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We're here for YOU!



"Making a Difference" Conference Follow Up

Next Professional Development Steps

It was great to see so many at this year's MAD Conference. There was a lot of energy about many of the topic areas. Let's keep it going!

Following are several of the sessions featured at MAD with suggestions for follow up professional development. If MAD was your appetizer, these trainings are your next course.

- If you enjoyed "PLAY as Learning," take our "Play for Development



Provider Spotlight: Fabiana's Place

Miss Erika Vidal - The Anatomy of an Early Child Care Educator

"Identify the Body Part," is one of the many engaging activities Miss Erika of Fabiana's Place, a family child care program in Bear, uses to engage her students. Children place a piece of purple tape wherever they want and Miss Erika uses a prompt to give them the words: "Your tape is on your nose. Ella's tape is on her mouth. Can you put your tape on

and Learning" workshop with coaching.

- If you attended "Traumatic Stress in Young Children," then you don't want to miss our "Early Childhood and Toxic Stress Leadership Seminar". This is a one-time event on June 21st. You also should check out "Resilience: Mapping a Journey to Promote Social and Emotional Competence."
- And finally, if you found "Classroom Management: A Proactive Plan to Prevent Challenging Behaviors," check out "Flip It: Flipping the Challenging Behavior and "Positive Behavior Management."

If you don't see one of these workshops on the calendar, more learning sessions for the remainder of 2019 and the beginning of 2020 will be added in the upcoming weeks.

To register go to <https://dieecpd.org/registry/calendar>



your eye?" It's an effective way of building language skills while teaching body parts.

Her teaching strategies are a reflection of her 15 years in the field and her continual desire to become a more skilled early care and education professional.

Like a lot of family child care providers, Miss Erika started her business to provide quality care for her daughter, Fabiana, the source of the program's name.

"I did a lot of things by instinct because I lacked knowledge of child development," said Miss Erika. "After working with Delaware Stars and networking with other family child care professionals, I now know how to effectively teach children and recognize their needs."

Now, her program is a Star Level 5, but she's not stopping there. "Erika is always wanting to stay engaged," said Kristy Smith, Stars Technical Assistant. "She does everything for the right reasons. She is intentional and consistent."

If we engaged Miss Erika in the same activity with body parts, it would go something like this:

Her eyes – She is intentional about observing her children to identify special needs. Throughout the week, resources visit her program to provide support for children who have Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP).

Her Hands – They are constantly moving as she manages six children from ages infant to four-years old.

Her mind – It's always engaged while she works with her children and continues with professional development and training in her off hours.

And finally, her heart – Her love for the children is what drives her. She's passionate about the early care and education field and one of its biggest advocates.

Early Childhood and Toxic Stress Leadership Seminar

Register Now!

Friday, June 21st

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

501 S. College Avenue

Newark, DE

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn about the impact of trauma and toxic stress on the brain of a developing child from the leading experts.

This quality assured session will include featured speaker Teri Lawler who works in the Trauma-Informed Practices and Social and Emotional Learning group of the Office of Innovation and Improvement for the Department of Education.

Following the keynote, there will be a panel discussion including questions and answers with other leaders in the field.

The flyer is at the end of this publication for more details.

By attending, you will get 4 quality assured hours. Please note the training is considered advanced.

Register at

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Curriculum & Assessment (C&A) Support

Technical Assistant's Profile - Meet Irene Ashe



Irene has served as a Curriculum and Assessment (C&A) Technical Assistant (TA) with Delaware Stars for last five years. As a member of the C&A team, she supports programs by focusing on curriculum-and assessment-

related quality improvements. Irene is invested in creating a learning environment so children have the best possible outcomes.

Irene brings more than 23 years of experience in the early care and education field, both working as a teacher and a director. She recalls her moment of clarity about the importance of developmentally-appropriate curriculum. In a previous role, Irene worked for a program that was housed in a museum. The curriculum was derived from the museum's exhibits so the children had hands-on experiences with the materials. The students were so engaged, she became an advocate on the value of curriculum used effectively.

