



April,
May & June
2020

Early Learning News

A Quarterly Newsletter & Training Calendar
of Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services



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Mud: Explore and Learn

June 29th is International Mud Day; but you can play and learn with mud all year long! Is there anything better than watching kids play together in the mud? Celebrate children's organic play and share your favorite mud moments and memories on Face Book with us! @GRECSMobile

Here are 3 fun ways to celebrate:

Mud play: Offer shovels, buckets, plastic animals and figures and water. Ask: what would happen if you did a deep hole and fill it with water? A shallow hole? Let your child explore and see what they discover. (See Five Essentials to Meaningful Play)

Mud paint: Fill a cup with dirt and water and mix to create mud paint. Use sticks or paintbrushes to paint on paper or the sidewalk. Construct mud objects: Shape mud pies or sculptures. Children can decorate with pebbles, or other found objects if they like. Ask: what would happen if you add more water? More dirt? Leave it to dry in the sun?

Mud books: Read books about mud! Try: *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud* by: Lynn Plourde; *Mud Pies and Other Recipes* by: Marjorie Winslow; *Stuck in the Mud* by Shana Corey; *Harry the Dirty Dog* by: Gene Zion

“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.”

- O. Fred Donaldson



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Alabama Early Learning Guidelines (AELG)

Children grow, develop, and learn throughout their lives. Alabama's Early Learning Guidelines are presented as a guide of building blocks that are important to support early care and to educate providers in preparing each child for future success in school and life. This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources.

You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.

(AELG) Session 1- Orientation: April 22, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

(AELG) Session 2 -Observation: April 29, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

(AELG) Session 3- The Role of Parent and Caregiver: May 6, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

(AELG) Session 4- Self-Concept and Emotional Development: May 13, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

(AELG) Session 5- Social Development: May 20, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

(AELG) Session 6- Language and Literacy: May 27, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

(AELG) Session 7- Physical Development: June 3, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

(AELG) Session 8- Cognitive Development: June 10, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

(AELG) Session 9- Putting it All Together: June 17, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm



GRECS Training Locations

When registering for training classes, please make note of the time and location of the session. Classes are held in 7 counties - Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe & Washington.

Baldwin County

Daphne Public Library
2607 US-Hwy. 98
Daphne, AL 36526

Spanish Fort First Baptist Daycare

8353 Spanish Fort Blvd
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Kid Plus CDC

900 S. Bay St.
Foley, AL 36535

Escambia County

Brewton Public Library
206 W. Jackson St.
Brewton, AL 36426

Monroe County

Monroe County Public Library
21 Pineville Rd.
Monroeville, AL 36460

Washington County

Washington County Public Library
14102 St Stephens Ave.
Chatom, AL 36518

Clarke County

Jackson Head Start
131 Mayton Drive
Jackson, AL 36545

Conecuh County

David Burt Agriculture Center
102 Liberty St.
Evergreen, AL 36401

Interested in training in your area?
Check out our website to find
training classes near you!

www.grecs.org

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**Week of the
 Young Child™**
2020

Save the date and join us April 11–17, 2020 for five fun-filled, themed days to celebrate our youngest learners! The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by NAEYC to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.

While NAEYC designates the date and daily themes, celebrations are organized and coordinated by individual early childhood programs and community organizations providing services to young children and families. Celebrations can be tailored to meet your own needs!

Again this year, NAEYC is asking its members, centers, higher ed programs, and everyone else in the early education community to Step It Up (SIU) during WOYC™. We kept the same daily themes, but we challenge YOU to expand them! Spread the word about the importance of high-quality early learning, and the critical role early childhood educators play in a child's development and learning.

Learn more by visiting:
www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview

Plan an event or activity for WOYC and let's celebrate with you! We will come out, take pictures and share your efforts on our social media outlets to highlight the importance of early childhood education.

Contact us at www.grecs.org or through our Facebook page - @GRECSMobile



Music Monday

Music Monday is more than singing and dancing, it's a way to encourage children to be active while developing their early literacy skills and having fun with friends and family!

April 13th #woyc20
naeyc.org/events/woyc

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 Young Child™**




Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday isn't just about eating your favorite snacks together. It's also about cooking together and connecting math with literacy skills and science while introducing ways to incorporate healthy habits into children's lifestyles.

