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## Delaware's Quality Assured Professional Development

Delaware's Quality Assured Professional Development system is now proud to offer a few different options for online professional development opportunities through the DIEEC PD Registry. In the past few months, DIEEC has partnered with Nemours, Delaware Department of Education, Office of Early Learning, National Afterschool Association and Child Care Aware to offer quality assured online training. Before you consider taking online training, complete a self-assessment to be sure you are ready to engage in this type of learning. This checklist can be found on NAEYC's website, or by visiting this url: <http://www.naeyc.org/files/tyc/file/OnlineLearningChecklist.pdf>

Courses that are quality assured can be accessed by first logging into your profile on the DIEEC registry at ([www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)). Log in using your username and password. Click on "Training Calendar," then look on the right hand side for the button in orange print that reads, "Online Training." Click on this box, and a menu of quality assured online training will appear. Details regarding the two options for online training are listed below.

**Delaware Professional Development Now is a new website offering online professional development for Early Care and Education Providers.** If you want quality assured online hours, first log on to the DIEEC registry and click on online training to see what is quality assured. Other online workshops accessed only through [www.depdnow.com](http://www.depdnow.com), will not count as quality assured hours.

As of November 2014, here are some great features [www.DEPDnow.com](http://www.DEPDnow.com)

offers:

- FREE professional development you can do anytime, anywhere.
- Online training using your computer, iPad or smartphone.
- Training to meet annual clock hour requirements.
- Quality-assured training options to support your work in Delaware Stars.
- The latest training topics to address your CACFP needs.
- Automatic updating of your transcript at DIEEC.

New topics will be added in the next few months, so be sure to check back regularly to see if new topics have been

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## Is it snowing? Are classes cancelled?

If we are expecting inclement weather in your area, and you are concerned that your workshop may be cancelled, please check the website: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org) for an announcement regarding cancellations. If you do not have access to a computer, please call DIEEC at 302-831-3239 for class cancellations. If no one answers, please listen to the message to see if there is a weather announcement. If we cancel a workshop, you will be notified via email. Please be sure the email on our registry is updated so that you receive the message. Due to the number of cancellations, we cannot ensure that you will receive a phone call for every cancellation, so do not rely on this form of communication. Please check our website, your email, and call the main line for the most current information. It is DIEEC's general policy to only cancel workshops when safety is a concern.

## Delaware's Quality Assured Professional Development *continued from page 1*

added. Access your free training now, as new topics may have a fee associated with the training in the future.

**The Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood's Professional Development Department has partnered with the National Afterschool Association and Child Care Aware to offer the latest in Out of School Time training for Child and Youth Development Professionals in Delaware.** These online trainings have replaced the face-to-face school age training package that is needed for the school age credential. Please visit DIEEC's online training registry to choose the school age training. These trainings can be purchased as a bundle- all 72 hours for \$70 (and must be completed within a year of purchase) or can be accessed as modules, bundled by the four modules once offered by DIEEC as a community based option. These bundles are the courses needed to meet the credential requirement: School Age: Youth Development, School Age: Social Emotional Wellness, School Age: Learning Environment and Curriculum, or School Age: Family and Community Partnerships. There are additional courses for directors, as well.

The cost for purchasing one bundle/module is \$45 (\$55 for the director's series). You can access these courses by first logging into DIEEC and clicking on the online training and choosing which option you would like (please refer to directions above). After choosing via the registry, you will be transferred to a new website ([www.collabornation.net/dieec](http://www.collabornation.net/dieec)) to log in (using your same username and password) and will then be given the choice to purchase which training package meets your training needs.

Here are some of the features the school age training offers:

Choose from 36, two-hour online courses that can be taken wherever you have internet access.

- ✓ Self-paced series designed with content expert Roberta Newman
- ✓ All courses are aligned with the National Core Competencies
- ✓ Designed with in-depth curriculum content, interactivity, and rich visuals
- ✓ Useful resources and real life scenarios are a part of every course

*Finally... High quality, online training specifically designed for Out-of-School Time Professionals is at your fingertips from wherever you are at any time you like!*

Before you consider taking online training, complete a self-assessment to be sure you are ready to engage in this type of learning. This checklist can be found on NAEYC's website, or by visiting this url: <http://www.naeyc.org/files/tyc/file/OnlineLearningChecklist.pdf>

## DIEEC PD Assessment Series

This past summer the DIEEC PD Department began a new series of assessment trainings. The trainings include introductory to assessment workshops; one focused on teacher practices and one focused on administrator's role in supporting assessment, along with Teaching Strategies GOLD workshops. This series has been focused around supporting programs with the new Stars enhancements. The purpose is to build quality assessment strategies into everyday practices and use the information gathered to inform planning and instruction. An advanced assessment for administrators and an advanced assessment for teachers will be piloted this spring, to continue refining assessment skills.

Through observation based assessment, teachers learn how to use the gathered evidence of children's learning to support planning next steps for groups of children as well as individual children. NAEYC recommends that these assessments be ongoing, given frequently, and utilize multiple methods for gathering information (naturalistic observations, anecdotal notes, photos, work samples, etc.). This provides more information to analyze and use when making teaching decisions, monitoring development and educational progress, and identifying areas of concern. The assessment workshops that are offered through the DIEEC cover assessment, observation, portfolios, including families, screenings, and pulling these concepts together to create a well-rounded assessment plan.

Please see the DIEEC PD website at <https://dieecpd.org/pd-opportunities#assessment> for workshop dates, more information regarding workshops, and registration information. Please call Sarah Janus at 831-4787 if you do not have access to a computer.

## DIEEC's Professional Development Department Announces its New Website!

The DIEEC PD Department is proud to announce the launch of its new website and registry! Please visit [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org) and peruse the new website and registry features. If you have taken classes with the DIEEC in the past and have logged into our registry before, you should already have an account with us and do not need to create a new profile. Please follow the directions on the homepage in order to create a new username and password. If you have any questions or experience difficulty, please call our main office for assistance. We can issue you a temporary password and remind you of your username. Creating multiple profiles will impact your training transcript.

# Professional Development Opportunities Calendar



## NEW CASTLE COUNTY

### Training Locations for New Castly County

- Brandywine YMCA**  
3 Mount Lebanon Road, Wilmington, 19803
- Children's House Montessori**  
2848 Grubb Road, Wilmington, 19810
- Community Services Building**  
100 W. 10th Street, Wilmington, 19801
- DE Children's Dept./ Div. of Prevention & Behavioral Health Services**  
261 Chapman Road, University Plaza, Suite 200, Newark, DE 19702
- Delaware Museum of Natural History**  
4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807
- Easter Seals**  
61 Corporate Circle, Newark, 19720
- H. Fletcher Brown Boys & Girls Club**  
1601 N. Spruce Street, Wilmington, 19802
- Hudson State Service Center**  
501 Ogletown Road, Newark, 19711  
(See specific site directions page 13)
- JCC Early Childhood Center**  
101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, 19810
- Lab Preschool**  
459 Wyoming Road, Newark, 19716
- NCC Cooperative Extension**  
461 Wyoming Road, Newark, 19716
- Newark Day Nursery & Children's Center**  
921 Barksdale Road, Newark, 19711
- Point Lookout Farm**  
3201 Montchanin Road, Wilmington, DE 19807
- The Salvation Army Early Learning Center**  
400 North Orange Street, Wilmington, 19801
- Springfield College, The Nemours Building, Suite 500**
- St. Michael's School**  
700 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington, 19801
- Tender Loving Kare**  
22 People's Plaza, Newark, 19702
- Wilmington Montessori**  
1400 Harvey Road, Wilmington, 19810