Fast forward several years later, now Irene helps teachers and administrators really understand curriculum and assessment.

"Offering great learning experiences with appropriate materials and interactions is the key to success in any program," according to Irene.

She sees assessment as equally important. "Through careful observation and assessment of children we are able to build or refine their skills. By intentionally planning for each individual child, we set them up for success in the classroom and beyond."

Ages and Stages Developmental Screening

Support Available

Having a problem with administering the Ages and Stages Developmental Screening?

Contact Jamie Walko, jwalkodel@gmail.com or call 302-593-6383 who can assist you in any way!

This includes:

- help setting up your online system;
- reviewing screenings;
- making referrals,
- and any other problems you may encounter!

Keep in mind that the verification of the Delaware Stars essential standard for developmental screenings using ASQ requires both ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE2. They are entered into the online system.

Summer Hours Coming!

Please note that beginning the week of May 27th, Professional

Stars Resources

Curriculum & Assessment (C&A)

Technical Assistants

Stars has a team of C&A Technical Assistants that are available to support you in all aspects of curriculum and assessment.

Contact Jen Potts at 302-463-8128 or at jpotts@udel.edu

[Delaware Approved Comprehensive Curricula List](#)



Provider Appreciation Day - May 10th

We Appreciate You!

We know you work tirelessly to care for young children. If we could, we would thank you everyday. But we're glad there is an official day – Provider Appreciation Day – to recognize all you do. This year we will celebrate you on May 10th.

Development will have new hours for the summer.

The schedule is:

Monday – Thursday – 8–4:30 p.m.

Friday – 8 – 12:30 p.m.

Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding Professional Development, whether they are related to credentials, navigating the new website or learning sessions – we're here for you.

Reach out by calling 302–831–3239 or by email Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu.

Be sure to leave as many details as possible so we can be responsive to your needs. Please allow two business days to respond to your inquiry.

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Capacity Grant - Deadline Information

The next deadline for programs applying for the Capacity Grant through Children & Families First (CFF) is noon on Friday, June 14, 2019. Decisions for the June round will be made in early July.

The final round for the Capacity grant for this contract year is noon on Friday, August 2, 2019. Award amounts during the August round will depend on available funds remaining to distribute.

The new Capacity contract begins in October 2019 and application rounds will be announced in the fall.

Providers can find the application, along with detailed eligibility requirements and the grant guidelines at:

www.cffde.org. Questions can be directed to [Andrea Prettyman](#) or by calling 302–233–6475.



Star Level 5 Programs Meeting Wrap Up

Great Turnout, Great Exchanges

Thank you to all those providers who participated in the recent Star Level 5 Programs meeting at Delaware Technical Community College.

More than 85 providers participated in an afternoon of networking and sharing about ways to continually provide

better care for Delaware's youngest children. The meeting also included an update from Stars Director Dr. Kristy Sheffler followed by a question and answer session.



The Summer Countdown

May & June Calendars

Now is the time to get outside! Check out the calendars of activities and events for the next couple of months and plan your outings. *Please note more activities have been added to the May calendar.*

The May and June calendars are at the end of this publication

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EARLY CHILDHOOD AND TOXIC STRESS: LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



JUNE/21/2019

9:00a.m.-2:30p.m.

501 S. College Ave.
Training Room
Newark, Del.

***THIS SEMINAR IS ADVANCED LEVEL**

Participants will receive
4 Quality Assured Hours

TO REGISTER

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Connect with the DIEEC community



Explore the impact of trauma and toxic stress on the developing brain with the help of "The Brain Architecture Game." Observe how early adversity impacts the achievement of developmental milestones and ultimately learning potential.

After a lunch break (on your own), there will be a Q&A panel with experts in the field of early childhood and mental health. The seminar will end with networking and refreshments.