April 14th #woyc20
naeyc.org/events/woyc

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Work Together Wednesday

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material—from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home.

April 15th #woyc20
naeyc.org/events/woyc

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Artsy Thursday

On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making. Create and share photos of your children's creations on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #woyc20.

April 16th #woyc20
naeyc.org/events/woyc

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Family Friday

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members' role as young children's first and most important teachers. Share pictures and stories about your family on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #woyc20.

April 17th #woyc20
naeyc.org/events/woyc

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**Week of the
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Looking for new
ideas and materials
for your
classroom?

Welcome to THE RESOURCE PLACE

A comprehensive lending library
and work room where you'll find:

- Children's Books
- Teacher Resource Books
- Outdoor Play Materials
- Manipulatives
- Puzzles
- Puppets
- Big Books
- Laminating machine
- Bulletin board paper, and more!!

Hours of operation:
Tues. - Thurs. 9a - 4p



How does it work?

At the Resource Place, instead of buying it, you borrow it – because it's designed to be used exactly like a library – a place where you can obtain information and borrow various materials for specified period of time at little to no cost.

What do I get?

With your annual membership, you can borrow up to 10 items at once to share with your students. We have everything from books, to manipulatives and puppets as well as valuable resources to give you new ideas to use in the classroom.

How much is a membership?

Membership costs vary. Legally operating child care programs are eligible for free memberships. Contact us today for more details on what you need to get your membership started today!

We also have a Work Room available to you complete with bulletin board paper, a large laminating machine and die cut machines. These items and services are available for a nominal fee upon use.

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251-473-1060 www.grecs.org



Training classes are listed in date order.

APRIL TRAINING 2020

It Isn't Rocket Science: Adding STEM to the infant/Toddler Classroom (APT)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Kim Johnson

Age Group: Infant, Toddler

April 2, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 20

Registration Ends 3/26/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 2, 8

DHR: CD

Children are natural explorers! Their curiosity is the foundation of exploring and learning. The beauty of STEM activities is that they just seem to happen naturally. Using PBS KIDS programming, hands-on activities, and books, participants learn how to add simple, fun STEM activities to their classroom.

Math, Science, Language and Literacy at Lunch

Brewton Public Library, Brewton

Presenter: Theresa Patterson

Age Group: Toddler, Preschool

April 4, 2020; 9:30am - 11:30am

Intermediate Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13

Registration Ends 3/28/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 2, 8

DHR: CD, LD

Participants will demonstrate how to use meal times to incorporate Math, Science, Language and Literacy into their curriculum. Participants will take home tools to help look at meal times in a new way.

Nature Explore: Outdoor Adventures

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Vicki Giles

Age Group: Preschool, School-Ager

April 7, 2020; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13

Registration Ends 3/31/20

AL Pathways: CGD, HSN, LEE

CDA: 1, 2, 8

DHR: CD, LD, HSUP

Participants will explore ways to guide children to discover the world as a place of wonder, a place worth learning about, a place worth caring for and protecting. We will also explore ways to keep students safe during outdoor experiences. You will receive materials to guide meaningful Outdoor Adventures.

Communicating Effectively with Parents

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Brittany Reynolds

Age Group: ALL

April 8, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 16

Registration Ends 4/1/20

AL Pathways: ICFC

CDA: 1, 4

DHR: CCPF, QCCL

Join us for a class on how to effectively communicate with parents from all backgrounds and demographics. Engage in up to date videos, articles, and websites that will help you create a plan that works best in your classroom for communicating effectively with parents!

Introduction with the Program Administration Scale (PAS)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Ann Sands

Age Group: Administrators, Directors

April 9, 2020; 10:00am - 12:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18

Registration Ends 4/2/20

AL Pathways: MA

CDA: 5

DHR: QCCL, ADM

PAS measures the level of quality of leadership and management practices of center-based programs across a wide range of items. After completing this course, participants will be able to use the tool for program self-assessment and improvement planning.

