

Smart Start of Forsyth County Professional Development Calendar October-December 2015



Training Registration

Procedures:

To register for training classes, please go to our website, www.smartstart-fc.org and click on For Educators. Next, click on on-line registration. You will see a calendar. If the number is blue, there is a class scheduled. Just click on the number and you can see what is available. If you would like to register, just click the register button and it will take you to the Eventbrite site to sign up. If there is a fee for the class, you can pay online. To see the next month, hover your mouse over the top right hand corner of the calendar and an arrow will appear. Just click the arrow. Please feel free to contact Sherri Jones at 336-714-4377 or sherrij@smartstart-fc.org with any questions. If you do not have a computer, we have one onsite that you may use at any time and you can print out your tickets.



October

October 1, 2015

Time: 5:30-8:30

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October 3, 2015

Time: 9:00-11:00

Strategies for a Bully Free Classroom

Presenter: Gwen Walter

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children's literature that demonstrates specific bullying situations.

October 6, 2014

Time: 5:00-9:00

Playground Safety

Presenter: Karatha Scott

This training will cover all of the DCDEE procedures and regulations to operate a safe and healthy outdoor play environment.

October 13, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

The Ideal Lesson Plan

Presenter: Katrina Campbell

This workshop will prepare teachers for creating lesson plans that help children learn and grow. Participants will use strategies that involve activities around the lessons that are planned. The strategies and lessons will include children with special needs.

October 20, 2015

October 27, 2015

Time 6:30-8:30

Visual Strategies/Autism

Presenter: Sabrina Hinton

This is a two part workshop. You must attend both sessions to receive in-service training hours.

Will you be welcoming a student with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) into your classroom this school year? If this is your first



experience having a child with ASD in your classroom you may be a tad nervous (well, likely more than just a tad). You may be wondering how in the world you are going to meet the needs of this one child while balancing the needs of the other children in your class. How will you handle the behaviors? What do the parents expect? You may be worrying about your lack of training in autism and unsure if you are equipped to meet the needs of the child. Well, take a deep breath. With the proper perspective and some planning and preparation, this may be the most rewarding experience of your teaching career. Come to this workshop and learn techniques to use in your class with all children that are visual learners.



October 20, 2015
Time: 6:30-8:30
Developmental Red Flags: Identifying Atypical Children
Presenter: Dr. Ellen Wenner
We often ask ourselves if that behavior is typical for a developing child. Using NC FELD (North Carolina Foundations for Early Learning and Development) and developmental checklists, the participants

will review developmental milestones of young children and identify red flags that act as indicators of atypical behavior. Are red flags delays or lack of opportunity? Together we can decide.

October 24, 2015
Time: 8:00-1:00
Smart Start of Forsyth County Professional Development Event: Preparing Children for School and Life-Long Success
This conference is an opportunity for enrichment and a time to honor our child care professionals. This event will include a selection of DCDEE approved trainings (3.5 credit hours for the conference), a continental breakfast and luncheon, keynote speaker, and the presentation of the Smart Start of Forsyth County Professional Development Awards.

There are limited tickets available for the conference (150). If you register for the conference and find that you will be unable to attend, please cancel your ticket or contact Sherri Jones 714-4377 so that we may offer your ticket to someone else. This is for early educators only, no guests. Dress is business professional. Please print your ticket and bring it with you. We look forward to seeing you there.

October 27, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

It's Sids

Ashton Putnam

This is a required class for anyone that works with infant. It must be renewed every three years. The importance of being prepared to prevent sudden infant death syndrome will be discussed.



November 3, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

Early Adversity on Children's Brain Development

Presenter: Chalawan Jib Chatrubhuti

Participants in this workshop will learn how major early adversity, such as extreme poverty, abuse, or neglect, can weaken children's developing brain. We will be discussing how stable, responsive environments for children in the earliest years of life can prevent or reverse these conditions, with lifelong consequences for learning, behavior, and health. In small groups, participants will engage in the Brain Architecture Game, a dynamic and hands-on game that is designed to engage early childhood professionals in understanding the complex science of early brain development.

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Sanitation Rules Review

Presenter: Sherri Jones

Do you know the rules and regulations that the sanitation department requires for child care centers? If you are not sure what those rules are or you need a refresher, this course is for you. This course also reviews handwashing and diapering procedures. Providers will leave with handouts and a better understanding of what is expected.

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November 10, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

Communicating in a Diverse Early Learning Environment

Presenter: Romy Allen

Are you adequately prepared to teach and interact with culturally and linguistically diverse early childhood population? Do you think about your communication approach when providing directives for children to follow? You may need to understand just how different young children's worlds are today and how heavily their backgrounds influence their ability to process information in a classroom setting. This training delves into the knowledge needed to effectively connect to your children by addressing those issues and providing some solutions to cross-cultural communications in diverse early learning environments.

