

Regional News & Notes

• April, May & June, 2021 •

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Mark Your Calendar...

Topeka's Lending Library Hours

(1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., 2nd Flr., Topeka)
Starting April 5, the lending library will be available by appointment, Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm. Please schedule an appointment by calling 785-357-5171 or toll-free 877-678-2548.

Topeka's Weekend Lending Library Hours

(1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., 2nd Flr., Topeka)
Sat., April 17, 2021, 9 am–12 pm.
Sat., May 1, 2021, 9 am–12 pm.
Sat., May 15, 2021, 9 am–12 pm.
Sat., June 5, 2021, 9 am–12 pm.
Sat., June 19, 2021, 9 am–12 pm.
*For weekend lending library dates, appointments must be scheduled by noon the Friday before. Please call 785-357-5171 or toll-free 877-678-2548 to schedule an appointment.

Week of the Young Child® April 10–16, 2021

Offices Closed for Holiday Monday, May 25, 2021

'Get Set for Success' Grant Enrollment

This grant opportunity will provide participants with "Learning Without Tears" curriculum along with coaching and professional development. In order to participate in this opportunity, you must be a licensed child care program in Shawnee County serving children 3-5 years of age. Your child program must also serve at-risk children. For more information please call 785-357-5171 (option 2). This program is funded by the United Way of Greater Topeka.

Get Enrolled in 'Literacy Connections'

"Literacy Connections" is a one-year grant opportunity designed to help you increase early literacy and school readiness skills with children in your care. This program is made possible by funding through the Kansas Children's Cabinet. To be eligible to participate, Shawnee County providers must serve at-risk children between the ages of birth to 5 years. Coaching, free professional development, and a mini-grant are available through this opportunity. Call us at 785-357-5171 (option 2) for additional information.



Week of the Young Child 2021 Celebrating 50 Years! #WOYC21

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Week of the Young Child (WOYC). This annual celebration brings focus to young children and their needs, along with the programs that help meet those needs. This week long celebration is hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and will take place April 10-16.

We can't wait to see all the creative ways you recognize the importance of community and give hope to our children during what are uneasy times. Children learn so much as they enjoy music, explore food and cooking, build together, create art, and celebrate their families! We hope you continue to be inspired by the daily WOYC themes below:

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| • Kick-off Saturday | • Work Together Wednesday |
| • Music Monday | • Artsy Thursday |
| • Tasty Tuesday | • Family Friday |

For more information on Week of the Young Child or NAEYC, visit their website at:
<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/>



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Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas supports the healthy development of young children by improving access to high-quality child care options and educational resources for families and early childhood professionals.



Provider Appreciation Day is Friday, May 7, 2021

#ProviderAppreciationDay

Provider Appreciation Day is a special day in May to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Child care providers were “essential” long before the pandemic, and the past year has highlighted the lengths to which they are willing to go to keep their doors open to serve the children of other essential workers. Whether you are in your first year as a provider or have been caring for children for years, we applaud you for your tireless efforts! Despite the challenges, you continue to take steps to do what is best for children and families.

Our communities, parents, and government organizations recognize the important role providers have in caring for our children. As a child care provider, you give parents peace of mind as they leave for work knowing their child is receiving nurturing, safe and healthy care. Although Provider Appreciation Day is recognized every year in May on the Friday before Mother’s Day, it is important for all of us to recognize the value of our child care providers year-round.

It takes a very special person to work in the child care field. Provider Appreciation Day gives us the opportunity to show our appreciation and to acknowledge your contributions to assuring high-quality child care is available in Kansas. Thank you again for your commitment and passion for providing care to Kansas’s youngest children.



‘Child Care Providers Are Always Essential’ Sign & Poster Distribution to Resume - SIGN UP TODAY!

We are happy to announce that we will resume distribution of the “Child Care Providers Are Always Essential” yard signs and posters beginning the last two weeks in April. We are thrilled to be able to celebrate and recognize the work you do by providing you with a sign or poster you can display at your child care facility. Both yard signs and posters are 18” x 24” in size. The corrugated plastic yard signs will include metal wired frames for yard display. Posters are a great option for placing in windows, glass exterior doors, and walls.

Please submit your request as soon as possible so you don’t miss out on this opportunity. You can submit your request at <http://bit.ly/CCA Eks-SignUp>. Limit of one sign or poster per facility.