Basic Health and Safety

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Avery Fick

Age Group: ALL

April 9, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 1

Registration Ends 4/2/20

AL Pathways: HSN

CDA: 1, 4, 5, 8

DHR: CD, LD, HSUP

Quality early childhood education programs promote the nutrition and health of children, and protect children and staff from illness and injury. Come learn about effective health and safety practices specific to the childcare environment the caregiver is working in.

Child Development Series : Motor

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Abigail Baxter

Age Group: ALL

April 13, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Intermediate Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 15, 17, 20

Registration Ends 4/6/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE, ICFC

CDA: 2, 3, 6, 8

DHR: CD, HSUP

Participants will discuss developmentally appropriate activities that foster physical development and build self-esteem. The activities are built around developmental motor milestones and are flexible enough to encourage skill development for a variety of learners.

Ooh Baby, Baby! Creating an Inclusive Infant and Toddler Environment

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Samantha Davidson

Age Group: Infant, Toddler

April 16, 2020; 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 15, 20

Registration Ends 4/9/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE, COA

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 8

DHR: CD, PDG

In this hands on training, participants will explore strategies used to successfully create an inclusive environment for infants and toddlers.

Outdoor Play

Presenter: Lisa Kirkland

Age Group: ALL

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 19

AL Pathways: CGD, HSN, LEE

CDA: 2, 5, 8

DHR: HSUP

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

April 18, 2020; 9:00am - 11:00am

Registration Ends 4/11/20

Come explore the outdoors! This session will explore the importance of outdoor play and how to make it a priority. Participants will discuss safety aspects such as playground standards, inspections and equipment, all while creating the outdoor classroom as a part of the curriculum.

Designing Intentional Learning Play Spaces and Learning Environments

Presenter: Vicki Giles

Age Group: Toddlers, Preschool, School Age

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 15, 19

AL Pathways: CGD, ICFC, LEE

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 8

DHR: CD, PDG

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

April 21, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 4/14/20

Create supportive learning spaces that help students develop confidence, critical thinking skills, physical knowledge. Discover how to see the environment through a child's perspective. Build a safe, positive place that encourages students to take reasonable risks. Infuse nature into the built environment.

Alabama Early Learning Guidelines (AELG) Session 1- Orientation

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 17, 20

AL Pathways: CGD

CDA: 8

DHR: CD

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

April 22, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 4/15/20

This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources **You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.**

Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R)

Presenter: Kim Johnson

Age Group: Toddler, Preschool

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18, 20

AL Pathways: CGD, COA, ICFC

CDA: 3, 7, 8

DHR: QCCL, ADM

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

April 23, 2020; 10:00am - 12:00pm

Registration Ends 4/16/20

Learners will be introduced to the ECERS-R, which is designed to assess center-based child care programs. Participants will be introduced to items in each of 7 subscales: Space and Furnishings; Personal Care Routines; Listening and Talking; Activities; Interaction; Program Structure; and Parents and Staff.

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect in Early Childhood Settings

Presenter: Judy Cunningham

Age Group: Infants, Toddler

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 6, 11

AL Pathways: CGD, HSN, ICFC

CDA: 1, 3, 7

DHR: CD, HSUP

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

April 23, 2020; 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Registration Ends 4/16/20

This session is designed to help caregivers recognize, appropriately address, and prevent abuse and neglect in early child care. Participants will also discuss the prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and abusive head trauma.

Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R)

Presenter: Virginia Mostellar

Age Group: Infant, Toddler

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18, 20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE, ICFC, PPD, HSN, DIV, MA

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

DHR: CD, QCCL

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

April 27, 2020; 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Registration Ends 4/20/20

Learners will be introduced to the ITERS-R, which is designed to assess center-based child care programs for infants and toddlers up to 30 months of age. Participants will become reliably familiar with the tool and to properly assess and score items in each of the 7 subscales.

Toddlers and Challenging Behaviors: Why They Do It and How to Respond

Presenter: Anna Merritt

Age Group: Infant/Toddler

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 15, 20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 1, 3, 5, 8

DHR: CD, PDG

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

April 28, 2020; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Registration Ends 4/21/20

This training will provide information on the meaning behind challenging behaviors and offer suggestions to help care givers set age-appropriate limits.

