

# REACH

a monthly e-newsletter for Delaware's early childhood and school age programs



March 2020



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We're here for YOU!



# 10 CELEBRATING YEARS

## **DIEEC Professional Development Marks Tenth Anniversary!**

**Join the Celebration at the Making a Difference Conference**

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC) and its Professional Development (PD) unit. We are celebrating this milestone throughout the year but especially at the "Making a Difference" conference.



## **De Colores, Home Learning Center** **Giving Voice in Three Different Languages**

Sarita Medero founded her large family child care program ten years ago and was very intentional about the name, De Colores, Home Learning Center. De Colores means "of color," in Spanish. For Sarita, she wanted to create a program where children of every color and every ability had an equitable opportunity to learn.

"My family and I were victims of discrimination just because we speak Spanish," said Sarita. "I want, and I love, inclusion, diversity, and acceptance."

Located in Dover, Del., Sarita not only teaches in English and Spanish but also incorporates sign language. Sarita teaches Spanish two days a week; however, she includes both Spanish and sign language in all her activities.

Please be sure to stop by our table for special treats and giveaways. You don't want to miss out on the celebration!



## **Sussex Learning Festival May 9, 2020**

You've expressed interest in having more professional development opportunities in Sussex County. We listened!

Register here for the first "Sussex Learning Festival." We designed a day filled with learning experiences to meet every professional's needs, and by attending you receive six quality assured hours. For more details click check the end of this publication.

Plus, you'll receive great giveaways.

Details are:

**Saturday, May 9, 2020  
9 a.m – 4 p.m.  
Beach Babies  
31174 Learning Lane  
Lewes, DE**

"My students learn the basic words in sign language," said Sarita. "I teach the alphabet, family words – 'Mom' and 'Dad' – and other common words so we can sign short sentences," said Sarita.

Delaware Stars Technical Assistant Lea Attarian, who has been working with Sarita for four years, notes that the underlying reason for this Star Level 5's ability to sustain quality is a combination of "authenticity, intentionality, and openness."

"Sarita loves working with children, and they respond to her because she is genuine," said Lea. "She prepares her activities ahead and plans each detail. She knows her children's needs and works to give each child individual attention."

## **Stars Resources**

### **Curriculum & Assessment (C&A)**

#### **Technical Assistants**

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

**More details are included are at the end of this publication**

**Contact [Kristy Smith, kcsmith@udel.edu](mailto:kcsmith@udel.edu)**

**or call her at 302-650-7827**

**[Delaware Approved Comprehensive Curricula List](#)**

**is at the end of this publication**



## **DIEEC Special Offer Week of the Young Child**

The DIEEC will be completing a service project for one Stars program in each county in celebration of the Week of the Young Child, April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>.

All you need to do is nominate a program is go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1wCCMGV-idJH4poewBMk0RxElpAVMFUvZBAkEs-DDvgKtQg/viewform>. If selected, a DIEEC team will visit the program and work on an improvement project.

Keep an eye out on DIEEC social media outlets and at the Delaware Stars table during the Making a Difference Conference for more details.



**What's NEW?**

## **Delaware Stars Introduces Administrative Support**



## **Children's Book Week: May 4 - 8, 2020**

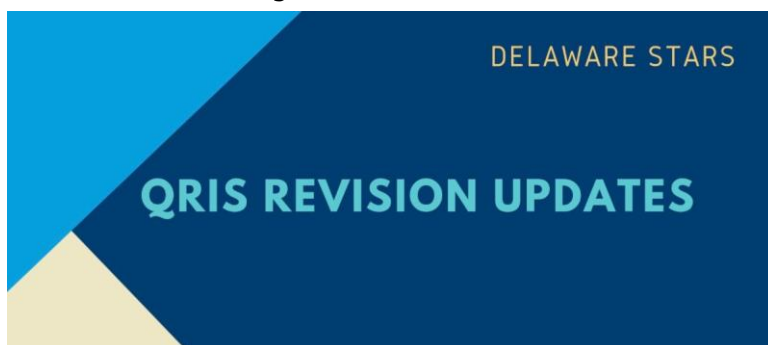
### **Mark your Calendar for this Upcoming Literacy Event**

For the fourth year, DIEEC is participating in Children's Book Week. Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative.

Here's what you need to know:

- In the coming weeks, you will receive an opportunity to sign up. The event is open to all early care and education programs (family child care, large family child care, school-age, and center-based programs, regardless of participation in Stars).
- During the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>, a volunteer will visit your program to read. We will then donate the books to your program. Additionally, each book will include activities and ideas to extend the book's content throughout the day.
- This year's theme is books that focus on math concepts. Because teaching and learning math can be intimidating, the books we selected will make this topic fun and engaging for both you and your students.

Stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact Lin Nordmeyer, [linnord@udel.edu](mailto:linnord@udel.edu), DIEEC Communications Manager.