### Lesson Planning: Foundations

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC  
**1/12, 1/14**  
M/W 6:30-9:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Next Scheduled:**  
**5/11, 5/13**  
M/W 6:30-9:30 pm  
JCC Early Childhood Center,  
Wilmington

### Developmentally Appropriate Practice

Intermediate (EC)     
Cost: \$25  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3**  
T 6:30-9:30 pm  
St. Michaels School, Wilmington

**Next Scheduled:**  
**5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26**  
T 6:30-9:30 pm  
St. Michaels School, Wilmington

### Moving Youth Ahead: Introduction to School-Age Care

Intro (MT)    
Cost: \$60  
Sponsor: Coop. Ext.  
**1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3 and 2/10**  
T 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
NCC Cooperative Extension,  
Newark

**Next Scheduled:**  
**4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26**  
T 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
NCC Cooperative Extension

- Reading
- Writing
- Observation
- Test/quiz
- Physical Activity

Green = In class  
Black = Outside of class

### Child Development: Start Here!

Intro (CD)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC  
**1/15, 1/22**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Next Scheduled:**  
**5/20, 5/27**  
W 6:30-9:30 pm  
Springfield College,  
The Nemours Building,  
Wilmington

### RELATE: Infant/Toddlers Routines and Curriculum Using Observation and Assessment

Intermediate (MT)    
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: DIEEC  
**1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
JCC Early Childhood Center,  
Wilmington

**Next Scheduled:**  
**4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29**  
W 6:30-9:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

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Don't forget; if a workshop is full when you register; add your name to the waitlist!

**Applying the School-Age Care Environment Rating Scales-SACERS**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**1/26, 1/28**  
M/W 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Next Scheduled:**  
**2/23, 2/25**  
M/W 6:30-8:30 pm  
The Salvation Army Early  
Learning Center, Wilmington

**5/11, 5/13**  
M/W 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center

**Healthy Together: Teaching Nutrition & Healthy Living to Preschool Children**

Intermediate (HS)  
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: Delaware Museum of  
Natural History

**1/31**  
Sat 10:30 - 12:30 pm  
Delaware Museum of Natural  
History, Wilmington

**How to Administer & Score the Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3 / Ages & Stages SE**

Intro (OA)  
Cost: \$0  
Sponsor: Easter Seals

**1/31**  
Sat 9:00 - 3:30 pm  
Easter Seals, NCC

**Next Scheduled:**  
**5/16**  
Sat 9:00 - 3:30 pm  
Easter Seals, NCC

**Early Childhood Credential Portfolio 101**

Intro (PR)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/6, 3/6**  
F 6:30-9:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**RELATE: Quality Environments & Organizational Structure of Infant/Toddler Programs**

Intermediate (EC)    
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4**  
W 6:30-9:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Rock Solid Foundations: Enhancing Emotional Literacy (NEW)**

Intermediate (SE)  
Cost: \$15  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/5**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Literacy: Learning Together**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/9, 2/12**  
M/Th 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Rock Solid Foundations: Responsive Environments and Routines (NEW)**

Intermediate (SE)  
Cost: \$15  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/11**  
W 6:30-9:30 pm  
Springfield College,  
The Nemours Building,  
Wilmington

**Applying the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scales-ECERS- R**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/17, 2/19**  
T/Th 6:30-8:30 pm  
The Salvation Army Early  
Learning Center, Wilmington

**4/13, 4/16**  
M/Th 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Applying the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scales-FCCERS-R**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/21**  
Sat 9:30-1:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Next Scheduled:**  
**4/25**  
Sat 9:30-1:30 pm  
Springfield College,  
The Nemours Building,  
Wilmington

**Seeing Science Everywhere: Seasons and Weather**

Intermediate (EC)  
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: Delaware Museum of  
Natural History

**2/24**  
T 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Delaware Museum of Natural  
History, Wilmington

**Next Scheduled:**  
**4/25**  
Sat 9:00 - 12:00 pm  
Point Lookout Farm,  
Wilmington

**Introduction to Center Based Early Care and Education**

Intro (MT)    
Cost: \$35  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/2, 3/4, 3/9, 3/11, 3/16, 3/18**  
M/W 6:30-9:30 pm  
JCC Early Childhood Center,  
Wilmington

**Creating a Quality Family Child Care Program**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/3**  
T 6:30-9:30 pm  
The Salvation Army Early  
Learning Center, Wilmington

**Success in the Classroom: How to Make Learning Accessible for All Children**

Intermediate (MT)    
Cost: \$72  
Sponsor: Easter Seals

**3/7, 3/14, 3/21**  
Sat 9:00 - 3:30 pm  
Easter Seals,  
New Castle County

**Multi Age Learning Environment in Family Child Care**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/10**  
T 6:30-9:30 pm  
St. Michaels School,  
Wilmington

**Seeing Science Everywhere: Habitats and Animals**

Intermediate (EC)  
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: Delaware Museum of  
Natural History

**3/10**  
T 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Delaware Museum of Natural  
History, Wilmington

**Next Scheduled:**  
**5/16**  
Sat 9:00-12:00 pm  
Point Lookout Farm,  
Wilmington

**Facing the Challenge: Understanding and Addressing Challenging Behavior in Children**

Intermediate (SE)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/14**  
Sat 9:30-4:00 pm  
(30 min lunch break)  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**For the latest information & updates on training and to register for classes go online to [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

**Cultural Competence (NEW)**

Advanced (MT)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/16, 3/18**


M/W 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Next Scheduled:**

**4/14, 4/16**

T/Th 6:30-8:30 pm  
The Children's House  
Montessori, Wilmington

**Fundamentals of Family Child Care**

Intro (MT)    
Cost: \$30  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/21, 3/28, 4/4**

Sat 9:30- 3:00 pm  
(30 min lunch break)  
Springfield College,  
The Nemours Building,  
Wilmington

**Applying the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scales-ITERS**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/23, 3/25**

M/W 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**Next Scheduled:**

**5/4, 5/6**

M/W 6:30-8:30 pm  
St Michaels School, Wilmington

**Seeing Science Everywhere: How Things Grow**

Intermediate (EC)  
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: Delaware Museum of  
Natural History

**3/24**

T 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Delaware Museum of Natural  
History, Wilmington

**Next Scheduled:**

**6/6**

Sat 9:00 - 12:00 pm  
Point Lookout Farm,  
Wilmington

**Flip It: Flipping the Challenging Behavior**

Intermediate (SE)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/28**

Sat 9:30-4:00 pm  
(30 min lunch break)  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark



**Leadership (NEW)**

Advanced (MA)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**5/4, 5/6**

M/W 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark



**RELATE: Relationships with Infants and Toddlers Social and Emotional Growth**

Intermediate (SE)    
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4**

Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
Hudson State Service Center,  
Newark

**RELATE: Infant and Toddler Communication and Learning**

Intermediate (EC)    
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1**





W 6:30-9:30 pm  
Springfield College,  
The Nemours Building,  
Wilmington

**KEY: Core Competency (Content) Areas:**

- (CD) Child/Youth Development
- (EC) Environment & Curriculum (Educational Activities for Children - FCC)
- (SE) Social Emotional Development (Positive Behavior Management)
- (OA) Observation & Assessment
- (HS) Health, Safety, Nutrition
- (FM) Family & Community
- (PR) Professionalism
- (MA) Management & Administration (Business Practices & Administration - FCC)

*Note: (MT) is noted for all Multi-Topic classes. The content areas will be separated in the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood Registry and on each professional's transcript.*

Need additional classes added to the calendar to meet a credential requirement? Email DIEEC at [Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu](mailto:Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu). Be sure to add your program's name and location and contact information.

