

Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood

REACH

A newsletter for early childhood education
professionals

Dear early childhood professionals,

Greetings! We hope this message finds you well during the summer season. In this edition, we're excited to share some of the activities that are happening here at DIEEC.

First, we have a variety of professional learning activities designed to meet your needs. Check out our microlearning series tailored to support new educators in Delaware, along with some highlights from the variety of professional learning experiences that are now available on our training calendar. Notably, we're featuring an opportunity for family child care educators to strengthen positive interactions through personalized coaching - there are a few spots open, so sign up today.

Make sure to also take a look at the Let's Go Outside initiative. Applications for the next round are now open! In addition, we invite you to save the date for the second annual First State Family Child Care Conference. Mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there.

I'd like to close by noting that we believe in the power of community and collaboration. We encourage you to reach out to share your experiences, thoughts, and ideas - Email us at ecinstitute@udel.edu or give us a call at 302-831-3239. Together, we can grow our vibrant and supportive network dedicated to strengthening early care and education in Delaware.

With warm regards,
Kristy Sheffler
DIEEC Deputy Director



LET'S GO OUTSIDE



Applications Now Open

We are now accepting applications for the “Let’s Go Outside” outdoor learning initiative. This 15-hour professional learning experience supports early childhood professionals in learning about nature-based outdoor learning, designing and selecting materials for your program’s outdoor learning environment, and bringing your outdoor learning spaces to life. Applications are open through Saturday, July 15th, and the experience will begin in late August.

Learn more and apply through the DIEEC Let's Go Outside page: www.dieec.udel.edu/lets-go-outside-outdoor-classroom-grants

MICROLEARNING SERIES DEBUT



New Resources for Educators

Check out our new resource series. Microlearnings are digestible, actionable content delivered in 5-10 minutes and designed specifically for new early childhood educators in Delaware. They include ideas to build fundamental skills, routines, and competencies and can be implemented immediately.

Learn more and sign up at our DIEEC Microlearning page: www.dieec.udel.edu/microlearning



Upcoming PLEs to Meet Your Needs

There are some great professional learning opportunities on the calendar for July. DIEEC instructors will be offering a variety of PLEs focused on developing strong relationships, supporting STEAM in the classroom, getting started with the GOLD developmental assessment, strengthening outdoor learning environments, and building a healthy organizational climate, to name a few! Additionally, there are some wonderful options available from our sponsoring organizations focused on understanding autism and on implementing the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) developmental screening tool in your program.

Explore further and register through the DIEEC Training Calendar:
www.dieecpd.org/registry/calendar



New Opportunities Available - Reserve Your Spot Today

“Using Data to Improve Teacher-Child Interactions (Family Child Care)” is an exciting opportunity for family child care educators. Participants will use observation and coaching to set goals and strengthen positive interactions with children using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observational tool.

Take a look at what a recent participant had to share about her experience: bit.ly/3OivMaJ

To register please visit:
www.dieecpd.org/registry/calendar/training/7624



Save the Date

We're excited to announce that the second annual First State Family Child Care Conference will be held on October 14 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington. The event will include professional learning experiences, speakers, vendors, and fun activities to connect with your FCC peers. Mark your calendars, and stay tuned for more details.

Bookmark the FCC Conference page for up-to-date information: www.dieec.udel.edu/whats-new/1st-state-fcc-conference

**"Alone we can
do so little,
together we can
do so much."**

Helen Keller

As part of Delaware's early childhood support system, we're here to support your success. The [DIEEC QIS Revision page](#) contains information about the new system and is updated as new information is available.

Quick tip - The Delaware Department of Education sends out regular notifications; If you don't receive those messages, you'll want to sign up at tinyurl.com/EarlyChildhoodDE to stay up-to-date.