This month, the OEL Team leading the Stars revision process enlisted the support of the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance (ECQA). Experts from this national technical

## Making a Difference Conference features New Learning Experience on Marketing

At this year's MAD conference, Delaware Stars will be rolling out a unique opportunity to develop and strengthen internal and external marketing systems with center-based and family child care programs.

Participants enrolled in "Marketing your Program" sessions (on Friday for center-based programs and Saturday for family child care programs) will have an opportunity to receive follow up coaching support from one of our new Delaware Stars Administrative Coaches. The flyer is at the end of this publication or contact Jen Potts at [jpotts@udel.edu](mailto:jpotts@udel.edu) with questions.

### Plan Your Professional Development

To get the most out of your professional development, look at our calendar and plan according to the competency area in which you would like to progress.

Another way to plan is by scope and sequence. This landing page provides you with an overview of our professional learning experiences by the level of the professional learning experience—introductory, intermediate, and advanced.

assistance center will provide support with the initial review of current Stars standards through the creation of a matrix (to look at strengths/weaknesses, feasibility, and measurability of standards). They will help the team map standards to the new Stars structure.

ECQA will also help with the review of alternative tools to support process quality. This stream of work began in February with a Delaware-led meeting of Stars Technical Assistants and Assessors to discuss the ERS-R, ERS-3, and CLASS tools and their potential use in the revised Stars. The Stars Revision State Leadership Team also met this month to discuss the involvement of ECQA and will be actively collaborating with this group moving forward.



## News from the Office of Early Learning Early Learning Community Conversations: Focus on the Workforce

Meeting dates are set for the next series of Early Learning Community Conversations, with the first dates at the end of March. The focus will be on the workforce.

Please be sure to attend to share your ideas for addressing current challenges in the early learning workforce. Details are included at the end of this publication.

## Capacity Grant: Application Deadline Update Funding for Delaware Stars Programs

The Capacity Grant, managed by Children & Families First, provides resources to enhance the quality of early learning programs. Additionally, it is intended to expand the supply of child care in Delaware in targeted funding categories.

Deadlines through mid-2020 to submit an application for the Capacity Grant are as follows:

- April 3, 2020
- June 12, 2020
- July 24, 2020



<https://dieecpd.org/annual-training-plans>

Finally, to help with your planning, we've provided the upcoming professional learning experiences by county.

[Sussex County](#)

[Kent County](#)

[New Castle County](#)

### **Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC) Office Hours**

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We are here to support you!

Monday – Friday 8–4:30 p.m.

Contact us at 302–831–3239 or by email [Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu](mailto:Institute-Early-Childhood@udel.edu).

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

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on facebook**



Applications must be received no later than noon on the deadline date to be considered for that award round. Eligibility requirements and grant guidelines can be found on the Children & Families First <https://www.cffde.org/capacity-grant>

An additional application deadline will be announced for the fourth quarter 2020. Questions can be directed to [Andrea Prettyman](#), [andrea.prettyman@cffde.org](mailto:andrea.prettyman@cffde.org) or call 302–233–6475.

## **Power to the Profession Update**

### **Join Live Stream for "Unifying Framework" Discussion**

"Power to the Profession" is a national collaboration to define the early childhood profession spearheaded by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

On March 9th, the Power to the Profession Task Force will share the "Unifying Framework" for the early childhood profession. They are hosting a viewing party through a live stream to give early childhood professionals the opportunity to learn more about the recommendations and next steps.

Details:

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Register at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdueSVeCLYBE80A-1Ffj1LBldPwTvhilCQBAj5nYKGxWzckPKQ/viewform>



## **Meet our Delaware Stars Family Child Care Ambassadors**

We are thrilled to announce that we have three family child care professionals who are supporting Delaware Stars as ambassadors.

We know that no one knows better what you experience than those doing the same work. Therefore, these ambassadors will be an invaluable resource to family child care professionals. In their role, they will:

- Answer Stars related questions for those considering joining;
- Collaborate by sharing ideas;
- Help with professional development choices;

- And provide support and networking opportunities.
- If you are a family child care professional, please feel free to reach out to:

Lynne Portlock 302-731-2655

Erika Vidal 302-367-6751

Stephanie Jackson 302-602-2349



## Let's Celebrate Spring!

### March and April Calendars

We made it! Spring arrives this month and with its arrival lots of activities. Be sure to check out this month's calendar for free opportunities for your program. Also, preview what's in store for April to help with planning.

*Please note more activities have been added to the March calendar.*

March & April Calendars are at the end of this publication

*Be Sure to Follow Delaware Stars on Social Media*



Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, University of Delaware,  
125 Academy Street, Newark, DE 19716

# The Role of the Curriculum & Assessment (C&A) Specialty Technical Assistant



## What is the role of a C&A Specialty TA?

We know that the quality of care in a child's first few years of life has a major impact on developmental outcomes. Delaware Stars offers C&A specialty technical assistance to work with both centers and family early care and education professionals to improve practice. Our C&A TAs have specific knowledge and skill sets to help you use curriculum and assessments in an intentional way.