(AELG) Session 2: Observation

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 17, 18, 20

AL Pathways: CGD, COA

CDA: 7, 8

DHR: CD

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

April 29, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 4/22/20

This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources **You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.**

Exploring Diversity and Differences in the ECE Classroom (APT)

Presenter: LaDanika York **Age Group:** Preschool
Basic Training Level **2 hours / 0.2 CEUs** **CCDF:** 13, 14
AL Pathways: DIV **CDA:** 3, 4 **DHR:** CD, LD, PDG

GRECS Training Room, Mobile
April 30, 2020; 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Registration Ends 4/22/20

Participants will explore ways of understanding diversity and fostering inclusion, acceptance, and cultural awareness in an early childcare setting through PBS KIDS learning resources, including video programs, books, and more.

Training classes are listed in date order.

MAY TRAINING 2020

Marketing Your Program for Family Child Care Providers

Presenter: Facethia Hogue **Age Group:** ALL
Intermediate Training Level **2 hours / 0.2 CEUs** **CCDF:** 18
AL Pathways: PPD, MA, ICFC **CDA:** 5, 6 **DHR:** CCPF, AM

GRECS Training Room, Mobile
May 2, 2020; 9:00am - 11:00am
Registration Ends 4/25/20

Family Child Care Home providers will explore ways to improve their ability to develop a marketing plan and use tools to communicate with families about the benefits of their program.

Medication Administration

Presenter: Avery Fick **Age Group:** ALL
Basic Training Level **2 hours / 0.2 CEUs** **CCDF:** 1, 4, 5, 8
AL Pathways: HSN **CDA:** 3, 4 **DHR:** HSUP, QCCL

GRECS Training Room, Mobile
May 5, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Registration Ends 4/28/20

During this session, we will outline general guidelines for appropriate administration of medicines and prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions.

Healthy Habits from A to Z (APT)

Presenter: Anna Merritt **Age Group:** Toddler, Preschool
Basic Training Level **2 hours / 0.2 CEUs** **CCDF:** 13
AL Pathways: CGD, HSN **CDA:** 1, 8 **DHR:** HSUP, CD

Spanish Fort First Baptist Daycare, Spanish Fort
May 5, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Registration Ends 4/28/20

Healthy habits are important for children to promote growth, learning, and development. This workshop will discuss ways that children can stay healthy-- from the first "Achoo!" to getting enough zzz's.

(AELG) Session 3: The Role of Parent and Caregiver

Presenter: GRECS Staff **Age Group:** Infants, Toddlers, Preschool
Basic Training Level **2 hours / 0.2 CEUs** **CCDF:** 16, 20
AL Pathways: ICFC, PPD **CDA:** 4, 6 **DHR:** CCPF, QCCL

GRECS Training Room, Mobile
May 6, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Registration Ends 4/29/20

This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources **You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.**

Creating Literacy-Rich Environments

Presenter: Virginia Mostellar **Age Group:** Preschool
Intermediate Training Level **2 hours / 0.2 CEUs** **CCDF:** 13, 20
AL Pathways: CGD, LEE **CDA:** 2, 8 **DHR:** CD, LD

GRECS Training Room, Mobile
May 7, 2020; 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Registration Ends 4/30/20

Learn simple strategies for using environmental print in the classroom to enhance children's interest in language and literacy.

Introduction to the Business Administration Scale (BAS)

Presenter: Kym Carroll **Age Group:** ALL
All Training Levels **2 hours / 0.2 CEUs** **CCDF:** 18
AL Pathways: MA **CDA:** N/A **DHR:** QCCL, ADM

GRECS Training Room, Mobile
May 11, 2020; 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Registration Ends 5/4/20

The Business Administration Scale (BAS) is a valid and reliable instrument designed to measure the business practices of Family Child Care programs. This workshop will introduce FCC providers to the topics and scoring system used in the BAS. **FOR FAMILY AND GROUP CHILDCARE HOME PROVIDERS ONLY.**

Words are Here, There and Everywhere (APT)

Presenter: APT Instructor **Age Group:** Preschool
Basic Training Level **2 hours / 0.2 CEUs** **CCDF:** 13, 16
AL Pathways: LEE, ICFC **CDA:** 2, 4, 8 **DHR:** CCPF, LD

GRECS Training Room, Mobile
May 12, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Registration Ends 5/5/20

Participants will explore key literacy concepts that are the foundation for language learning and reading. Through the use of PBS Kids programs, hands-on activities, books etc. we will investigate ways to incorporate activities in the preschool classroom.