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	Writing
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	Physical Activity
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**For the latest information & updates on training and to register for classes go online to [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

**Don't forget; if a workshop is full when you register; add your name to the waitlist!**

**Professional Development Opportunities not meeting you and your staff's needs?** Tell your Delaware STARS Technical Assistant OR email DIEEC at [Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu](mailto:Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu). Be sure to add your program's name and location and contact information.

*Picture ID will be required for admittance to all training sponsored by Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC)*

**Assessment Training available!**  
**Please check the website for dates and registration information! More information at:**  
**<https://dieecpd.org/pd-opportunities#assessment>**

# KENT COUNTY

## TRAINING LOCATIONS FOR KENT COUNTY

### DIEEC Dover Office

Suite 1E, 655 South Bay Road, Dover, 19901  
(Located in Blue Hen Mall Corporate Center.  
Directions on page 13)

### Delaware Technical Community College - Terry Campus,

100 Campus Drive, Dover, 19904

### Easter Seals

100 Enterprise Place, Suite 1, Dover, 19904

### First State Community Action, Dover Corporate Center

655 S. Old Bay Road, Suite 4, Dover, 19901

### Kent County Coop. Extension

69 Transportation Circle, Dover, 19901

### The Learning Center

258 N. Rehoboth Blvd., Milford, 19963

### Moving Youth Ahead: Introduction to School-Age Care

Intro (HS)  
Cost: \$60  
Sponsor: Kent County Coop.  
Extension, Dover

**1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5**  
Th 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Kent Cooperative Extension,  
Dover

**4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28**  
Th 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Kent Cooperative Extension,  
Dover

### Early Childhood Credential Portfolio 101

Intro (PR)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**1/12, 2/23**  
M 6:30-9:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

### Developmentally Appropriate Practice

Intermediate (EC)     
Cost: \$25  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**1/14, 1/15, 1/21, 1/22**  
W/Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office, Dover

### Dine Safe

Intro (HS)  
Cost: NOT FREE  
Sponsor: Coop. Ext.

**1/23**  
F 9:30-12:30 pm  
Kent County Coop. Extension,  
Dover  
Call (302) 730-4000 to request  
a registration brochure

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& updates on training  
and to register for  
classes go online to  
[www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

### Applying the Family Childcare Environment Rating Scales - FCCERS-R

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**1/24**  
Sat 9:30-1:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

### Cultural Competence (NEW)

Advanced (MT)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/6, 2/13**  
F 6:30-8:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

### Multi Age Learning Environments in Family Child Care

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/7**  
Sat 9:30-12:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

### How to Administer & Score the Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3 / Ages & Stages SE

Intro (OA)  
Cost: \$0  
Sponsor: Easter Seals

**2/10, 2/12**  
T/Th 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
Easter Seals- Dover

**Next Scheduled:  
5/19, 5/21**  
T/Th 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
Easter Seals- Dover

### Child Development: Start Here!

Intro (CD)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/18, 2/19**  
W/Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

- Reading
- Writing
- Observation
- Test/quiz
- Physical Activity

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### RELATE: Infant/ Toddler Communication and Learning

Intermediate (EC)  
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

### Leadership (New)

Advanced (MA)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/9, 3/10**  
M/T 6:30-8:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

### Cara's Kit

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$12  
Sponsor: Easter Seals

**3/16**  
M 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
Easter Seals, Dover

### Supporting Sensory Learning: Infants, Toddlers and Beyond (NEW)

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/16**  
M 6:30-9:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

### Supporting Children Learning English as a Second Language

Advanced (MT)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/18, 3/25**  
W 6:30-8:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

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**Facing the Challenge:  
Understanding and Addressing  
Challenging Behavior in Children**

Intermediate (SE)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/21**  
Sat 9:30-4:00 pm  
(30 min lunch break)  
DIEEC Dover Office

**Success in the Classroom: How  
to Make Learning Accessible for  
All Children**

Intermediate (MT)     
Cost: \$72  
Sponsor: Easter Seals

**3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29**  
W 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
Easter Seals, Dover

**Introduction to Center Based  
Early Care and Education**

Intro (MT)  
Cost: \$35  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/30, 4/1, 4/6, 4/8, 4/13, 4/15**  
M/W 6:30-9:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

**Sensory Disorders (NEW)**

Intro (CD)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**4/22**  
W 6:30-9:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

**RELATE: Relationships with  
Infants & Toddlers - Social  
Emotional Growth**

Intermediate (SE)    
Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
DIEEC Dover Office

**Flip It: Flipping the  
Challenging Behavior**

Intermediate (SE)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**6/27**  
Sat 9:30-4:00 pm  
(30 min lunch break)  
DIEEC Dover Office

**SUSSEX COUNTY**

**TRAINING LOCATIONS FOR SUSSEX COUNTY**

**Adams State Service Center**

546 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown, 19947  
(See specific site directions page 13)

**Beach Babies**

31169 Learning Lane, Lewes, 19958

**Carvel Research and Education Center**

(Sussex County Coop. Extension)  
16483 County Seat Highway, Georgetown, 19947

**Cozy Critters**

35371 Beaver Dam Road, Frankford, 19945

**Delaware Technical Community College -**

**Owens Campus**, 21179 College Dr., Georgetown, 19947

**Easter Seals - Georgetown**

22317 Dupont Blvd., Georgetown, 19947

**First State Community Action Agency**

308 N Railroad Avenue Georgetown, 19947

**The Next Step Learning Center**

2 West Church Street, Selbyville, DE 19975

**Western Sussex Boys and Girls Club**

310 Virginia Ave., Seaford, 19973

**KEY: Core Competency (Content) Areas:**

- (CD) Child/Youth Development
- (EC) Environment & Curriculum (Educational Activities for Children - FCC)
- (SE) Social Emotional Development (Positive Behavior Management)
- (OA) Observation & Assessment
- (HS) Health, Safety, Nutrition
- (FM) Family & Community
- (PR) Professionalism
- (MA) Management & Administration (Business Practices & Administration - FCC)

*Note: (MT) is noted for all Multi-Topic classes. The content areas will be separated in the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood Registry and on each professional's transcript.*

**Don't forget; if a workshop is  
full when you register; add  
your name to the waitlist!**

**For the latest information  
& updates on training  
and to register for  
classes go online to  
[www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

**Moving Youth Ahead:  
Introduction to School Age  
Care**

Intro (HS)  
Cost: \$60  
Sponsor: Coop. Ext.

