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Celebrate Week of the Young Child
April 10 through 16, 2016

Join early childhood educators around the world to celebrate the week of the young child! The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families.

NAEYC has created a menu of activities for each day that you can use with your students.
New Assessment Training Dates!

We've added new assessment workshops! Click here to find a training session near you!

Early Childhood Advocacy Day May 4th!

9am-4pm, Legislative Hall, Dover DE (Photo ID required)

Let your voice be heard! Plan to attend Advocacy Day and join early childhood education providers, parents, business and community leaders to meet with legislators and share what's important to you about early childhood. Wear Yellow! Click here for more info!

Curriculum Raffle

Just One More Left!

We only have 1 more curriculum kit to give away to programs participating in Delaware Stars:

- Congratulations to March’s winner, Elsmere Presbyterian Child Care Center!!

Delaware Stars in Bloom Celebrations

Photo galleries of all three events, click below!

The Delaware Stars in Bloom Award Celebrations (March 2nd at Sussex Tech High School, March 8th at St. George's Tech High School and March 11th at the Delaware Children's Museum) recognized all the programs that have moved up in Star Levels in 2015. Those who attended to congratulate and recognize the hard work and dedication included…click here to continue and view galleries of the celebrations by each county.

Teaching Strategies GOLD Training Update

In Person versus Online Training

DIEEC Professional Development offers an in-person, 6 hour Quality Assured session on Teaching Strategies GOLD. The purpose of the in-person session is to support the implementation of Teaching Strategies GOLD as a formative child assessment tool. This session provides participants the opportunity to learn features of the...click here to continue.

Provider Spotlight

Keeping Children Physically Active Through Play

A Leap of Faith Child Development Center has been working to add more vigorous physical activities to lesson plans to help keep children healthy. After attending a training on the topic of Fun Physical Activity, the director brought back two resources for the staff to use: The Sesame Street Healthy Habits for Life tool kit and The...
This month enter to win High Scope Curriculum (value $389.00)

To enter to win this month's raffle, send an email to delawarestars@udel.edu and tell us why you chose to be a Delaware Stars program. The winner will be announced in next month's edition of REACH!

Celebrate the Month of the Military Child!

Each April, the Department of Defense honors military children and all they sacrifice as they support their families and serve their communities. Click here for free resources and join the nationwide celebration during Month of the Military Child!

Active Play book. One of A Leap of Faith's teachers used the Sesame Street Healthy Habits tool kit to create active play cubes for the game called...click here for full article.

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Ways to incorporate more sand and water play in children's daily play experience

Looking for ways to incorporate more sand water play into children's daily play experiences? Click here for ideas for adding sand and water play to your schedule. Including a "How-to" $30, 30 Minute, Do-It-Yourself Sensory Table you can put together.

What is Project Launch?

Project LAUNCH, which stands for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health, is a collaborative partnership aimed to promote early childhood social and emotional wellness for children birth through age 8. The target areas are in the city of Wilmington, specifically the Warner and Shortlidge Elementary school feeder patterns. The communities were selected because of the high rate of poverty, high crime and violence, and too few high quality early learning programs. In fact, 92% of children attending...click here to continue.

Sussex County Professional Development

Training Location Update: Adams State Center

Professional Development workshops at the Adams State Service Center occurring on Fridays or Saturdays will be held in the Cheer Room. Participants should enter through the Cheer Center...click here to continue.