Q & A PANEL



Teri Lawler:
Education Associate,
Trauma-Informed Practices
and Social and Emotional
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Dr. Rena Hallam:
Associate Professor at
the University of
Delaware and Associate
Director of Delaware
Institute for Excellence in
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Abigail Janne:
Psy.D., Lead Consultant
Early Childhood Mental
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May 2019

Children's Book Week 4/29-5/5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sign, Sing and Play-Appo. Appoquinimink Library	2	3 > Book Babies, Claymont Public Library > Toddler Stay and Play, New Castle Library > Rhythm, Rhyme and Story Time, Appoquinimink Library	4 > Dover Days Parade > Sussex Libraries Children's Book Festival > Mayfest in Odessa > White Clay Creek Fest > Free Comic Book Day
5	6 > Book Babies, Bear Library > Sensory Storytime, Brandywine Library	7 Rhythm, Rhyme and Story Time, Hockessin Public Library	8 Advocacy Day > Book Babies, Hockessin Library > Yoga Tales, Newark Library > Delaware Early Childhood Council Meeting	9 Free Bubble Festival at Wilmington Flower Market	10 Jitterbugs Story Time, Claymont Provider Appreciation Day! 	11 > Mobile Library at DASEF Planet Earth Family Day > Chinese Story Time, Newark Library
12 	13 Jitterbugs, Bear Library	14	15 Toddler Tales, Hockessin Library > Yoga Tales, Newark Library	16 Build, Construct, Create for ages 1-3, Bridgeville Library	17 Jitterbugs Music and Movement, Newark Library *every Friday	18 Family Movie Time, Smyrna Library > Boot Camp for New Moms > Boot Camps for New Dads
19	20	21 Baby Bookworms, Seaford Library	22 Stay and Play Delaware Early Childhood Center "parents as teachers", Seaford Library	23	24 SPICES Storytime for Kids ages 2-5 (Teaches children the value of simplicity, peace, community, equality and stewardship through age appropriate stories and crafts), Brandywine Library	25 Story Book Saturday, Kirkwood Library
26	27  Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 Summer Reading Club Kick-off FishCastle Concert (families, all ages), Claymont Library</p> <p>5th Annual Empowered Parent Conference, Stubbs Elm School</p>
2	<p>3 Sensory Story Times, Appoquinimink Library</p>	<p>4 Caterpillar Story Time, Georgetown Library</p> <p>Rhythm, Rhyme & Story Time, Wilmington (every Tuesday)</p>	<p>5 Sign, Sing and Play, Appoquinimink Library</p> <p>Infant and Toddler Story Time, Lewes Library</p>	<p>6 Read and Make Adventure Trail, Dover Library</p> <p>PreSchool Pals, Rehoboth Bch Library (every Thursday)</p>	<p>7 Book Babies, Claymont Library</p>	<p>8 Community Day, Crestmoor Swim Club</p>
<p>9  Children's Day</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Father's Day Card Make and Take, Route 9 Library (ages 5-12)</p>	<p>12 Daddy and Me Story Time, Route 9 Library</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14  Flag Day June 14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16  Happy Father's Day!</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Kids Yoga, Dover Library</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21  HELLO Summer</p> <p>Family Story Time, Dover Library</p> <p>Bubble Festival at the DCM Summer Kick off \$5, Wilmington</p> <p>Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk, Delaware Art Museum</p>	<p>22 Saturday Story Time, Claymont Library</p> <p>Community Baby Shower, Christiana Care Health</p> <p>Finally Summer Celebration, Route 9</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 Book Babies, Appoquinimink Library</p>	<p>25 Family Literacy Story Time, Route 9</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Jitterbugs Story Time, Claymont Library</p>	<p>29 Wilmington Pirate Festival, Family Friendly Event</p> <p>Old Fashioned Ice Cream Festival, Rockwood Park</p>
<p>30</p>						