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect in Early Childhood Settings

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Judy Cunningham

Age Group: Infants, Toddler

May 13, 2020; 10:00am - 12:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 6, 11

Registration Ends 5/6/20

AL Pathways: CGD, HSN, ICFC

CDA: 1, 3, 7

DHR: CD, HSUP

This session is designed to help caregivers recognize, appropriately address, and prevent abuse and neglect in early child care. Participants will also discuss the prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and abusive head trauma.

(AELG) Session 4: Self-Concept and Emotional Development

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool

May 13, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 15, 17, 20

Registration Ends 5/6/20

AL Pathways: CGD, DIV

CDA: 3, 8

DHR: CD, PDG

This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources **You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.**

Introduction to the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: ALL

May 14, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 20

Registration Ends 5/14/20

AL Pathways: PPD

CDA: 6

DHR: QCCL, CCPF

This introduction is designed for any professional early child care educator considering applying for the CDA Credential. This session will answer the most frequently asked questions, and address eligibility requirements and questions about applying. Participants will gain a solid sense of the credentialing process.

STEM In the Preschool Classroom

Monroe County Public Library, Monroeville

Presenter: Lisa Kirkland

Age Group: Preschool

May 16, 2020; 9:00am - 11:00am

Intermediate Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 17

Registration Ends 5/9/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 2

DHR: CD, LD

Young children are naturally curious. Through interactive learning activities, group discussion, and reflective writing experiences, participants will learn to create a classroom where rich STEM learning takes place.

Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale - Revised (FCCERS-R)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Brittany Reynolds

Age Group: ALL

May 18, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18

Registration Ends 5/11/20

AL Pathways: HSN, CGD, ICFC, DIV

CDA: 1, 3, 4, 5

DHR: QCCL, HSUP

This session will enable family and group childcare home providers to assess their environment and provision of care and identify clear steps to enhance quality. **FOR FAMILY AND GROUP CHILDCARE HOME PROVIDERS ONLY.**

Getting Started 2020

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: ALL

May 19-21, 2020; 8:30am - 12:30pm

Basic Training Level

12 hours / 1.2 CEUs

CCDF: 5,7,13, 15,20

Registration Ends 5/12/20

AL Pathways: CGD, ICFC, LEE, HSN, PPD

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8

DHR: HSUP

This basic-level, 12 hour course is broken down into (3), four-hour segments. The training you receive will meet Alabama Department of Human Resources' 12-hour training requirement to work in child care. **You must attend all sessions and will receive credit in all DHR.**

School's OUT! Summer Fun without the Summer Slide! (APT)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: LaDanika York

Age Group: School-Age

May 19, 2020; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 19

Registration Ends 5/12/20

AL Pathways: LEE

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 8

DHR: CD, LD

It's the learning slide that occurs in the summer. The secret to preventing the summer slide is to keep learning all summer long. This training will share books, explore activities, introduce apps, and view videos from PBS Kids that make summer learning fun!

(AELG) Session 5: Social Development

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool

May 20, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 15, 17, 20

Registration Ends 5/13/20

AL Pathways: CGD

CDA: 3, 8

DHR: CD, PDG

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Preschool Course 2020

Working with preschool children is an exciting, unique experience! During the preschool years, children are busy developing skills, using language and expressing a deep interest in the world around them. This informative 12-hour training course for experienced preschool teachers promotes ways to interact and respond to preschool children through planned experiences that support individual development in a quality early care and education setting. **You must attend both days to receive credit.** (Presenter: GRECS Staff; DHR: CD, QCCL, PDG, LD, CCPF, HSUP; Alabama Pathways: CGD, LEE, DIV, HSN, ICFC, PPD; CDA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; CCDF: 4, 7, 13, 15; Intermediate Training Level; 12 hours/1.2 CEUs; Age Group: Preschool)

Tuesday, June 23 AND 30, 2020
8:30am-3:30pm
GRECS Training Room

Calendar of Events

A Pull-Out Section for Posting & Copying!