**1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27 & 2/3**  
T 6:00 9:00pm  
Sussex County Coop Ext,  
Georgetown

**Next Scheduled:**

**4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12 & 5/19**  
T 6:00-9:00 pm  
Sussex County Coop. Ext.,  
Georgetown

**Inclusion Best Practice**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**1/22**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**Applying the Infant Toddler  
Environment Rating Scales-  
ITERS**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**1/26, 1/29**  
M/Th 6:30-8:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**RELATE: Relationships with Infants & Toddlers - Social Emotional Growth**

Intermediate (SE)

Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/2, 2/9, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9**  
M 6:30-9:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**Child Development: Start Here!**

Intro (CD)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/5, 2/12**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**Cara's Kit**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$12  
Sponsor: Easter Seals

**2/16**  
M 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Easter Seals - Georgetown

**Next Scheduled:**  
**9/14**  
M 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Easter Seals- Georgetown

**How to Administer & Score the Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3 / Ages & Stages SE**

Intro (OA)  
Cost: \$0  
Sponsor: Easter Seals

**2/17, 2/19**  
T/Th 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
Easter Seals- Georgetown

**Next Scheduled:**  
**6/2, 6/4**  
T/Th 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
Easter Seals-Georgetown

**Lesson Planning: Foundations**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**2/19, 2/26**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**Success in the Classroom: How to Make Learning Accessible for All Children (FORMERLY Inclusive Child Care)**

Intermediate (MT)  
Cost: \$72  
Sponsor: Easter Seals  
**3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6**  
M 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Georgetown Easter Seals

**Next Scheduled:**  
**9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2**  
M 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Georgetown Easter Seals

**Developmentally Appropriate Practice**

Intermediate (EC)

Cost: \$25  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26**  
Th 6:30-9:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**Supporting Sensory Learning: Infants, Toddlers and Beyond (NEW)**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/23**  
M 6:30-8:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**Applying the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scales-FCCERS-R**

Intro (EC)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**3/28**  
Sat 9:30-1:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**Special Quest**

Intermediate (MT)

Cost: \$35  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6**  
W 6:30-9:30 pm  
Beach Babies, Lewes

**RELATE: Quality Environments & Organizational Structure of Infant/Toddler Programs**

Intermediate (EC)

Cost: \$20  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4**  
M 6:30-9:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

**Introduction to Center Based Early and Education**

Intro (MT)  
Cost: \$35  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**5/5, 5/7, 5/12, 5/14, 5/19 & 5/21**  
T/Th 6:30-9:30pm  
The Next Step Learning Center,  
Selbyville

Need additional classes added to the calendar to meet a credential requirement? Email DIEEC at Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu. Be sure to add your program's name and location and contact information.

**Professional Development Opportunities not meeting you and your staff's needs?** Tell your Delaware STARS Technical Assistant OR email DIEEC at Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu. Be sure to add your program's name and location and contact information.

**Child Development: Start Here** is a 6 hour course that can supplement your professional development; it does NOT meet the requirement for Introduction to Center Based Care and Education (18 hours) or Child Development (15 hours). Please be sure to register for the correct workshop if needed for qualifications or licensing requirements.

**Supporting Children Learning English as a Second Language**

Advanced (MT)  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsor: DIEEC

**5/19, 5/21**  
T/Th 6:30-8:30 pm  
Adams State Service Center,  
Georgetown

For the latest information & updates on training and to register for classes go online to [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)

- Reading
- Writing
- Observation
- Test/quiz
- Physical Activity

Green = In class  
Black = Outside of class

Don't forget; if a workshop is full when you register; add your name to the waitlist!

Picture ID will be required for admittance to all training sponsored by Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC)



## Collaborative Effort to Provide More Professional Development Opportunities in Wilmington

The Wilmington Early Care and Education Council (WECEC) is pleased to announce a new collaborative effort to provide additional professional development opportunities within the City of Wilmington. WECEC, DIEEC and Springfield College are working in partnership to provide professional development opportunities at Springfield College’s Wilmington Campus. (The Nemours Building, 1007 Orange Street, Suite 500, Wilmington, DE) We are excited to be able to facilitate professional development opportunities for Wilmington providers within our community.

***Check out the offerings now available.***

### **Wilmington Teacher Professional Development Resource Center**

The Wilmington Early Care and Education Council (WECEC) is pleased to announce the grand re-opening of the Wilmington Teacher Professional Development Resource Center at Bancroft Elementary School. The Center provides resources on loan, support in professional development planning, information on what is happening in the early childhood education (ECE) field, provider support groups and connections to community ECE resources and more.

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

**MONDAY—APPOINTMENTS ONLY**

**TUESDAY.....1:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY.....10:00 AM-6:00 PM**

**THURSDAY.....1:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY—COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY**

**SATURDAY—1ST & 3RD .....8:00 AM-1:00 PM**

The mission of the Wilmington Early Care and Education Council (WECEC) is to increase the educational success of children in Wilmington by enhancing the quality of early care and education opportunities for children birth to age eight. Membership includes parents, early care and education professionals, local community organizations, school districts and a charter school serving the City of Wilmington, institutions of higher education with early childhood programs, a resource referral agency, and representatives from the Office of the Mayor, Office of City Council, Office of Child Care Licensing, Division of Social Services and the Delaware Early Care and Education Office.

## DIEEC Permanent Training Sites Information

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY Hudson State Service Center** – 501 Ogletown Road, Newark. Enter through the front door and check in with the staff at the front desk. Training room is located to the left of the front desk.

**KENT COUNTY DIEEC Dover Office and Training facility**, located in the Blue Hen Corporate Center, Suite 1E, 655 South Bay Road, Dover. After arriving at the Blue Hen Mall, follow the Delaware State Police Fingerprinting signs around to the back of what appears to be a two-story building. The entrance to the building is between the Gaming Office and the Fingerprinting Office. Walk through the two sets of double doors. Go down the hallway toward the back of the building to the first door on the right. There will be a sign outside of the room indicating DIEEC Professional Development.

**SUSSEX COUNTY Adams State Service Center**, 546 S. Bedford St. Georgetown at the corner of S. Bedford St and Rte. 113, across from the Division of Motor Vehicles – Saturday classes at the Cheer Center, entrance #2, through the sliding doors and the room is directly to the left; evening classes at the Division of Public Health Room 100, entrance #3 at the far end of the building. Enter through the double doors and go to the left across the space to hallway beyond the bathrooms. Turn left and training room is straight ahead.

***School-Aged: Supporting Emotional Wellness***  
***is now accepted by OCCL as meeting the educational requirement for the positions of School-Age Intern or School-Age Site Assistant.***

## Music, the Universal Language

Music touches all areas of child development, including cognitive, social-emotional, fine motor, gross motor, and language. Children enjoy music from infancy. Making music helps the body and mind work together, enhances creativity, encourages socialization, allows for self expression and builds self-esteem. Listening to music helps infants learn about the rhythms and sounds as they develop language. Music is a fun way to build vocabulary. Music can be used for quiet, soothing activities as well as boisterous active play. Infants are naturally drawn to shakers as they begin to understand cause and effect. Toddlers develop fine motor skills such as eye-hand coordination when playing instruments. Preschoolers and school-agers develop memory skills as they enjoy singing songs. Children develop coordination and balance as they dance to the beat. Appropriate music experiences are important for children. However, music should not be played in the background as this interferes with children's language development. Loud background music can add to or cause a chaotic atmosphere for children.

Music can be incorporated throughout the day, including informal singing during routines such as

handwashing, adding fun to transitions such as clean-up, humming to soothe a tired infant, fingerplays during group times, moving fast or slow to the various tempos of recorded music, playing instruments alone or as part of a group. Children can often be observed responding to music by swaying, bouncing, dancing, marching, and/or clapping. They quickly learn familiar rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. In addition, provide more extensive music experiences such as helping children distinguish high and low tones, fast and slow tempos. Musical materials should be accessible to children during free play. These could include shakers, pull toys, stuffed animals that sing when squeezed, drums, keyboards, tambourines, triangles, bells, xylophones, rhythm sticks, etc. Older children might enjoy creating homemade instruments such as rainsticks or drums. When selecting materials be sure they are age appropriate and avoid choking hazards such as small bells for children under 3 years of age as well as any mouthed instruments such as harmonicas or flutes as these can perpetuate the spread of germs. Diversity can be incorporated by selecting more authentic instruments from various countries or playing

multicultural music daily. Music is a wonderful way to interact one-on-one with a child, by singing a song with their name in it or participating in pat-a-cake. It is a great choice when children seem to need a change of pace. Just be sure to turn the music off when children are no longer interested in or responding to the music so it is not left on in the background with no purpose. As with all materials, music materials should be rotated monthly to provide a variety of experiences and avoid boredom. Provide opportunities for children to listen to a wide variety of music such as lullabies, instrumental, jazz, rock, country, and folk songs. In addition, preschoolers and school-agers should have access to a CD player or something to play music of their choice. School-agers could have music props instead such as scarves for dancing.