Delaware Stars C&A Technical Assistants are available to work with you in a variety of situations all while coordinating their efforts with your Generalist TA.

**Contact us if any of these situations apply to you!**

Would you like support in getting the most out of your curriculum?

Would you like your lesson plans and schedules to be consistent with your curriculum?

Do you need help implementing your curriculum?

Do you want to use assessments in more meaningful way?

Would you like to simplify your observation process?

Would like to learn how curriculum and assessment work together?

### Ways we can support your program

- Curriculum/Assessment Selection
  - Discuss and help you think through your program's curriculum and assessment needs
  - Present an overview of approved curriculum/assessment tools
  - Provide samples for you to review
- Curriculum Consultation
  - Support administrators to work with teachers to fully understand the curriculum
  - Align curriculum so it fits with daily schedules
  - Help develop lesson plans that connect with the curriculum
  - Observe staff implementation and set goals based on teacher needs
- Assessment Consultation
  - Support administrators to orient staff
  - Help build observation systems
  - Develop strategies to include the assessment cycle
  - Use assessment data to plan



## Delaware Approved Comprehensive Curricula for Early Care and Education Updated December 2018

The published curricula listed below have been approved by the Delaware Department of Education, Office of Early Learning's Curriculum and Assessment Approval Committee, for use by Delaware Stars early learning programs. Each meets the requirements of [Delaware's Curriculum Rubric](#) and may be used as the basis for meeting the Delaware Stars Essential Standard LC1. In addition, published curricula specific to corporate early learning programs that have previously been approved continue to be approved.

Publishers of a curriculum that is not currently on this list, including published curricula specific to individual early learning programs, may request a review of their tool by contacting the **Office of Early Learning** at [early.learning@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:early.learning@doe.k12.de.us).

CURRICULA	AGE	MATERIALS*
<b>Big Day for Pre-K (2015)</b> <a href="http://52.1.239.6/products/big-day-pre-k/big-day-for-prekindergarten-new-2015- edition.htm">http://52.1.239.6/products/big-day-pre-k/big-day-for-prekindergarten-new-2015- edition.htm</a>	3-5 years	Big Day for PreK curriculum
<b>Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence (2013)</b> <a href="https://www.coreknowledge.org/our-approach/core-knowledge-sequence/preschoolsequence/">https://www.coreknowledge.org/our-approach/core-knowledge-sequence/preschoolsequence/</a>	3-5 years	Core Knowledge Preschool Starter Kit
<b>The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care, 3rd Edition</b> <a href="https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/teach/family-child-care/">https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/teach/family-child-care/</a>	0-12 years	The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care, 3rd Edition, with Daily Resources
<b>The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, &amp; Twos, 3rd Edition</b> <a href="https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/teach/creative-curriculum-infants-toddlers-twos/">https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/teach/creative-curriculum-infants-toddlers-twos/</a>	0-2 years	The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, 3rd Edition, with Daily Resources
<b>The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, 6th Edition</b> <a href="https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/teach/preschool/">https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/teach/preschool/</a>	3-5 years	The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, 6th Edition, with Daily Resources
<b>The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, 5th Edition</b>	3-5 years	The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, 5th Edition, with Daily Resources
<b>DIG: Develop, Inspire, Grow (2015)</b> <a href="https://www.abramsllearningtrends.com/products/dig">https://www.abramsllearningtrends.com/products/dig</a>	4 years	DIG: Develop. Inspire. Grow. Comprehensive Program
<b>Funshine Express Buttercups</b> <a href="http://www.funshineexpress.com/buttercups">http://www.funshineexpress.com/buttercups</a>	0-36 months	At least 6 2-month Complete Infant/ Toddler Curriculum Kits
<b>Funshine Express Fireflies</b> <a href="http://www.funshineexpress.com/fireflies">http://www.funshineexpress.com/fireflies</a>	3-5 years	At least 12 monthly Complete Preschool Curriculum Kits



**\*All listed materials are required to be available to staff in order for it to be considered a complete curriculum for Delaware Stars verification.**