Getting Started 2020

We will introduce you to the foundational information you need to provide safe environments, nurturing interactions & developmentally appropriate experiences for the children in your care. This basic-level, 12-hour course is broken down into (3), four-hour segments. The training you receive will meet Alabama Department of Human Resources' 12-hour training requirement to work in child care. **You must attend all sessions and will receive credit in all DHR.** (Presenter: GRECS Staff; DHR: CD, CCPF, LD, QCCL, PDG, HSUP; Alabama Pathways: CGD, ICFC, LEE, HSN, PPD; CDA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; CCDF: 5, 7, 13, 15, 20; Basic Training Level; 12 hours/1.2 CEUs; Appropriate for ALL Age Groups)

May 19, 20, 21, 2020
8:30am-12:30pm
GRECS Training Room

The Outdoor Classroom: "No Child Left Indoors"

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Thursday, May 21, 2020 | 6:00pm-8:00pm
GRECS Training Room

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">April 2020</h1>						
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	6	7 Nature Explore: Outdoor Adventures; 5:30p-7:30p; Mobile	8 Communicating Effectively with Parents; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	9 Introduction to the Program Administration Scale (PAS); 10:00a-12:00p; Mobile Basic Health and Safety; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	10 GRECS and EHS Closed for Good Friday	11
	13 Child Development Series: Motor; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile Music Monday- #WOYC2020	14 Tasty Tuesday- #WOYC2020	15 Work Together Wednesday- #WOYC2020	16 Ooh Baby, Baby: Creating an Inclusive Infant and Toddler Environment; 5:00p-7:00p; Mobile Artsy Thursday- #WOYC2020	17 Family Friday- #WOYC2020	18 Outdoor Play; 9:00a-11:00a; Mobile
	20	21 Designing Intentional Learning Play Spaces and Learning Environments; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	22 Alabama Early Learning Guidelines (AELG) Session 1- Orientation; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	23 Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R); 10:00a-12:00p; Mobile Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect in Early Childhood Settings; 5:00p-7:00p; Mobile	24	25
	27 Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R); 4:00p-6:00p; Mobile	28 Toddlers and Challenging Behaviors: Why They Do It and How to Respond; 6:30p-8:30p; Mobile	29 (AELG) Session 2; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	30 Exploring Diversity and Differences in the ECE Classroom (APT); 5:30p-7:30p; Mobile	<p>*All classes in Mobile County will be held at Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services unless noted otherwise.</p> <p>3100 Cottage Hill Rd; Building 4, Suite 400 Mobile, AL 36606; 251-473-1060 www.grecs.org</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services</p> 	

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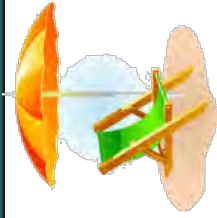


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11 Introduction to the Business Administration Scale (BAS); 12:00p-2:00p; Mobile	5 Medication Administration; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile Healthy Habits from A to Z (APT); 6:00p-8:00p; Spanish Fort First Baptist Daycare	6 (AELG) Session 3; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	7 Creating Literacy-Rich Environments; 5:30p-7:30p; Mobile	8	9
18 Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised (FCCERS-R); 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	12 Words are Here, There, and Everywhere (APT); 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	13 Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect in Early Childhood Settings; 10:00a- 12:00p; Mobile (AELG) Session 4; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	14 Introduction to the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA); 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	15	16 STEM in the Preschool Classroom; 9:00a-11:00a; Monroeville Public Library
25	19 Getting Started (Day 1); 8:30a-12:30p; Mobile School's OUT! Summer Fun without the Summer Slide; 6:30p-8:30p; Mobile	20 Getting Started (Day 2); 8:30a-12:30p; Mobile (AELG) Session 5; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	21 Getting Started (Day 3); 8:30a-12:30p; Mobile The Outdoor Classroom: "No Child Left Indoors"; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	22	23
26	27 (AELG) Session 6; 6:00p-8:00p; Mobile	28 Family Style Dinings; 6:30p-8:30p; Mobile	29	30	30 Outdoor Play; 9:00a-11:00a; Jackson