Sing, listen, move, dance, enjoy music!!

*Information adapted from the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale – Revised, the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale – Revised, the School-age Care Environment Rating Scale, the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale – Revised, the All About the ITERS-R, and the All About the ECERS-R.*

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***“What makes America exceptional isn’t just the size of our economy or our influence around the globe. [It’s] the promise we make to our children; the idea that no matter who they are, what they look like, where they start, how much their parents earn, they can make it if they try. It’s the essential promise of America — that where you start should not and will not determine how far you can go.”***

***— President Obama, December 10, 2014***

On December 10, 2014, across Delaware and the country, many Early Care and Education professionals were streaming the summit on Early Childhood Education, hosted by President Obama. *“Early education is one of the best investments we can make — not just in a child’s future, but in our country,”* the President said. To support this statement, research shows that children with high-quality early education are more



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## Sussex County Provider Spotlight: A Delaware Stars Story

Being in Stars has boosted my confidence as a childcare provider. It has pulled me out of the slump I was in as a result of twenty plus years in the business. I look forward to each adventurous day in my “renovated” program. The possibilities are endless! I would encourage any provider that is not in Stars to give it a try. What do you have to lose? There is no obligation and you can withdraw at any time. Stars is not on a mission to criticize your program or point out things you are not doing correctly. They are there to help you become a high quality program that offers amazing growth to the children in your program.

When you join Stars, a technical assistant will be provided for you to guide you through the process. They will become your “right hand man”, confidant, friend and mentor. They are dedicated individuals who care about you, your program and the children in your program and their families. Their knowledge of the Standards and best practices will benefit your program by supporting you as you improve. You always advance at your own pace. The technical assistant will help guide you to set goals and work towards achieving them. Appointments are scheduled at your convenience to discuss areas of concern or questions that you may have. With each advancement to different star levels, grant money is available to assist in gathering additional materials for your program to adhere to the current Delaware Stars standards. Most Delaware participants (providers) are more than happy to help you, allow you to visit their program and answer any questions you may have.

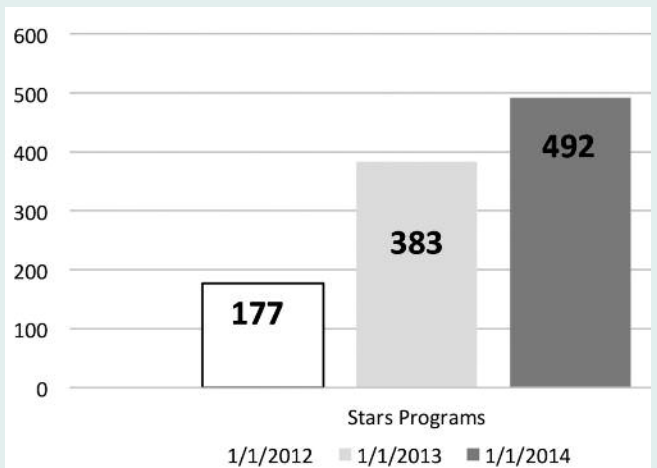
I am proud to say that with Delaware Stars, I was able to reach a Star Level 5 in one year! There was a lot of blood sweat and tears involved (well maybe no blood) and it was worth every minute. I am also proud to be an Ambassador with Delaware Stars. I am humbled to have been nominated to be a part of this wonderful group of ladies. They are uplifting, encouraging, helpful and just an all-around great group! I couldn’t ask to be a part of a better Cohort. I enjoy sharing ideas, advocating for Delaware Stars and helping to continue to improve the program as well as gaining valuable tips and learning from other Ambassadors. And last but not least by far, I am proud of my assistant, and the parents and children in my program. Without the help of all three, achieving a Star Level 5 would not have been possible. My assistant worked just as hard as I did to be in compliance with the Delaware Stars Standards. The parents and children in my program are the best! They truly care about our program and the way we operate. We all share the same common goal to provide all children the opportunity to learn, grow and develop in a safe, loving, and nurturing environment with endless opportunities!

My personal experience with Stars has been a learning experience. I’ve grown professionally as a result of being

in Stars. I am grateful that I’ve had the opportunity to work with a very educated, knowledgeable, and helpful technical assistant that has always praised my efforts and accomplishments. She has gone out of her way to make sure every question I had was answered correctly and understood. In the beginning I was a little skeptical and wasn’t very fond of more “work”. I quickly realized Delaware Stars was only there to help me improve the quality of my program. The numerous resources, agencies, and quality assured trainings that are available to me at the tip of my fingers are a Godsend. I am super proud to be a participant in the Delaware Stars Program.

If you are a provider in Sussex County and want to learn more about Delaware Stars from a child care provider, please contact Jamie Webb, Large Family Child Care Provider in Sussex County and a Delaware Stars Ambassador, her email address is [poohspace123@aol.com](mailto:poohspace123@aol.com) For more information on the Delaware Stars Family Child Care Ambassadors visit our website [www.delawarestars.udel.edu/delaware-stars-ambassadors](http://www.delawarestars.udel.edu/delaware-stars-ambassadors) If you would like to join Delaware Stars or learn more about it, please contact Valerie Smirlock 302-831-7534 or email [smirlock@udel.edu](mailto:smirlock@udel.edu)

### Our Shining Stars are Rising



Child care programs participating in Delaware Stars are on the rise. We are so proud of all our Delaware Stars providers for their hard work and commitment to quality child care. We’d like to take this opportunity to send thanks for all you do for children and families and for spreading the word about how Delaware Stars has supported your journey to building quality!

If you would like to learn more about joining our rising Stars, please call Chris at 302-831-7534 or email Valerie Smirlock [smirlock@udel.edu](mailto:smirlock@udel.edu)

## Delaware Stars on the Rise

The following programs have risen in Star Level Designation since June 2014 through November 2014. Congratulations!

### NEW Star Level 3

Children First Learning Center, Inc.  
Children of America-Hockessin  
Little Blessings Daycare Site I  
Little Blessings Site II  
Mary E Herring Daycare Center & Preschool  
Panda Early Education Center  
Rainbow Daycare And Preschool  
Shell's Child Care Center II  
Tender Hearts Learning Center, Inc. Building Two  
Tot's Turf Early Learning Center  
Aube, Bonnie  
Burton, Tina  
El Bouatlaoui, Yolanda  
Kane, Emma  
Lee, Ernestine  
Matthews, Tory  
Rodriguez, Rosa  
Sabahat, Rehana  
Smith, Jimmie  
Wells, Doreen  
Williams, Maxcine  
Williams, Sharon  
Tender Years Daycare

### New Star Level 4

Beach Babies Childcare  
Beach Babies Childcare Rehoboth  
Beginnings And Beyond  
Christina Early Education Center  
Decc Ecap - East Dover  
Foulk Preschool (Foulk Road)  
Kiddie Kollege Institute  
Kids Cottage  
Little Friends Learning Academy, Llc  
Lullaby Learning Center At North Village Main  
Newark Christian Child Care  
Red Clay Prek Program - Mote  
Salvation Army Early Learning Center  
Seeds Of Jesus Daycare, Llc.  
Sunshine Kids Academy  
The Fairchild Day School

