	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/10/2021-3/17/2021	Online	Using Visual Tools to Improve Child Learning- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Audrey Danielson	9:00 a.m. on March 10, and have until 11:59 p.m. on March 17.	3	\$20
3/11/2021	Online	The Anti-Bias Classroom: Display and Design- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/15/2021	Online	Supporting Children with Special Health Care Needs	Sherry Voth	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/16/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Darkness to Light Stewards of Children-This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the Health and Safety Topic requirements	Talia Juiliano	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/17/2021-3/24/2021	Online	Building Your Business: Starting Strong With the Basics-Free to Successful Start participants.	Marie Treichel	9:00 a.m. on March 17, and have until 11:59 p.m. on March 24.	3	\$20
3/18/2021	Online	Using Homemade Books as a Teaching ToolFree to CCQI participants- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/23/2021	Online	Save Me From Myself! Promoting Emotional Wellness for Early Childhood Professionals- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/24/2021	Online	Medication Administration in Child Care-This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the Health and Safety Topic requirements	Susan Drewelow	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/24/2021-3/31/2021	Online	Creating Trauma-Sensitive Classrooms-Free to CCQI participants	Marie Treichel	9:00 a.m. on March 24, and have until 11:59 p.m. on March 31.	3	\$5
3/27/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Brain Basics- Free to Literacy Connections Participants- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Audrey Danielson	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12
3/31/2021	Interactive online class using Zoom	Fine Motor Fun to Start Preschoolers Out "Write"- Free to Literacy Connections Participants	Michelle Gilbert	6:30-8:30 PM	2	\$12

*Cospponsored by The Women's Fund. Available only to providers in Shawnee county. This is a two-part series. Participants must attend this course on January 21 and Environments, Routines and Strategies that Support Social and Emotional Development on January 14, 2021. Participants who complete both classes will receive a social/emotional development toolkit for their program valued at approximately \$100! This class is being offered virtually using Zoom. In order to enroll in this course, participants must:

*Have access to a computer or mobile device with a camera, microphone and high-speed internet.

*Be able to receive and print a handout in PDF format that will be sent by email prior to class.

*Respond to a three question quiz following the class before the certificate will be released.

The day prior to the course, registered participants will receive an email with a link that will allow them to join the class."

Professional Development Event Registration For class descriptions and to register online for a class held by Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas, visit the Professional Development Calendar in the "Child Care Provider" section of our website, <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. You can also call 785-357-5171 in Topeka or 877-678-2548 toll-free to register by phone. A printable registration form and our professional development event policies can be found in the "Child Care Providers" section of our website, <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. ***Registered participants will receive an email from the instructor containing further instructions for the online course the day prior to the start of the class. ***Interactive online Zoom class participants will receive an email with a link that will allow them to join the class the day prior to the start of the class.

Lending Library Extended Hours

Topeka's Weekend Lending Library Hours (1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., #201, Topeka, Kansas)

Saturday, January 2, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, January 16, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, February 6, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, February 20, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, March 6, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, March 20, 2020, 9 AM - 12 PM

Offices Closed for Holidays

Friday, January 1, 2021 & Monday, January 18, 2021

As part of the agency's ongoing strategic planning conversations, the continued need to address child care supply and demand needs throughout the region continues to be a top priority. The board of directors voted to make this a priority in 2021 and have approved agency resources that will include various grant funding in support of this effort to meet the needs of the providers and families we serve.

Recognition efforts are focused on acknowledging the amazing work of the early childhood workforce in our communities and include the distribution of "Child Care Providers Are Always Essential" signs. Additionally, the continued efforts to engage business leaders and media partners in messaging and impact stories will bring an increased stream of positive attention towards the importance of the early years and the role that child care plays in the infrastructure across Kansas communities.