Sunday



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Monday

1 Child Development Series: Social/Emotional; 6:00p- 8:00p; **Mobile**

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Tuesday

2 Good Clean Fun: Science with Soap and Water; 6:30p-8:30p; **Mobile**

9 Water Safety; 6:00p-8:00p; **Mobile**

Wednesday

3 (AELG) Session 7; 6:00p-8:00p; **Mobile**

10 (AELG) Session 8; 6:00p-8:00p; **Mobile**

Thursday

4 Moving From Sensory Overload to Sensory Engagement in the Early Childhood Classroom; 6:30p-8:30p; **Mobile**

11 Learning Through Play: GROW, EXPLORE, DISCOVER; 6:00p-8:00p; **Lighthouse Academy of Excellence**

Friday

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Saturday

6 STEM in the Preschool Classroom; 9:00a-11:00a; **Evergreen**

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15 Introduction to the Business Administration Scale (BAS); 6:00p-8:00p; **Mobile**

16 Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R); 10:00a-12:00p; **Mobile**
*Preparing for Emergencies in the Child Care Setting; 6:00p-8:00p; **Mobile***

17 (AELG) Session 9; 6:00p-8:00p; **Mobile**

18 Strengthening Business Practices – Marketing Your Program; 9:00a-12:00p; **Mobile**

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20 Outdoor Play; 9:00a-11:00a; **Washington County Library**

22 Introduction to the Program Administration Scale (PAS); 4:00p-6:00p; **Mobile**

23 Preschool Course 2020; 8:30a-3:30p; **Mobile**
*Math with Infants and Toddlers; 6:00p-8:00p; **Mobile***

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June 2020



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GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Anna Merritt

Age Group: Preschool, School-Age

May 21, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 20

Registration Ends 5/14/20

AL Pathways: LEE, CGD, ICFC

CDA: 1, 2

DHR: LD, CD

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(AELG) Session 6: Language and Literacy Development

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool

May 27, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 17, 20

Registration Ends 5/20/20

AL Pathways: CGD

CDA: 2, 8

DHR: LD

This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources **You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.**

Family Style Dining

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Brittany Reynolds

Age Group: Toddlers, Preschool

May 28, 2020; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 15

Registration Ends 5/21/20

AL Pathways: LEE, CGD, HSN

CDA: 1, 3, 8

DHR: HSUP, CD

Join us for an engaging class on family style dining! We will discuss how to create and maintain an inviting and independent style of dining for your students. Learn how to get parents excited and involved in family style dining.

Outdoor Play

Jackson Early Head Start, Jackson

Presenter: Lisa Kirkland

Age Group: ALL

May 30, 2020; 9:00am - 11:00am

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 19

Registration Ends 5/23/20

AL Pathways: CGD, HSN, LEE

CDA: 2, 5, 8

DHR: HSUP

Come explore the outdoors! This session will explore the importance of outdoor play and how to make it a priority. Participants will discuss safety aspects such as playground standards, inspections and equipment, all while creating the outdoor classroom as a part of the curriculum.

Training classes are listed in date order.

JUNE TRAINING 2020

Child Development Series : Social/ Emotional

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Abigail Baxter

Age Group: ALL

June 1, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Intermediate Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 15, 17, 20

Registration Ends 5/25/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE, ICFC

CDA: 2, 3, 6, 8

DHR: CD, PDG

Professionals working in child care settings will discuss how to support the social-emotional development in various ways, including interacting directly with young children, communicating with families, arranging the physical space in the care environment, and planning and implementing curriculum.

Good Clean Fun: Science with Soap and Water

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Vicki Giles

Age Group: Preschool

June 2, 2020; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Intermediate Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13

Registration Ends 5/26/20

AL Pathways: LEE, CGD

CDA: 2, 8

DHR: LD, CD

Welcome to the SPLASH ZONE! Prepare to get BUBBLY! In this HANDS-ON session, we will explore ways to build physical knowledge using soap, water, and a few simple tools.

(AELG) Session 7: Physical Development

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool

June 3, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 5, 8, 13, 20

Registration Ends 5/27/20

AL Pathways: CGD, HSN

CDA: 1, 2, 8

DHR: CD, HSUP

This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources **You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.**

Moving From Sensory Overload to Sensory Engagement in the Early Childhood Classroom

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Virginia Mostellar

Age Group: ALL

June 4, 2020; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Intermediate Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 19

Registration Ends 5/28/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 8

DHR: CD, PDG

This workshop will include information about chaotic classroom environments and ways to move from sensory overload to sensory engagement through the use of light, which can reduce challenging behavior and increase learning.