‘Big Hearts Shape Little Minds’

A Parent-Driven Fundraiser to Support Professional Development Opportunities

The “Big Hearts Shape Little Minds” campaign is focused on giving families the opportunity to show their appreciation for YOU while supporting a great cause! During April and May, Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas will be promoting this campaign to families throughout our region. Parents will have the opportunity to show their appreciation for YOU as their child care provider through a tax-deductible donation to our agency. Their heartfelt stories will be shared, and nominating families and their providers will be recognized on our website and in our donor newsletter. All donations will be used to support professional development opportunities, helping to strengthen the child care workforce in our region. Follow us on Facebook @ChildCareAwareKS, and on Twitter @ChildCareAwareEKS as we share more information leading up to the launch of this campaign.



APRIL, MAY & JUNE

Professional Development Opportunities

To register for a class below, visit our professional development calendar at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>.

You can also call 785-357-5171 in Topeka, 877-678-2548 toll free, or complete and return the Class Registration Form that is included in this mailing.

Classes below are tailored for specific audiences. Please reference the audience key when selecting a class.

Approved Audience Key: All (A), Directors (D), Family Child Care (F), Infant (I), Toddler (T), Licensing Surveyor or Regulatory Staff (L), Preschool (P), School-Age (S), Youth (Y), Other (O), Appropriate for Parents (*).

Date	Time	Location	Name of Training	Audience	Trainer	Hours	Cost	Additional Information
APRIL								
4/7/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Movement Friendly Environments	D, F, I, P, T	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/8/21	1:00 - 4:15 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Director's Toolbox: Think Outside the Building	D	Michelle Gilbert	3	\$15	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/13/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Conscientious Child Care	D, F, I, P, S, T	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12	This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the Annual Health and Safety Topic Requirements. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/14/21 through 4/21/21	9:00 AM	***Online Class***	Teaching Critical Thinking Skills Through Loose Materials	D, F, P, S, Y	Audrey Danielson	3	\$20	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This is an online class available April 14-21, 2021. Participants can start at 9:00 a.m. on April 14, and have until 11:59 p.m. on April 21.
4/15/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Programs	D, F, I, P, S, T, Y	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the Annual Health and Safety Topic Requirements. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/20/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Circle Time: Triumph or Tragedy	D, F, P, T	Lexi Merz	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections and Get Set for Success program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/21/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Signing with Infants and Toddlers	D, F, I, T	Grace Cott	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/22/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Making the Most of Meal Time	D, F, P, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the Annual Health and Safety Topic Requirements. Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/24/21	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Exploring Story Retelling	D, F, P	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections and Get Set for Success program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/28/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Rock Around the Clock	D, F, P, S, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
4/28/21 through 5/5/21	9:00 AM	***Online Class***	The Artful Room - Supporting and Displaying Children's Art	D, F, I, P, S, T	Grace Cott	3	\$20	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This is an online class available April 28-May 5, 2021. Participants can start at 9:00 a.m. on April 28, and have until 11:59 p.m. on May 5.
MAY								
5/5/21 through 5/12/21	9:00 AM	***Online Class***	The Journey to Independence: Applying Child Development in Daily Practice	D, F, I, P, T	Audrey Danielson	3	\$20	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This is an online class available May 5-May 12, 2021. Participants can start at 9:00 a.m. on May 5, and have until 11:59 p.m. on May 12.
5/5/21 through 5/12/21	9:00 AM	***Online Class***	Building Your Business: Attracting and Retaining Families	F, L	Deb Danielson	3	\$20	Free to Successful Start program participants. This is an online class available May 5-May 12, 2021. Participants can start at 9:00 a.m. on May 5, and have until 11:59 p.m. on May 12.
5/6/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Understanding and Guiding Children's Behavior	D, F, P, S, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/10/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Taking the Classroom Outside	D, F, I, P, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	This class meets 2 of the 4 hours of the Annual Health & Safety Topic Requirements. Free to Literacy Connections and Get Set for Success program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/11/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Learning and Growing: Gardening with Children	D, F, P, T	Grace Cott	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/12/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Counting Crocodiles	D, F, P, T	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections and Get Set for Success program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.

MAY CLASSES CONTINUED...