CURRICULA	AGE	MATERIALS*
<b>Funshine Online</b> <a href="https://www.funshineonline.com/index.html">https://www.funshineonline.com/index.html</a>	0-5 years	Annual subscription or hard copy of online resources from annual subscription
<b>Gee Whiz Family Child Care</b> <a href="https://geewhizeducation.com/">https://geewhizeducation.com/</a>	0-12 years	Annual subscription or hard copy of online resources from annual subscription
<b>HighScope Family Child Care</b> <a href="https://secure.highscope.org/">https://secure.highscope.org/</a>	0-12 years	HighScope Infant-Toddler Curriculum Classroom Kit HighScope Essentials and Teachers' Ideas Family Child Care Programs: Building a HighScope Program
<b>HighScope Infant-Toddler</b> <a href="https://highscope.org/infant-toddler">https://highscope.org/infant-toddler</a>	0-3 years	HighScope Infant-Toddler Curriculum Classroom Kit HighScope Infant-Toddler Curriculum Site Kit
<b>HighScope Preschool</b> <a href="https://highscope.org/preschool">https://highscope.org/preschool</a>	3-5 years	HighScope Preschool Curriculum Classroom Kit HighScope Preschool Curriculum Site Kit
<b>The InvestiGator Club Pre-K Learning System</b> <a href="https://www.investigatorklub.com/product-descriptions/prekindergarten-learningssystem.aspx">https://www.investigatorklub.com/product-descriptions/prekindergarten-learningssystem.aspx</a>	3-5 years	InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System
<b>The InvestiGator Club Just for Threes</b> <a href="https://www.investigatorklub.com/product-descriptions/just-for-threes-learning-system-.aspx">https://www.investigatorklub.com/product-descriptions/just-for-threes-learning-system-.aspx</a>	3 years	Just for Threes
<b>Redleaf Family Child Care Curriculum, 2nd Edition with accompanying materials</b> <a href="https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/">https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/</a>	0-5 years	Delaware-designated Family Child Care Kit This kit has been developed specifically for Delaware Family Child Care programs. When ordering, use the item number KT5838, which includes items KT4465, KT4130, PP158
<b>Mother Goose Time, Experience Baby</b> <a href="https://www.mothergoosetime.com/experience-baby-infant-curriculum/">https://www.mothergoosetime.com/experience-baby-infant-curriculum/</a>	0-18 months	At least 12 monthly Experience Baby Curriculum Kits
<b>Mother Goose Time, Little Goose</b> <a href="https://www.mothergoosetime.com/toddler-supplement/">https://www.mothergoosetime.com/toddler-supplement/</a>	18-30 months	At least 12 monthly Mother Goose Time Curriculum Kits and accompanying Little Goose Teacher Guides
<b>Mother Goose Time</b> <a href="https://www.mothergoosetime.com/included-materials/">https://www.mothergoosetime.com/included-materials/</a>	30m-5 years	At least 12 monthly Mother Goose Time Curriculum Kits
<b>Opening the World of Learning (OWL) PreK (2014)</b> <a href="https://www.pearsonschool.com/index.cfm?locator=PS2q8r">https://www.pearsonschool.com/index.cfm?locator=PS2q8r</a>	4 years	OWL Comprehensive Kit

### Previously Approved Curricula

The Delaware Department of Education, Office of Early Learning recognizes that curriculum developers release new editions to incorporate the most up-to-date research, processes, and standards to support whole child development. For this reason, starting January 1, 2021, early learning programs will need to verify Star level using a curriculum edition on the *Delaware Approved Comprehensive Curricula for Early Care and Education List (Updated December 2018)*. Editions and curricula that are no longer on the approved list will continue to be accepted through December 31, 2020.

The following curricula have been updated and the editions listed below will not be accepted after December 31, 2020.

Curricula	Age	Accepted through	Recommended Materials
The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, & Twos, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	0-2 years	December 31 , 2020	Volume 1: The Foundation Volume 2: Routines and Experiences Volume 3: Objectives for Development & Learning: Birth through Kindergarten Celebrating Language and Literacy for Ones and Twos
The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	0-12 years	December 31 , 2020	Volume 1: The Foundation Volume 2: Routines & Experiences Learning Games Family Child Care Set Learning Games Complete 5 Book Set
DLM Early Learning Express	4 years	December 31 , 2020	Complete Curriculum Kit
High Reach Infants	3-12 months	December 31 , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75 Activity</li> <li>• Photographic Book</li> <li>• Plush Puppet</li> <li>• Music CD</li> <li>• Sign handouts to inform and involve families</li> <li>• Brainy Bunny Tidbits</li> </ul>
High Reach Toddlers	1-2 years	December 31 , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Experiences Guide</li> <li>• Interactive Posters</li> <li>• Board Books</li> <li>• Conversations Cards</li> <li>• Plush Puppet</li> <li>• Health Display</li> <li>• Optional Family Connections</li> </ul>

Curricula	Age	Accepted through	Recommended Materials
High Reach Preschool	3-4 years	December 31 , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Experiences Guide</li> <li>• Interactive Posters</li> <li>• Story Book</li> <li>• Conversation Cards</li> <li>• Math Manipulatives</li> <li>• Health Display</li> <li>• Optional Family Connections</li> </ul>
High Reach Family Child Care	1-4 years	December 31 , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User's Guide for Implementation*</li> <li>• Learning Experiences Guide (includes activities for Toddlers, Twos, Threes, Pre-K in 1 book)</li> <li>• Board Book</li> <li>• Storybook</li> <li>• Plush Puppet or Prop</li> <li>• Let's Talk About It, Move with Me, and Relating To (social/emotional, self-regulation focus) Posters</li> <li>• Conversation Cards</li> <li>• Heavy-Duty Math Manipulatives</li> <li>• Health Display (selected topics)</li> </ul>
High Scope Infant-Toddler	0-3 years	December 31 , 2020	High Scope Infant & Toddler Curriculum Set DVD Infant-Toddler Training Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “‘It’s Mine!’ Responding to Problems and Conflicts”</li> <li>• “Supportive Adult-Child Interactions” DVD</li> <li>• “Daily Schedules and Caregiving Routines”</li> </ul> “Tender Care and Early Learning: Supporting Infants and Toddlers in Child Care Settings, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed.”
High Scope Family Child Care	0-12 years	December 31 , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building a HighScope Program – Family Care Program</li> <li>• High Scope Infant-Toddler Curriculum Set</li> <li>High Scope Essentials and Teachers’ Ideas</li> </ul>