The Learning Center , TLC Inc.  
The Learning Center at Calvary  
Tutor Time Childcare Harmony Road  
West Center City Learning Center, Inc.  
Western YMCA Meadowood School  
Brown, Christine  
Crump, Roberta  
Hernandez, Marilyn  
Morgan, Stacy Lynn  
Truitt, Lakeisha  
Weston, Neareen  
Happy Munchkins  
Kids Kastle  
Our Children's Learning Center, Llc  
Bear/Glasgow YMCA - McVey  
Kid's Inc. - Reformation Lutheran Church

### New Star Level 5

Boys & Girls Club @ Milford  
Brandywine Ecap  
Decc Ecap - Lewes School  
Hockessin Athletic Club  
Kristin's Care Preschool & Learning Center  
Lessons Learned Day Care And Preschool II  
Lil' Red Hen Nursery School, Inc.  
Little Einstein's Preschool - Millsboro  
Parents And Children Together at Tech  
Pediatric Health Choice at The Children's Secret Garden  
St. Helena's Early Learning Center  
The Little School At Kids Cottage  
Davis, Samantha  
Flannagan, Angela  
Purnell, Oneida  
Boys & Girls Club @ Milton



## Delaware Health and Social Services is Studying 2015 CHILD CARE PRICES

**D**elaware Health and Social Services will soon be collecting information about prices that providers charge parents. This is part of a Child Care Market Rate Survey required by the federal government every two years.

The Division of Social Services has hired a consulting firm, Workplace Solutions, to contact almost half of the providers throughout the state. Within the coming weeks, the firm will be calling providers to conduct a brief telephone interview. Providers will be asked about the ages of the children served at their site and the rates for their child-care services. The state agency and the legislature will use the collected price information to help them as they set rates for state-subsidized child care.

All information gathered by Workplace Solutions is considered to be confidential and only summary information will be reported to the state. Participation in the survey is voluntary.

We ask you to participate in the interview if you are contacted. Your participation will help children, parents and providers in Delaware. If you have any questions, please contact Marleen Waples, Social Service Administrator, at the Delaware Division of Social Services (302-255-9607).

## Delaware Museum of Natural History Offering Onsite Training

**T**he Delaware Museum of Natural History is NOW offering training programs at YOUR site designed to meet your needs. We can create programs specific to your students and/or curricular needs or interests. We also offer an array of training sessions from *Seeing Science Everywhere*, a hands-on approach that promotes inquiry based learning techniques and lessons that can be integrated into your daily routines.

Contact School Program Coordinator, Lois Lamond at [llamond@delmnh.org](mailto:llamond@delmnh.org) or 302-658-9111, ex. 328 for more information.

## Apply Now for the Infrastructure Fund and the Capacity Grant

**T**ime is running out to apply for the Infrastructure Fund. 2015 is the last year to apply. The Infrastructure Fund, supported by Delaware Office of Early Learning through the federal Early Learning Challenge Grant, focuses on capital and technological improvements for Delaware Stars early learning programs. The Infrastructure Fund welcomes all licensed Delaware Star 2 programs and above that accept POC, and have a viable plan to move up in Stars or maintain Star 5 to apply for funding. The fund is also available for public and charter schools seeking an early childhood license. For more detailed information, you may download a copy of the Infrastructure Fund application by visiting [www.cffde.org](http://www.cffde.org) or contact the Infrastructure Coordinator, Brigitte Shellenberger at (302) 777-9751 or [brigitte.shellenberger@cffde.org](mailto:brigitte.shellenberger@cffde.org).

The Capacity Grant, support by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, is intended to provide quality improvement technical assistance strategies and grant resources to the early childhood and school age child care community to increase the supply of child care in areas where it is limited. The Capacity Grant technical assistance and grant awards are intended to provide resources that will enhance the quality of care in programs, and build the supply of child care programs that are in limited supply in one or all of the following areas:

- Children with special needs (defined as children with IEPs and/or IFSPs);
- Children who need care during non-traditional hours (defined as care needed a minimum of one hour prior to 7:00 a.m., until a minimum of one hour after 6:00 p.m., and/or care needed on weekends);
- Children who are English language learners;
- Infants and toddlers

For more information, please download a copy of the Capacity Grant application by visiting [www.cffde.org](http://www.cffde.org) or contact Program Manager, Debbie Renz, at (302) 777-9757 or [debra.renz@cffde.org](mailto:debra.renz@cffde.org).



## Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

**A**re you ready for a snowy winter? Now is the time to prepare for the snow days when the school age group will unexpectedly need to join our full day program. Whether you are a family child care, a preschool with school age before and after care or a separate school age program, having a plan and being prepared ahead will help ease confusion for all stakeholders- your program, staff, parents, and children!

Here are some things to consider and strategies to help you make a snow day plan:

- Post a note to remind families of your policy and fees for one and two hour delays, early dismissals and full days off due to snow. Even though they already have the information a timely reminder helps. Also remind parents to supply hats, gloves, scarves and other winter attire. Children have some extras on hands for families that may forget or need financial assistance. Communication is key to family partnership and engagement.
- Talk to your school age staff so they are “on call” for these special days, especially if they do not normally work all day at your site. Ratios still count on snow days.
- If you provide food (lunches or snacks) have an “emergency” supply on hand. Extra cans of soup, plus some fun snacks like hot chocolate, marshmallows and popcorn.
- It will not be a “normal” day. Children will be more than excited! Be prepared to change your original plans. Prepare a bin just for snow days complete with lesson plans and supplies. Be sure to include some of the following:
- Because they will be energized and excited; plan to engage children with big body play. They could “skate” in socks on the tile, linoleum or wood floor. Use small nylon scarves to throw and watch them float like snow. Use music to keep the fun under control. Use large cotton balls or yarn puffs for a snow ball fight.
- Break up the action with science projects. Supply magnifying glasses to look at the snow. For older children, use a microscope and freeze some slides with snow to observe the crystal formations. Look for tracks in the snow and identify the animals.
- Have some of the older children take some food color outside and color the snow or bring in a pan of snow to color. Be ready to talk about the melting snow.
- Pack some supplies for art projects. Marshmallows large and small make great sculptures and if you don’t

use glue they can become snow. Qtips can be used to create snowflakes. More ideas can be found on Pinterest and <http://handsonaswegrow/32-snow-themed-activities-kids/> (\*\*Check to see if this meets ERS specifications)

- Supply snow themed books. Some suggestions include:  
*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*Geraldine’s Big Snow* by Holly Keller  
*Five Little Penguins Slipping on the Ice* by Steve Metzger  
*A Silly Snowy Day* by Michael Coleman

For older readers, make available: *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Anderson or *The Friendly Snowflake* by M. Scott Peck.

Once you find great books that the children are excited about, incorporate them in dramatic play. Jan Brett’s *The Mitten* is fun to act out. Have children pretend to be the animals and use a blanket for the mitten. Read the story or have a good reader read the story and let each character act out their part. At the end of the story the mitten flies into the sky so the blanket can fly up. Do it enough times so everyone gets a turn.

Large puzzles ( 500 pieces or more) can entertain some school age children for hours. Use a flannel cloth that can roll up and preserve the puzzle for another day and keep the pieces from getting lost.

Make it fun and make plans for more than one day!! It could be a snowy winter!!