Date	Time	Location	Name of Training	Audience	Trainer	Hours	Cost	Additional Information
5/12/21 through 5/19/21	9:00 AM	***Online Class***	Positive Play - Strategies to Support Positive Interactions Among Children	D, F, I, P, T	Deb Danielson	3	\$20	Free to participants in the OTG-Kindness Classroom track. This is an online class available May 12-19, 2021. Participants can start at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, and have until 11:59 p.m. on May 19.
5/18/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Sharing Our Classroom Stories	D, F, I, P, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/19/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Stress-Reducing Strategies for Young Children	D, F, I, P, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/20/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Be a Transition Magician	D, F, P, T	Lexi Merz	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/25/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Setting the Stage for Dramatic Play	D, F, P, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/26/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Cut it Out!	D, F, P	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/27/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Child-Centered Teaching and Learning	D, F, P	Grace Cott	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
5/28/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Building the Brain	D, F, I, P, T	Audrey Danielson	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
JUNE								
6/2/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Experiences, Not Experiments	D, F, P, T	Susan Drewelow	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
6/2/21 through 6/9/21	9:00 AM	***Online Class***	Let's Move!	D, F, I, P, S, T	Grace Cott	3	\$20	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This is an online class available June 2-9, 2021. Participants can start at 9:00 a.m. on June 2, and have until 11:59 p.m. on June 9.
6/5/21	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Starting Out Strong: Promoting Emotional Development for Infants and Toddlers	D, F, I, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
6/8/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Toddler Development	D, F, T	Lexi Merz	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
6/9/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	The Color of Their Eyes: Exploring Intentional Teaching	D, F, P, T	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
6/9/21 through 6/16/21	9:00 AM	***Online Class***	Growing Engineers - How to Teach Beginning Engineering Concepts Through Block Play	D, F, P, S, Y	Audrey Danielson	3	\$20	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This is an online class available June 9-16, 2021. Participants can start at 9:00 a.m. on June 9, and have until 11:59 p.m. on June 16.
6/14/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Helping Children and Families Transition to Kindergarten	D, F, P	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
6/17/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Under Construction: Meaningful Block Play Experiences with Preschoolers	D, F, P	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
6/23/21 through 6/30/21	9:00 AM	***Online Class***	Lesson Planning Made Easy	D, F, I, P, S, T	Grace Cott	3	\$20	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This is an online class available June 23-30, 2021. Participants can start at 9:00 a.m. on June 23, and have until 11:59 p.m. on June 30.
6/23/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Look at it this Way! Perspective Taking with Preschoolers	D, F, P, S	Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
6/26/21	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	Language and the Brain	D, F, I, P, T	Audrey Danielson	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.
6/29/21	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interactive online class using Zoom	STEAM through Stories	D, F, P, T	Susan Drewelow and Michelle Gilbert	2	\$12	Free to Literacy Connections and Get Set for Success program participants. Cosponsored by Capital Area Successful Start. This class is being offered virtually using Zoom.

Class Descriptions

*** Online class participants will receive an email from the instructor containing further instructions for the online class following their registration.

*** Interactive online Zoom class participants will receive an email with a link that will allow them to join the class.

The Artful Room - Supporting and Displaying Children's Art

Art is a way of learning. From infancy on up, children are learning about their world, how they feel about their experiences, and learning how to communicate their needs, feelings and ideas to those around them. Art experiences allow children to express these thoughts and feelings without the boundaries of language, rules and expectations that can inhibit or limit their ability to communicate. This class will explore developmentally appropriate art processes with young children and share ways to display creations to best honor young artists. Core Competency: 2 Levels 1 & 2; CDA: 2

Be a Transition Magician

Transitions are part of our daily life, but can be very difficult for many young children. This class will explore strategies for minimizing the impact of transitions and will empower participants with innovative ideas for a variety of transition times. Core Competency: 6 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 3.

Building the Brain

Brain development and function have a profound effect on child development. This professional development event will provide a basic understanding of brain growth, brain plasticity, and sensitivity periods for learning and recovery from brain injury. Early childhood professionals can build on this knowledge to support children's development. Core Competency: 4 Level 2, 5 Level 1 and 7 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 1, 4 & 5.

Building Your Business: Attracting and Retaining Families

Setting up your family child care environment is more than putting toys on the shelf. The right environment is key to attracting and retaining clients, reducing your business risk, and making your job a success. Course includes guidelines on writing a supervision plan, business policies and implementing marketing strategies. Core Competency: 2 Level 2; CDA: 2.