November 14, 2015

Time: 9:00-11:00

Creating a Problem Solving Environment

Presenter: Gwen Walter

Children are natural problem solvers, and early childhood settings offer many opportunities to promote problem solving and critical thinking skills. What can you, the teacher, do to enhance these skills? We will explore a problem-solving environment and ways to implement activities to

engage children to "think outside of the box".

November 14, 2015

Time: 9:00-11:00

Community Involvement

Presenter: Katrina Campbell

Do you know the community resources available to you? Would you like to know? Come to this workshop to find out how to use the community to aid your lesson planning.

November 17, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

Conversations to Build Children's Brains

Presenter: Dr. Ellen Wenner

The brain is one of the most complex organs in our body and we as early educators and parents have the most important role of building and growing a child's brain. One of the simplest but most important ways to build the brain is through conversations that augment sensory motor development. In this session participants will have a greater understanding of their role in building the brain through communication techniques that are engaging and fun.

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November 24, 2015

December 1, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

Supporting Children as Writers

Presenter: Sabrina Hinton

This is a two part workshop. You must attend both sessions to receive in-service training hours.

Providing young children with rich writing experiences can lay a foundation for

literacy learning. Early writing, often used synonymously with the term emergent writing, encompasses the following: the manual act of producing physical marks, the meanings children attribute to these markings, and understanding about how written language works. Although mechanics and composition are important features of early writing, we will focus our attention on orthographic knowledge- how children's marks reflect growing understandings of the writing system.



November 24, 2015

December 15, 2015

Time: 9:00-11:00

Emergency Preparedness Training

Presenter: Sherri Jones

This is a two part workshop. You must attend both sessions to receive in-service training hours.

This training is now a required training for directors. It is only open to directors/owners of childcare centers or homes or a representative of the center/home. It has 2 sessions. Each session will last approximately two hours and has a one hour

assignment between sessions. Session 1 covers planning and preparing for emergencies in early care and education settings. It includes an overview and an introduction to the online EPR Plan template. After session 1, the participants will return to their facility with an assignment of preparation work for completing the online EPR Plan. Session 2 will be held 1-3 weeks later and covers questions about the assignment, practicing, responding and recovery related to emergencies.

November 24, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

A Preschooler's Understanding of other Cultures

Presenter: Marjorie Burris

This workshop is designed to provide the child care teachers with age appropriate introductions of others in the world, community and in their classes.



December 1, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

Helping Children and Teachers Manage the Holidays

Presenter: Catherine Burke

The holiday season can be one of the most wonderful times of



the year, or one of the most stressful! Children are often transported to event after event, to spend time with various family members (some of whom may be unfamiliar to them!), eat extra sweets, and stay up late! The busyness and excitement around the holiday season can take its toll on our youngest learners, which in turn can take its toll on the classroom. In this training, we will talk about what you can do as a classroom teacher to help your students positively manage the holidays and get the most out of the celebratory season.

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Early Literacy and Creative Arts Expression

Presenter: Sue Joyce

How can we address early literacy and learning standards and have fun at the same time? Participants will experience creative arts expression with an emphasis on music as an approach to learning and as a way to provide learning opportunities for our preschoolers.

December 8, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

Music and Movement: In Accordance with Transitions and Daily Routines

Presenter: Cara McKeown

Attendees will learn and thoroughly practice a variety of new songs, finger plays and music and movement activities that can be used daily in classrooms, both indoors and outdoors, but most specifically during times of transition. We will discuss the significance of healthy transitions and impact that new music and movement resources can have when blended with existing transition models.

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December 12, 2015

Time: 8:30-12:30

"FLIP-IT" An Intervention Strategy for Addressing Challenging Behaviors

Presenter: Romy Allen

FLIP IT is a strategy anyone can use to address a challenging behavior. It is a simple, kind, strength-based, common sense and effective four step process embodied in the FLIP IT mnemonic: F-Feelings, L-Limits, I-Inquiries, P-Prompts. FLIP IT transforms best practice into a strategy that is easy to remember, applicable in a variety of challenging situations and portable. FLIP IT is brain development, and an effective strategy all teachers should know how to use in concert with positive guidance.

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Presenter: Karatha Scott

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December 15, 2015

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Encouraging Scientific Thinkers

Presenter: Shonna Trinidad

Children are naturally curious. Encouraging Scientific Thinking focuses on how to build on their natural curiosity while working on their language and other areas of development. We will be doing some hands-on science projects and rethinking how we can encourage scientific thinkers in our daily classroom routines.

December 15, 2015

Time: 6:30-8:30

Environment Rating Scale

Overview (Introductory Class)

Presenter: SSFC Specialists

This workshop will introduce the ITERS-R and the ECERS-R. We will go over the scoring process, frequently used terms, additional notes and indicators that usually score low. You will leave with handouts and a better understanding of the scales.