## Thelma Jamison SLD 5 LFCC and Delaware Stars Ambassador

Delaware Stars would like to highlight and congratulate one of its Delaware Stars Ambassadors, Thelma Jamison. Thelma received a House of Representatives Tribute, acknowledging her work in early childhood education and Delaware Stars. Thelma's award was one of four awards given at the Early Learning Summit on November 19, 2014. Each of Delaware's four Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge goals had an award to give to an individual or group who had statewide impact on goal achievement. Thelma's tribute states, *"We are proud to recognize this outstanding individual for her remarkable contributions to the advancement of Delaware's early childhood goal to be innovative and creative in the approach to early learning and inspire others to do their best in providing high quality learning programs. We commend her dedication and commitment."*

Thelma has overcome incredible barriers in the operation of her Star Level 5 Large Family Child Care Program in one of Wilmington's most fragile communities. Thelma has been a leader in her role of Delaware Stars Family Child Care Ambassador, spreading the word across the state about how Delaware Stars empowers providers to achieve high quality programming. She is also an instructor for DIEEC's Professional Development Department and facilitates a Wilmington Family Child Care Support Group. Currently, she is in the final preparations for opening a large child care center in downtown Wilmington, adjacent to the Wilmington Main Public Library. Thelma said, *"aside from the birth of my children, receiving this tribute is the most remarkable thing that has ever happened to me!"* - We think she is pretty remarkable herself.

## Building On Quality 2015

**B**uilding on Quality is a 6 hour professional development course (no cost and counts toward licensing training requirements) which provides information about why high quality early learning programs are so critically important for young children, the impact early care and education can play and an in-depth review of the components of Delaware Stars and how they work together to support all early childhood programs. If you would like to apply to participate in Delaware Stars and register for this training, contact Chris Brautigam 302-831-7354.

**February 21**, Saturday, 9:00am-3:30pm  
UD Laboratory Preschool  
459 Wyoming Road  
Newark, DE 19716

**March 21**, Saturday, 9:00am-3:30pm  
Salvation Army Early Learning Center  
400 North Orange Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

**April 25**, Saturday, 9:00am-3:30pm  
Adams State Service Center  
Public Health Conference Room  
546 S. Bedford Street  
Georgetown, DE 19947

**May 9**, Saturday, 9:00am-3:30pm  
UD Laboratory Preschool  
459 Wyoming Road  
Newark, DE 19716

**June 13**, Saturday, 9:00-3:30pm  
DIEEC Dover Office and Training  
Blue Hen Mall, Suite 1E  
655 South Bay Road  
Dover, DE 19901

**September 19**, Saturday, 9:00am-3:30pm  
Salvation Army Early Learning Center  
400 North Orange Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

**October 17**, Saturday, 9:00am-3:30pm  
The Learning Center, TLC, Incorporated  
258 North Rehoboth Boulevard  
Milford, DE 19963

**November 14**, Saturday, 9:00-3:30pm  
UD Laboratory Preschool  
459 Wyoming Road  
Newark, DE 19716

**Please bring your lunch and beverage.**

## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware

Scholarships are currently available for individuals pursuing their education in early care and education (ECE). The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware program offers financial assistance to help pay for Associate and Bachelor degrees in ECE and the CDA Assessment Fee. A participant must work in Delaware, be employed for at least six months at a licensed early care and education center or self-employed as a Level II Family Childcare Provider, and work at least 20 hours per week. A high school diploma or equivalent is required. Income information must be provided and is used for determining eligibility.

The Components of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware Scholarship Program:

### CDA Assessment

- \$375 of Assessment Fee

### Associate Degree in Early Childhood

- 85% of Tuition
- 90% of Books
- Travel Allowance

### Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood

- 85% of Tuition
- 90% of Books
- Travel Allowance

For more information, contact Paula Holloway, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware Coordinator, at 302-764-1501 or at [pholloway@daeyc.org](mailto:pholloway@daeyc.org).



## Quick Response Codes

Do you have a Smartphone? *Provider Pursuits* has included Quick Response or QR Codes throughout. Did you know you can download the App for free? Use your phone to visit [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org) or go right to the Calendar or Registry to enroll in classes; or that of early childhood organizations. Let us know how it works for you!



## Curriculum & Assessment Credential

Beginning January, 2015, Delaware will launch its seventh Early Childhood Credential – Curriculum & Assessment. This credential has been designed for early childhood professionals who serve as an Early Childhood Curriculum Coordinator in an Early Care and Education Center. The credential requires an individual to demonstrate successful completion of nine (9) credits from a regionally accredited college or university, three (3) in each of the following areas: Child Development, Assessment and Curriculum. Each course must be a minimum of three (3) credits and be based on content related to children birth through second grade.

This credential will become an Essential Standard for Delaware Stars 4 & 5, beginning July 1, 2016. Programs participating in Delaware Stars must meet this standard after this date if they are moving to a Star 4 or 5 or re-verifying at a Star 4 or 5. More information will be posted at: <https://dieecpd.org/early-childhood-credentials> in January.



## CPR & First Aid Training

<b>Advanced CPR/First Aid Training</b> <a href="http://www.advancedcprfirstaidtraining.com">www.advancedcprfirstaidtraining.com</a>	302-602-3632
<b>American Red Cross</b> <a href="http://www.redcrossdelmarva.org">www.redcrossdelmarva.org</a>	800-777-6620
<b>Beacon Safety</b> <a href="http://www.beaconsafety.com">www.beaconsafety.com</a>	302-428-6073
<b>Christiana Care</b> <a href="http://www.christianacare.org">www.christianacare.org</a>	302-733-1395
<b>First State Safety Services</b> <a href="http://www.firststatesafety.com">www.firststatesafety.com</a>	302-292-1368
<b>Heartcare CPR Instruction</b> <a href="http://www.heartcarecprinstruction.com">www.heartcarecprinstruction.com</a>	302-562-0517
<b>Make-A-Difference Training Center, Inc.</b> <a href="http://www.madtci.com">www.madtci.com</a>	302-792-0542
<b>Rescue Breath</b> <a href="http://www.rescue-breath.com">www.rescue-breath.com</a>	302-387-1541

## Training for Early Care and Education (TECE) I & II

Are you thinking of registering for TECE I or TECE II? If so, please be advised that each of the sponsoring agencies have a mandatory minimum class size, if the minimum do not register for the class it will be cancelled.

### DE Technical & Community College Owens

**Campus**, Rt. 18, Georgetown, DE 855-1617

**DE Technical & Community College Terry Campus**,  
100 Campus Drive, Dover DE 857-1400

**DE Technical & Community College Wilmington & Stanton Campus**, 333 Shipley St., Wilmington, DE 571-5378

**Delaware Skills Center**, 1300 Clifford Brown Walk, Wilmington, DE 654-5392

**Marshallton Education Center**, 1703 School Lane, Wilmington, DE 683-3652

**POLYTECH Adult Education**, 823 Walnut Shade Road, Woodside, DE 697-4545

**Sussex Tech**, 17099 County Seat Highway, Georgetown, DE 856-9035

## Seizure Recognition and Management

Seizures are vastly misunderstood. Most people believe that all seizures are convulsive, but more children have seizures that look like daydreaming or disruptive behavior. All of these situations have a negative effect on the learning process. This 1 hour introductory program demonstrates what the most common seizures look like and how to manage them in the educational setting. Our educator will come to any facility that will provide a minimum of 10 attendees. The maximum is whatever your facility can accommodate. The ability to show a DVD is necessary.

There is no charge for this program, but donations are gratefully accepted. Please contact The Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware to schedule this professional development, at 302-999-9313 or 1-877-369-2266.

## Verification of Qualifications Review Process

The Delaware First Professional Development system will process applications for qualifications for the Office of Child Care Licensing, Early Care and Education and School-age positions.