Child-Centered Teaching and Learning

Help children master learning tasks sooner by engaging them in their own learning process. Meaningful jobs, classroom responsibilities and leadership activities are some of the effective strategies covered in this class. Video examples and discussions are included to help teachers walk away with ideas they can begin using right away in their classroom environments. Core Competency: 6 Level 1; CDA: 3.

Circle Time: Triumph or Tragedy

Are your circle times a challenge? Do disruptions cause children to lose interest and focus? This session will help you provide meaningful, age-appropriate activities to keep children engaged and increase learning potential. It will also present some strategies for getting a derailed circle time back on track. Core Competency: 6 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 3.

The Color of Their Eyes: Exploring Intentional Teaching

Child-centered, intentional practices begin with seeing, knowing and understanding children as unique individuals. This course will explore some of the reflective strategies intentional teachers can use to ensure the needs of each child and family in care are being met. Core Competency: 8 Levels 1; CDA: 6.

Conscientious Child Care

Participants will explore common chemicals and toxins found in foods, household cleaners and even toys that can negatively impact the health of children in child care. Strategies will be shared for small, easy to implement changes providers can make in their child care environment to make things healthier for everyone! Core Competency: 5 Level 3; CDA: 1.

Counting Crocodiles

Providers will learn which math activities are appropriate for each age group. They will be given the opportunity to apply that knowledge by developing activities based on popular children's books. They will learn about the 7 concrete learning areas of math - number recognition, classification/comparison, measuring, counting (cardinal and ordinal), spatial relationships, graphing and ordering. They will use these areas to develop math activities to help children gain an understanding in those concepts. Core Competency: 2 Level 2; CDA: 2.

Cut it Out!

Participants will gain an understanding of how to teach children to cut with scissors. Discussion includes tips on how to help children strengthen muscles needed for cutting and how to take children through the sequence of skills that encourage success with simple and more complex cutting tasks. Core Competency: 2 Levels 1 & 2; CDA: 2.

Director's Toolbox: Think Outside the Building

In this interactive session, participants will explore how community resources, business partners and participation in professional organizations can impact various aspects of the early childhood program. Core Competency: 4 Level 4 and 7 Level 3; CDA: 4 & 5.

Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Programs

This class will help child care providers/teachers proactively plan and prepare for emergencies by helping them develop and implement an effective emergency plan in their child care program. Identifying hazards and risks; creating a written plan that addresses the emergency needs of their program; and communicating, practicing, and updating their emergency plan on a regular basis, are some of the effective strategies covered in this class. Video examples and discussions are included to help child care providers walk away with ideas they can begin using right away in their classroom/home environments. Core Competency: 5 Level 3; CDA: 1.

Experiences, Not Experiments

This session is designed to explain basic scientific principles in easy to understand terms. Providers will also receive lots of suggestions for child-centered experiences they can incorporate into their classrooms. All of the suggestions are done with easily and affordably obtained materials. Science experiences are a natural way to follow a child's lead and allow children to investigate and discover at their own pace. The demonstrations offered will allow providers to see how to set up the experience and participate in it. The handout will have detailed instructions on how to facilitate the experiences done in class. Core Competency: 2 Level 2; CDA: 2.

Exploring Story Retelling

This class will explore why story retelling is an important early literacy component and how to use it effectively. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of different types of props to enhance the story retelling experience. Core Competency: 2 Levels 1 & 2; CDA: 2.

Growing Engineers - How to Teach Beginning Engineering Concepts Through Block Play

Enroll in this class to get ideas and inspiration for using your block area to teach beginning engineering concepts. We will cover the five-step engineering design process, write a preschool lesson plan and practice using it in your classroom. Core Competency: 2 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 2.

Helping Children and Families and Transition to Kindergarten

Starting kindergarten is a giant milestone for children and families! This professional development event will focus on how providers can support children and families through the transition to kindergarten. Core Competency: 4 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 4.

The Journey to Independence: Applying Child Development in Daily Practice

Join us as we explore ways to apply child development knowledge into daily practice and lesson planning to support children's growth and development in all domains. We will cover the progression from infancy through the preschool years as children develop in their communication, self-help, sharing and problem-solving skills. Core Competency: 2 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 1.