Curricula	Age	Accepted through	Recommended Materials
High Scope Preschool		December 31 , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Complete High Scope Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This 9-volume set includes a larger guide book on HighScope research and theory plus separate detailed books on the following content areas: Approaches to Learning, Creative Arts, Language, Literacy and Communications, Mathematics, Physical Development and Health, Science and Technology, Social and Emotional Development and Social Studies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• High Scope Essentials and Teacher Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Essentials of Active Learning in Preschool</li> <li>○ 50 Large-Group Activities for Active Learners</li> <li>○ Small-Group Times to Scaffold Early Learning</li> <li>○ Real Science in Preschool Here, There and Everywhere</li> <li>○ I'm Older Than You. I'm Five! Math in the Preschool Classroom</li> <li>○ Letter Links Alphabet Learning With Children's Names</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fee, Fie Phonemic Awareness 130 Prereading Activities for Preschoolers</li> </ul>
The InvestiGator Club Pre-K Learning System	3-4	December 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four year old kit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seven integrated investigation kits that include resource guide, song posters, CD, read aloud lapbooks, letter and math cards and materials, family welcome guides, online membership, assessment system</li> </ul> </li> <li>• "Just for Threes" supplement for mixed aged settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Social-emotional development kit, vocabulary cards, ABC game cards, Marvelous Me investigation, and a special teacher resource guide with lesson plans, activities, rhymes, chants, songs, fingerplays, and more</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

**Kent County**

**March 2020**

**Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
03/03/2020 06:00 pm	Mindfulness for ALL	Intro SE	2.00	John W. Collette Education Resource Center 35 Commerce Way, Dover	\$0.00
03/09/2020 06:30 pm	Kindergarten Readiness	Intermediate CE	3.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$15.00
03/11/2020 06:30 pm	Healthy Together: Teaching Nutrition and Healthy Living to Preschool Children	Intermediate HS	2.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$15.00
03/16/2020 06:30 pm 03/18/2020 06:30 pm	Implementing Teaching Strategies Gold	Intermediate OA	6.00	POLYTECH Adult Education 823 Walnut Shade Rd., Woodside	\$20.00
03/21/2020 09:00 am	Culturally Responsive Teaching	Intermediate PR	4.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$18.00
03/30/2020 06:30 pm 04/01/2020 06:30 pm 04/06/2020 06:30 pm 05/11/2020 06:30 pm 05/13/2020 06:30 pm	Promoting Social and Emotional Wellness PLUS: Teaching tools for life to maximize children's potential	Intermediate SE	10.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$10.00

## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

**Kent County**

**April 2020**

**Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
04/07/2020 06:00 pm	Success Through Focus: Brain Breaks and Energizers	Intermediate SE	2.00	John W. Collette Education Resource Center 35 Commerce Way, Dover	\$0.00
04/18/2020 09:00 am	Advanced Assessment for Teachers: Purposeful Planning	Advanced OA	6.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$20.00

## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

Kent County

May 2020

Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
05/04/2020 06:30 pm 05/06/2020 06:30 pm	The Parent Voice: Engaging Families	Intermediate FM	4.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$18.00
05/09/2020 09:00 am	Summer Camp Safety Training	Intro HS	6.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$5.00
05/18/2020 06:30 pm 05/20/2020 06:30 pm	Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing the Lens	Intermediate OA	6.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$20.00
05/19/2020 06:30 pm	Yearly Refresher - Summer Camp Safety Training	Intro HS	3.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$5.00

## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

New Castle County

March 2020

Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
03/02/2020 06:30 pm 03/04/2020 06:30 pm 03/09/2020 06:30 pm 04/06/2020 06:30 pm 04/08/2020 06:30 pm	Every Day Math PLUS	Intermediate CE	10.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$10.00
03/07/2020 09:30 am	Maintaining Equity in Early Childhood: (Suspension & Expulsion Prevention)	Intro SE	3.00	University of Delaware Downtown Center 13 East 8th St, Wilmington	\$0.00
03/09/2020 06:30 pm 04/13/2020 06:30 pm 05/11/2020 06:30 pm 09/14/2020 06:30 pm 10/12/2020 06:30 pm	Play for Development and Learning PLUS	Advanced CE	10.00	Claymont Community Center 3301 Green Street, Claymont	\$10.00
03/14/2020 09:00 am	Culturally Responsive Teaching	Intermediate PR	4.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$18.00
03/14/2020 10:00 am	Healthy Together: Teaching Nutrition and Healthy Living to Preschool Children	Intermediate HS	2.00	Delaware Museum of Natural History 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington	\$5.00
03/14/2020 10:30 am	Introduction to the Ages & Stages Questionnaires-Developmental Screening Tools (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2)	Intro OA	3.00	Bear Library 101 Governor's Place, Bear	\$0.00
03/16/2020 06:30 pm 03/18/2020 06:30 pm	Building Future Success in School Age Children	Intermediate SE	4.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$18.00
03/19/2020 05:30 pm	Seeing Science Everywhere: How We Grow	Intermediate CE	3.00	Delaware Museum of Natural History 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington	\$5.00
03/19/2020 06:30 pm	Integrating the Early Learning Foundation (ELF's) & Daily Experience	Intro CE	3.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$15.00
03/23/2020 06:30 pm 03/25/2020 06:30 pm 03/30/2020 06:30 pm 05/04/2020 06:30 pm 05/06/2020 06:30 pm	Promoting Social and Emotional Wellness PLUS: Teaching tools for life to maximize children's potential	Intermediate SE	10.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$10.00
03/23/2020 06:30 pm	FCC Business Practices 2: Contracts and Policies	Intermediate MA	2.00	University of Delaware Downtown Center 13 East 8th St, Wilmington	\$10.00
03/24/2020 06:00 pm 03/31/2020 06:00 pm	Science Up: Birds and Bugs	Intro CE	4.00	Delaware Museum of Natural History 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington	\$10.00

## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

New Castle County

April 2020

Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
04/07/2020 06:30 pm 04/09/2020 06:30 pm	Developing Relationships, Developing Brains: Infants and Toddlers	Intermediate CD	4.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$18.00
04/11/2020 10:30 am	Introduction to the Ages & Stages Questionnaires-Developmental Screening Tools (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2)	Intro OA	3.00	Bear Library 101 Governor's Place, Bear	\$0.00
04/20/2020 06:30 pm 04/22/2020 06:30 pm	The Parent Voice: Engaging Families	Intermediate FM	4.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$18.00
04/21/2020 05:30 pm	Seeing Science Everywhere: Habitats and Animals	Intermediate CE	3.00	Delaware Museum of Natural History 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington	\$5.00
04/25/2020 09:00 am	Implementing Teaching Strategies Gold	Intermediate OA	6.00	University of Delaware - Downtown Center 13 East 8th Street, Wilmington	\$20.00
04/27/2020 06:30 pm	FCC Business Practices 3: Marketing and Insurance	Intermediate MA	2.00	University of Delaware Downtown Center 13 East 8th St, Wilmington	\$10.00

## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

New Castle County

May 2020

Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
05/02/2020 09:00 am	Explore STEAM with Making and Tinkering	Intermediate CE	4.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$18.00
05/05/2020 06:30 pm 05/07/2020 06:30 pm	Advanced Assessment for Administrators: Data Driven Decision Making	Advanced OA	6.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$20.00
05/14/2020 06:30 pm	Yearly Refresher - Summer Camp Safety Training	Intro HS	3.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$5.00
05/15/2020 09:00 am	Summer Camp Safety Training	Intro HS	6.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$5.00
05/21/2020 06:30 pm	Math 1,2,3: Understanding Children's Math Development	Intro CE	3.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$10.00
05/26/2020 06:30 pm 05/28/2020 06:30 pm	Differences Matter: The Diversity of Gender in the Early Childhood Program	Intermediate CD	4.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$18.00



## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

**Sussex County**

**March 2020**

**Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
03/07/2020 09:00 am	Explore STEAM with Making and Tinkering	Intermediate CE	4.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$18.00
03/14/2020 09:30 am	Maintaining Equity in Early Childhood: (Suspension & Expulsion Prevention)	Intro SE	3.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$0.00
03/21/2020 09:00 am	Advanced Assessment for Teachers: Purposeful Planning	Advanced OA	6.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$20.00
03/30/2020 06:30 pm 04/01/2020 06:30 pm	Implementing Teaching Strategies Gold	Intermediate OA	6.00	Sussex Central High School 26026 Patriots Way, Georgetown	\$20.00

## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

**Sussex County**

**April 2020**

**Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
04/09/2020 05:30 pm	Seeing Science Everywhere: Seasons and Weather	Intermediate CE	3.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$15.00
04/23/2020 06:30 pm	Intergrating the Early Learning Foundation (ELF's) & Daily Experience	Intro CE	3.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$15.00
04/25/2020 09:00 am	Summer Camp Safety Training	Intro HS	6.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$5.00

## DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

**Sussex County**

**May 2020**

**Register at: [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)**

DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
05/05/2020 06:30 pm 05/07/2020 06:30 pm	Advanced Assessment for Administrators: Data Driven Decision Making	Advanced OA	6.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$20.00
05/30/2020 09:00 am	Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice	Intro OA	6.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$20.00

*New and Exciting!*

## DEVELOP A SUCCESSFUL MARKETING PLAN FOR YOUR EARLY CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Sign up for the upcoming "Marketing Your Program" Professional Learning Experience.