We also support the retention of the current workforce by making staff accessible during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 am-5 pm) to provide "in the moment" technical assistance. This also allows for support in talking through difficult situations including conversations with parents, finding or sharing resources with families or community partners, or dealing with challenging behaviors in the classroom. We want the child care providers, teachers, and administrators we serve to know that we are here for them, offering support as they navigate the challenges they experience, and that assistance and a "listening ear" is just a phone call away. To address child care supply throughout our region, we will be working in collaboration with local partners. The Successful Start program, which the agency piloted in 2019, has been undergone an overhaul based on our findings during the pilot. We are excited to now have a system in place that will provide ongoing contact and support to new providers as they obtain their license and learn during their first year of business. New and potential providers will receive virtual coaching and resources focused on business topics that will contribute towards the successful launch of their child care program. New providers will also have the added benefit of a free online business course as well as ongoing opportunities for virtual roundtable discussions on a variety of helpful business topics.



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Professional Development Opportunities

Start Date	Type	Title	Trainer	Start Time	Hours	Fee
1/14/2021	Online	Postpartum Depression: Supporting Families in Childcare	Meg Fuehne	6:30 PM	2	\$12
1/28/2021	Online	Bringing Mindfulness and Yoga to the Early Childhood Classroom	Mary Williams	6:30 PM	2	\$0
3/9/2021	Online	Introduction to the ASQ-3 Developmental Screening Tool	Gayle Anderson	6:30 PM	2	\$12
3/27/2021	Online	Creating a Compassionate Culture: Orientation to Trauma Informed Care	Mary Williams	9:00 AM	2	\$12

Johnson County Community College Early Childhood Continuing Education Courses

February 02 – Equipping Children for Success Series: Rituals, Routines and Praise

February 10 – STEAM Series: Integrating Engineering into the Early Childhood Classroom

February 24 – Finding the WHY When You Lesson Plan

March 01 – Setting the Stage - Creative Learning Centers

March 09 – Equipping Children for Success Series: Setting Limits and Responding to Misbehavior

March 25 – STEAM Series: Integrating Science in the Toddler Classroom

All courses are held live online from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

To register call: 913-469-2323 or register online at: www.jccc.edu. The cost is: \$19.

eLearning: Early Education Classes Online

Online courses through The Family Conservancy are designed to help early childhood professionals complete annual training requirements and acquire required training hours. Our courses provide a variety of engaging topics designed specifically for the early childhood professional. Courses are convenient and can be accessed from almost any computer with Internet access - no matter where you are. For more information, go to: <https://www.thefamilyconservancy.org/events/category/training/>

The Family Conservancy's Excellence in Early Care and Education Award

This year, The Family Conservancy will honor one early care and education provider who is changing the lives of children. One winner will be recognized for their commitment to young children, and be honored at The Family Conservancy's annual Early Childhood Fall Symposium on October 2, 2021.

We are looking for passionate educators working in preschools, family child care programs and child care centers. Applicants must be nominated by someone other than themselves.

Nominees should meet all of the following criteria:

- Teach/work in the Kansas City Metro.
- Be a current child care provider, infant-toddler or preschool teacher.
- Regularly exceed expectations to create positive outcomes for children.
- Benefited from support provided by The Family Conservancy.

Do you know someone you would like to nominate? Go to <https://www.thefamilyconservancy.org/ece-award/> and complete the nomination form.

SAVE THE DATE

The Family Conservancy's Early Childhood Fall Symposium

October 2, 2021 at the KU Edwards Campus BEST Conference Center in Overland Park Registration will be available in August

For more information, contact Janelle Balarashti at 913-742-4178 or jbalarashti@tfkc.org or go to www.thefamilyconservancy.org

KCPT-Sponsored Training for Missouri and Kansas Programs

I MATTER: Brains, Hearts and Courage for Early Childhood Providers
Thursday, January 14, 2021
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Get Moving Anytime, Anywhere with Sesame Street in Communities
Thursday, March 11, 2021
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: KCPT
Zoom Virtual Workshops
Cost: Free

To register, contact Gary Brock at KCPT at 816-398-4321 or go to: <https://events.kcpt.org>

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