Language and the Brain

Language development is central to early childhood development. Children use language in their daily efforts to communicate with others, build social relationships, express their emotions, and learn about the world. Understanding the mutual influence of the brain and experience on children's language helps early childhood professionals better support children's development. Core Competency: 2 Levels 2 & 4; CDA: 2.

Learning and Growing: Gardening with Children

Discover the excitement and many benefits young children get through gardening. Learn how to incorporate gardening into your child care program and get ideas for fun classroom projects. The children will "grow" to love it! Core Competency: 2 Level 2; CDA: 1.

Lesson Planning Made Easy

Come explore lesson planning and discover many right ways to approach this process. Learn how to go beyond theme-based lessons and work within a plan that allows for flexibility and the individual needs of the children in your classroom. Core Competency: 2 Level 3 and 8 Level 4; CDA: 1 & 6.

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Let's Move!

Come explore ways to harness the high energy and playfulness of children into activities that grow their minds and bodies. We will discuss and share both structured and unstructured playful activities, as well as rough and tumble play. Core Competency: 2 Levels 2 & 4 and 8 Level 4; CDA: 2 & 6.

Look at it this Way! Multiple-Perspective Taking with Preschoolers

Perspective taking is a complex skill that involves our social, emotional and cognitive abilities. When we develop this important life skill, it allows us to offer empathy, utilize advanced problem solving approaches and think outside the box. Participants will explore strategies for helping preschoolers learn to see things from multiple perspectives. Core Competency: 2 Level 3; CDA: 2 & 3.

Making the Most of Meal Time

In this session, participants will learn about family-style meals and how the technique can be used successfully in a group care setting. Both the challenges and benefits of family-style meals will be covered, as well as tips for making meal times enjoyable opportunities for learning and positive social interaction. Core Competency: 5 Level 1; CDA: 1.

Movement Friendly Environments

Classroom management can be one of the toughest aspects of teaching. This session will help teachers decipher behaviors they are seeing in their classrooms and understand why they are occurring. Information on why movement is so critical to a child's development and how that movement can be used for positive outcomes will be presented. Core Competency: 1 Level 3; CDA: 8.

Positive Play - Strategies to Support Positive Interactions Among Children

In this class, participants will learn what social emotional expectations are practical for children at various levels of development and ways to teach children how to engage in positive social interactions. Social emotional classroom supports, the teacher's role and practice with self-evaluation tools will be covered so participants can custom-design a curriculum that works best in their program. Core Competency: 2 Level 2; CDA: 3.

Rock Around the Clock

Participants in this class will explore the benefits of using music with young children. Strategies will be shared for offering a variety of music and movement activities for different purposes throughout the day. Core Competency: 2 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 2.

Setting the Stage for Dramatic Play

Learn about the social and literacy skill building benefits of dramatic play. Explore ideas for developing a dramatic play center and putting together prop boxes. Core Competency: 2 Level 2; CDA: 2.

Sharing Our Classroom Stories

In this session, participants will explore techniques for documenting classroom journeys to enhance engagement and learning through the use of photos, journaling and other creative methods. Core Competency: 6 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 3.

Signing with Infants and Toddlers

Explore ways to enhance children's communication through sign language. Participants will learn simple signs to use in daily routines and play with infants and toddlers. A variety of play activities, songs, and books that support language development and the use of sign language will be shared. Core Competency: 2 Levels 1 & 2; CDA: 2.

Starting Out Strong: Promoting Emotional Development for Infants and Toddlers

In this class, participants will learn the brain science behind emotional development and some of the factors that impact that development in very young children. Strategies will be shared for building emotional development through simple, everyday interactions and routines. Core Competency: 2 Level 1; CDA: 3.

STEAM through Stories

Children build a variety of important skills when they are engaged in learning with the STEAM disciplines. Participants will learn strategies for teaching science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) skills using children's books as a foundation. Core Competency: 2 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 2.

Stress-Reducing Strategies for Young Children

This class will look at signs and sources of stress in young children. Simple stress-reducing activities used in the early learning setting can help children build coping and resiliency skills. Tips and techniques will be shared for both individuals and groups of young children. Core Competency: 5 Level 3; CDA: 1.