### EXPLORE THE IMPACT MARKETING CAN HAVE ON YOUR PROGRAM

Your focus is caring for and educating young children. In addition, you run a business. Key to any successful business plan is marketing. In these sessions, you will develop an external marketing plan to grow enrollment and explore how this focus builds the culture of a business. Internal marketing can improve relationships with staff and families and ultimately build a better experience for children.

### **PLUS** FOLLOW-UP COACHING

By attending "Marketing Your Program" sessions, you may have the opportunity for extensive follow-up coaching from our new Delaware Stars Administrative Coaches to support you in implementation.

**Disclaimer:** Coaching spots are not guaranteed to all participants. Programs currently enrolled in Delaware Stars will receive first access.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Marketing Your Program for  
Center-Based Child Care Providers

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Marketing Your  
Family Child Care Program

Attendance at one of the workshops is the first step to engage in this targeted support for leadership and management to expand current business practices. Click on the link to register:

<http://bit.ly/MakingaDifferenceConference2020>

### THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE, PARTICIPANTS WILL GET TO REFLECT ON:

- ➔ How is your program unique?
- ➔ What do you and your staff value?
- ➔ What is a mission statement? Is your mission statement an accurate representation of what you are offering to families and children?
- ➔ How does internal marketing build a better workplace?
- ➔ Who are your target audiences?
- ➔ Who is involved in your marketing plan?

At the conclusion of this comprehensive experience, programs will have a full internal and external marketing plan.



# SUSSEX EARLY LEARNING FESTIVAL



**GREAT  
GIVEAWAYS!**

## BEACH BABIES

31169 Learning Ln  
Lewes, DE 19958

**MAY 9, 2020**  
**9 AM-4 PM**

check in at 8:30 AM

**Don't delay,  
register today!**

Cost per  
participant: \$20

Receive 6 Quality  
Assured Hours!



*Save the date*

August Learning Festival  
coming in August 2020



[www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)  
or call (302) 831-3239

**ATTENTION:**  
**EARLY LEARNING PROVIDERS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Please join representatives from the **Office of Early Learning** and the **Office of Child Care Licensing** to share your ideas for addressing current challenges in the early learning workforce.

**2020**  
**EARLY LEARNING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS:**  
**FOCUS ON THE WORKFORCE**

## MEETING AGENDA

Brief History of the Early Learning Workforce in Delaware

Group Discussion and Brainstorming

Recruitment

Retention

Compensation

Collectively Identify Actionable Solutions

## CHOOSE YOUR MEETING DATE

**March 23, 2020 - 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

Route 9 Library & Innovation Center  
Black Box Theatre  
3022 New Castle Avenue  
New Castle, DE 19720

**March 26, 2020 - 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

Collette Education Building  
Conference Rooms A & B  
35 Commerce Way  
Dover, DE 19904

**April 2, 2020 - 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

Department of Transportation - South District Office  
Large Conference Room  
23697 South DuPont Highway  
Georgetown, DE 19947

**April 6, 2020 - 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

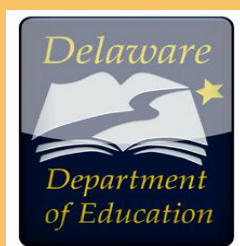
Appoquinimink Training Center  
Board Room  
118 South 6th Street  
Odessa, DE 19730