When an individual believes that he or she is fully qualified for one of these specific positions, a *Qualifications Application* should be filled out for that position. The process will be as follows:

1. Applicant reviews requirements of positions.
2. Applicant selects the position they qualify for, fills out and signs the **appropriate** form.
3. Applicant collects copies of transcripts, diplomas and training certificates to document training and education to meet the specific qualifications.
4. Applicant makes a copy of driver's license or picture ID and proof of age to meet qualifications.
5. Applicant collects signed copies of verification of employment form to document experience to meet qualifications.
6. Applicant mails form and all documents to:

**Delaware First, Department of Education, Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, DE 19901**  
*(Faxes will not be accepted)*

## Support Groups, Director Associations and Professional Organizations

Throughout Delaware, child care providers have organized into geographically-based support groups. The groups serve as a peer support system, in which providers can offer each other encouragement, share resources, network, receive training, and advocate for professional issues.

Some zip code areas are covered by more than one group. To learn more about the support group(s) in your area, please refer to the list below. Please call DIEEC at 302.831.3239 for any changes to this information or if a new group has been formed.

### Family Child Care

#### **Greater Wilmington Childcare Professional Alliance (serving all of New Castle County)**

Janet Nagengast 656-6898, Nancy Martin 475-5234, Connie Fitzwater 529-7986

#### **MOT Support Group Organization (Middletown/Odessa/Townsend) - 19706, 19709, 19730, 19731, 19734**

Kathy Manning 376-3771

#### **Newport/Elsmere/Wilmington Professionals Caring for Children (N.E.W.P.C.C.) - 19804, 19805, 19808**

Jane Hatfield 994-1084

#### **Northeast Provider Support Group - 19801, 19802, 19805, 19809, 19703**

Thelma Jamison 762-8645

#### **Pike Creek Family Child Care Providers - 19707, 19711, 19804, 19805, 19808**

Terry Windhorst 633-4633

#### **Region 1 - 19703, 19803, 19809, 19810**

Becky Kalbach 764-1203

#### **City of Wilmington -**

Kyma Fulgence-Belardo 777-4099

#### **Smyrna/Clayton Family Child Care Support Group -**

Shannon Murray 743-6989 or Tonia Hurt 223-6506

#### **Providers in Practice - Statewide**

Claudette Sherwood 373-8479

### Child Care Centers

#### **Kent County Child Care Center Directors**

Kim Pridemore

857-1720

#### **Child Care Association of Sussex County**

Kathy Moore

856-3490

### Delaware Professional Organizations:

#### **Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC)**

764-1500

[www.daeyc.org](http://www.daeyc.org)

#### **Nursery-Kindergarten Association of Delaware (NKAD)**

571-0230

[www.nkad.org](http://www.nkad.org)

#### **The Delaware Family Child Care Alliance**

373-8479

[www.dffcca.com](http://www.dffcca.com)

## Universities/Colleges that Offer a Variety of Courses Related to Early Childhood

**Delaware State University** - [www.desu.edu](http://www.desu.edu)

**Delaware Technical & Community College** - [www.dtcc.edu](http://www.dtcc.edu)

**Wilmington/Stanton Campus** Kimberly Krzanowski, Education Department Chair, 573-5450

**Terry Campus** Lisa Peel, Education Department Chair 857-1743

**Owens Campus** Dr. Nancy Campbell, Education Department Chair 855-1654

**Springfield College** - [www.spfldcol.edu](http://www.spfldcol.edu)

**University of Delaware** - [www.hdfs.udel.edu](http://www.hdfs.udel.edu)

**Wilmington University** - [www.wilmu.edu](http://www.wilmu.edu)

**Please visit our website for the most current and up-to-date course offerings and locations  
NO DROP-INS PERMITTED FOR ANY CLASSES**

**To register for classes**, visit our website at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)

- First time visitors must create a registration profile. Select New User to complete a profile and obtain a user name and password
- Returning visitors: login with assigned user name and password

In order to complete your training registration, you must have:

- Valid credit card or check. All registrations are completed through a secure transaction
- Access to the internet
- Email address

Details for each course offered through the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC) or its partners are available at the Institute website: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org). Information on each course includes the following categories: course title and description; content area; training level; date(s) and times; location; and intended audience. You can search for trainings by location (county), date, and course title. Once you have chosen a course(s), complete the registration and payment on line.

After completing your registration, print the confirmation page as a receipt for your records.

**Instructors cannot accept payments or drop-ins on the day of class  
Registration closes 48 hours prior to the class. No registration on the day of the class.**

**If you do not have internet access:** Please call the Institute to confirm class space availability: 831-3239.

Profiles are required for first time registrants. Registration can be completed over the phone with a check or credit card.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

Participants who have registered for classes cancelled by the Institute or its partners will be provided a credit toward another class.

If a participant cancels their class registration 24 hours prior to the class beginning, a credit will be issued to be used for a subsequent class within six (6) months. If a participant does not attend the class and has not contacted the Institute 24 hours prior to the class, no class credit will be issued. **NO REFUNDS.**

Picture ID will be required for admittance to all classes sponsored by the Institute and its partners.

## Summit

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likely to have higher lifetime earnings, finish school, stay out of prison, hold a job, and start a stable family of their own. To confirm this, a study by the Council of Economic Advisers shows that every \$1 invested in early education today can save more than \$8 in the future. This report also confirmed that improving access to high-quality, affordable child care results in increased rates of employment and higher incomes for working parents.

During the summit the President announced that 250 million dollars in federal preschool development grants were awarded, to help eighteen states expand the reach of early education programs in high-need communities. Additionally, up to \$500 million in federal grants were awarded to many states to expand and improve Early Head Start programs and child care partnerships. Delaware was one of the states to be awarded this grant. (read here: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/early-learning/ehs-cc-partnerships/grant-awardees>)

Vice President Joe Biden provided the closing remarks for the summit. He asked the audience to imagine if each of the country's 4-year-olds had a chance to attend preschool. He closed by saying, "Every child is capable of succeeding. They just need a chance."

During the summit, the First Five Years Fund highlighted series of public service announcements that focused on different aspects of early childhood education, including home-based child care providers, home visiting and preschool teachers. These short videos were produced to highlight the importance of educating children in their first five years. Some well known celebrities took part in the series. You may recognize the voices of actors Jennifer Garner and Julianne Moore and singers John Legend and Shakira. Each spotlight ends with the tagline "When we invest in them, we invest in us." If you didn't have the opportunity to see the videos aired at the summit, you may view the videos at: <http://ffyf.org/>.

On December 10th, between 4:00-5:00 pm, many early care and education providers, advocates, and professionals across Delaware and the country joined ZERO TO THREE, National Women's Law Center, MomsRising, and thousands of individuals and organizations in a social media advocacy campaign. Many facebook posts and tweets were posted of professionals invested in Early Childhood holding signs urging our country to #investinus. The DIEEC team joined efforts, as you can see posted on page 10, we hope you did too!

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**Read Aloud Delaware  
29th Annual  
Conference**

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

**8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Middletown High School**

**\$50 (\$45 group rate) until Feb 19th;**

**\$60 after deadline**



Includes presentations from various  
instructors for over 20-25 workshops

Register early to secure workshop choices!



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Making A Difference Conference:  
A Conference for Early Childhood Professionals**

**April 17 & 18, 2015**

**Del Tech - Terry Campus**

**Online Registration schedule to begin:**

**January 26, 2015**

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Ta' Mora Jackson & Dr. Jean Feldman**



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### Save The Date!

**Career Advising & T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware**

(administered by DAEYC)

**Present**

**The First Annual  
Early Childhood Career Forum**

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

St Georges Technical High School, Middletown, DE

*A fun event for all early childhood professionals to  
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