Taking the Classroom Outside

Have you ever wanted to take your learning outside? This class will go over how outdoor learning can benefit children, cover safety concerns, and the many learning opportunities that can be provided to children by creating an outdoor classroom. It will also cover ways to organize and store outside materials. Core Competency: 2 Level 2; CDA: 1 & 2.

Teaching Critical Thinking Skills Through Loose Materials

What do washers, buttons, sticks and stones have to do with school readiness? Learn how loose materials can be used to teach children higher order thinking when paired with Bloom's Taxonomy of question-asking strategies. Core Competency: 2 Levels 2 & 3; CDA: 2.

Toddler Development

This class will provide an expanded look at child development in the toddler years. It will cover benchmarks and milestones for children ages 1-3. It will also look at developmentally appropriate practices and activities to support optimal growth in toddlers. Core Competency: 1 Level 2 and 2 Level 1; CDA: 1 & 8.

Under Construction: Meaningful Block Play Experiences with Preschoolers

Participants will build on their knowledge of block play and discover how impactful it can be in all developmental areas. Many extension ideas will also be shared. Core Competency: 2 Levels 1 & 3; CDA: 2.

Understanding and Guiding Children's Behavior

Participants will learn age-appropriate, positive guidance strategies and techniques. The importance of providing a supportive environment where children can safely practice appropriate behaviors will also be covered. Core Competency: 6 Levels 1 & 2; CDA: 3.



Class Registration Form...

To register for Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas classes, visit our professional development calendar at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org> and register online. You can also call 785-357-5171 in Topeka, 877-678-2548 toll free, or complete the form below and submit it with payment to:

Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas, Attn. Professional Development
1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., Ste. 201, Topeka, KS 66604

Attendee Information

Name: _____

Center/Business: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to enroll in the following classes:

Course Title: _____

Date Offered: _____ City: _____ Cost: _____

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If you are late to an in-service class, you will not receive a certificate.

Find updated classes on the Class Calendar at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>.

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Class Info

Policies for Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas sponsored professional development sessions:

- Registration accompanied by payment is required to complete registration for any class that is sponsored by Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas. The deadline for registration of classes occurring on a weekday is 12 PM the business day before the class is scheduled. The deadline for registration of classes occurring on Saturdays is 8 AM the Friday before the class is scheduled. You may register online, by mail or by phone to pay with a credit or debit card. Payment will not be accepted at class.

- If you cancel by the registration deadline for the class, the fee may be transferred to another class to be held in the future. Refunds are not available. In cases of emergencies (illness or other unplanned situation), you may call and cancel up to 2 hours (during normal business hours) prior to the time the class is scheduled to begin. If you are calling after hours (after 5 PM on a weekday or over the weekend), please leave a message with the time of your call and the reason for your late cancellation. You will only be able to transfer your payment one time to a different class. If you are unable to attend the class you have been transferred to, there will be no refunds or further transfers. Refunds or transfers will not be issued for those who fail to notify us if they are unable to attend.
- A minimum of 10 class participants is required. A class with insufficient enrollment may be canceled by Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas. Paid registrants may elect to take a coupon or be added to a future class.

- Participants enrolled in online Zoom classes that attempt to log into the class more than 10 minutes late will not be permitted to participate in the class. Participants enrolled in e-learning online classes (coursework that runs one week or more) must log in and begin posting by the fourth day of class or they will be unenrolled.
- In cases of inclement weather, every effort will be made to make a decision about canceling class three hours prior to the scheduled class start time. Registered participants will be notified by phone, but if you have any questions, you are welcome to call the Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas Topeka office at 785-357-5171 to determine whether a class will be held.
- Please do not bring children to any in-service class.
- Exceptions to these policies may be made as appropriate after review by a member of the Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas management staff.

Update Your Provider Vacancies

*Please let us know if your
child care program has vacancies!*

Log on to your online profile to make your updates at <https://stage.worklivesystems.com/program/16>. You can also contact us during our normal business hours, Monday through Friday, at **785-357-5171**, or toll-free **877-678-2548**, and select option 1.

These update requests are made quarterly to ensure that we keeping your information current and offering accurate information to those seeking child care. Information provided also gives us data that helps with funding for child care programs and families. Even if you prefer to receive no referrals, we are required to keep our data current on the number of children enrolled in early learning programs in Kansas and would appreciate a quick update from you.

Thank you!



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