**Meetings begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

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**RSVP ONLINE:**

**[HTTP://BIT.LY/378ZY40](http://bit.ly/378ZY40)**





# March 2020

- [National Nutrition Month](#) throughout the month of March. **Be sure to check out our Facebook for tips, articles, videos and our monthly giveaway!**
- **Read Across America Day** is March 2, also known as Dr. Seuss day. [Check out their website](#) for more information and resources you can use in your classroom all year around.
- This year the **Making A Difference Conference** will be on March 27 and 28. To register please visit [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org) or call (302) 831-3239.
- **Family Child Care Meeting, Topic: Nutrition** at Route 9 Library, March 24 from 6:30-9:30 pm, [RSVP here](#).
- **2020 Early Learning Community Conversation Meetings** [\\*RSVP is appreciated](#)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <a href="#">Cooks and Books, Jr</a> (children ages 5-12), Hockessin Lib	2  <a href="#">Book Babies</a> , Bear Lib  <a href="#">Read Across America Party</a> , Brandywine Hundred Lib	3 <a href="#">ASL (American Sign Language)</a> class Appoquinimink Lib *registration required	4 <a href="#">Jitterbugs Storytime</a> , Brandywine Lib  <a href="#">Little Vikings Story Time</a> , Lewes Lib	5 <a href="#">Little Learners</a> , Dover Lib  <a href="#">Book Babies</a> , Kirkwood Lib	6 <a href="#">Toddler Stay and Play</a> , New Castle Lib  <a href="#">Jitterbugs Music &amp; Movement</a> , Newark Lib	7 <a href="#">Computer Basics (email basics)</a> , Bear Lib  <a href="#">Guest Children's Author: Julia Walsh + crafts</a> , Claymont Lib  <a href="#">Wizard of OZ interactive Experience</a> , Route 9 Lib
8 	9 <a href="#">Story Time with a Twist</a> , Hockessin Lib	10 <a href="#">Rhythm, Rhyme &amp; Storytime</a> , Brandywine Lib  <a href="#">Toddler Time</a> , Dover Lib	11 <a href="#">Toddler Tales</a> , Hockessin Lib  <a href="#">Family Story Time</a> , Route 9 Lib	12 <a href="#">Book Babies</a> , Kirkwood Lib  <a href="#">Preschool Pals</a> , Rehoboth Lib	13 <a href="#">Tax Help</a> , Brandywine Lib  <a href="#">Jitterbugs Story Time</a> , Claymont Lib	14 <a href="#">Microsoft Office Basics (Word, Part 1)</a> , Bear Lib  <a href="#">Chinese Story Time</a> , Newark Lib
15	16 <a href="#">L.E.A.P Literacy Education</a> , Lewes Lib	17  <a href="#">St. Patrick's Day Party</a> , Elsmere Lib	18 <a href="#">Book Babies</a> , Hockessin Lib  <a href="#">L.E.A.P Literacy</a> , Rehoboth Lib	19 <a href="#">Preschool Story Time</a> , Kent County Lib  	20 <a href="#">Book Babies</a> , Claymont Lib  <a href="#">Take Control of Your Finances</a> , Hockessin Lib	21 <a href="#">Saturday Storytime</a> , Dover Lib  <a href="#">Spanish Story Time</a> , Newark Lib
22	23 <a href="#">Book Babies</a> , Newark Lib  <b>2020 Early Learning Community Conversation Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM, New Castle</b>	24 <a href="#">Toddler Tales</a> , Brandywine Lib <a href="#">Crafty Story Time</a> , NCC Lib  <b>DE Stars Family Child Care Meeting, Topic: Nutrition @ Route 9 Library</b> <b>RSVP required</b>	25 <a href="#">Musical Story Time</a> , Bear Lib  <a href="#">S.P.I.C.E.S. Character growth for preschoolers</a> , Brandywine Lib	26 <a href="#">Preschool Story Time</a> , Kent County Lib  <b>2020 Early Learning Community Conversation Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM, Dover</b>	27 <b>Making A Difference Conference</b> <a href="#">Paint-Along for Kids</a> , Elsmere Lib  <a href="#">Jitterbugs Music &amp; Movement</a> , Newark Lib	28 <a href="#">Microsoft Office Basics, Publisher part 1 and 2</a> *Registration Required, Bear Lib  <a href="#">Tax Help</a> , Route 9 Lib
29	30 <a href="#">Sensory Storytime</a> , Appo Lib	31 <a href="#">Preschool Story Time</a> , Bear Lib  <a href="#">Food Smart Program</a> , Georgetown Lib *registration required/see details for adults  <a href="#">Bilingual Story Time with Ms. Veronica</a> , Georgetown Lib				

# April 2020

April 19-25 is National Library Week, check your local library for special events that week!

2020 Early Learning Community Conversation Meetings \*RSVP is appreciated

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> <a href="#">Sign, Sing and Play, Appo Library</a> <a href="#">Tortoise Tales &amp; Author Visit, Brandywine Hundred Lib</a> <a href="#">After School Snacks and Games, Georgetown Lib *children under age 18</a>	<b>2</b> <a href="#">Drop Everything and Read! Kirkwood Lib</a> <b>2020 Early Learning Community Conversation Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM Georgetown</b>	<b>3</b> <a href="#">Book Babies, Claymont Lib</a>	<b>4</b> <a href="#">Microsoft Office Basics, PowerPoint, Part 1, Bear Lib</a> <a href="#">Money School: Foundations of Investing Bear Lib</a> <a href="#">Drop Everything and Read! Kirkwood Lib</a>
<b>5</b> <a href="#">Build it! Dover Lib</a>	<b>6</b> <a href="#">Story Time with a Twist, Hockessin Lib</a> <b>2020 Early Learning Community Conversation Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm, Odessa</b>	<b>7</b> <a href="#">Bilingual Story Time, Georgetown Lib</a> <a href="#">Preschool Story Time, Lewes Lib</a>	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Jitterbugs Storytime, Brandywine Hundred Lib</a> <a href="#">Sensory Story Time, Claymont Lib</a>	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Drop Everything and Read! Kirkwood Lib</a>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <a href="#">Special Family Game Week, Kirkwood Lib</a>
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