STEM In the Preschool Classroom

Presenter: Lisa Kirkland

Age Group: Preschool

Intermediate Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 17

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 2

DHR: CD, LD

David Burt Building, Evergreen

June 6, 2020; 9:00am - 11:00am

Registration Ends 5/30/20

Young children are naturally curious. Through interactive learning activities, group discussion, and reflective writing experiences, participants will learn to create a classroom where rich STEM learning takes place.

Water Safety

Presenter: Avery Fick

Age Group: ALL

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 5, 7

AL Pathways: ICFC, HSN

CDA: 1

DHR: HSUP

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

June 9, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 6/2/20

Pools, lakes, ponds, and beaches means summer fun and cool relief from hot weather. But water also can be dangerous for kids if caregivers don't take the proper precautions. In this training session, we'll cover best practices for having young children in and near the water.

(AELG) Session 8: Cognitive Development

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 17, 20

AL Pathways: CGD

CDA: 2, 8

DHR: CD

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

June 10, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 6/3/20

This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources **You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.**

Learning Through Play: GROW. EXPLORE. DISCOVER

Presenter: Lisa Wells

Age Group: Toddler, Preschool

Intermediate Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 15, 16

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 2, 8

DHR: CD, QCCL

Lighthouse Academy of Excellence, Bay Minette

June 11, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 6/4/20

Participants will explore ways that children grow, explore and discover through hands on activities with art, songs, and movement. Come and get great ideas to help you become a more creative educator!

Introduction to the Business Administration Scale (BAS)

Presenter: Kym Carroll

Age Group: ALL

All Training Levels

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18

AL Pathways: MA

CDA: N/A

DHR: QCCL, ADM

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

June 15, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 6/8/20

The Business Administration Scale (BAS) is a valid and reliable instrument designed to measure the business practices of Family Child Care programs. This workshop will introduce FCC providers to the topics and scoring system used in the BAS. **FOR FAMILY AND GROUP CHILDCARE HOME PROVIDERS ONLY.**

Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R)

Presenter: Virginia Mostellar

Age Group: Infant, Toddler

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18, 20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE, ICFC, PPD, HSN, DIV, MA

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

DHR: CD, QCCL

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

June 16, 2020; 10:00am - 12:00pm

Registration Ends 6/9/20

Learners will be introduced to the ITERS-R, which is designed to assess center-based child care programs for infants and toddlers up to 30 months of age. Participants will become reliably familiar with the tool and to properly assess and score items in each of the 7 subscales.

Preparing for Emergencies in the Child Care Setting

Presenter: LaDanika York

Age Group: All

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 7

AL Pathways: HSN

CDA: 1, 5

DHR: HSUP

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

June 16, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 6/9/20

Experiences such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and snow storms are emergencies that can be scary for a young child. This training will provide participants with ways to prepare for and recover from emergencies by identifying emergency helpers and creating an emergency plan to help children feel safe and secure.

(AELG) Session 9: Putting It All Together

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Infants, Toddlers, Preschool

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 16, 18, 20

AL Pathways: ICFC, PPD

CDA: 4, 6

DHR: QCCL, CCPF

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

June 17, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration Ends 6/10/20

This basic-level, 18-hour course is broken down into 9, two-hour sessions. After completing the 18-hour course, you will receive an Alabama Early Learning Guidelines Credential from The Department of Human Resources **You must attend Session 1: Orientation before taking any other session.**

Strengthening Business Practices - Marketing Your Program

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Ann Sands/Vicki Giles

Age Group: ALL

June 18, 2020; 9:00am - 12:00pm

Intermediate Training Level

3 hours / 0.3 CEUs

CCDF: 18, 20

Registration Ends 6/11/20

AL Pathways: MA, PPD

CDA: 1, 5, 6

DHR: AM, PDG

The purpose of this training is to strengthen child care providers' understanding of marketing tools, audiences, and elements necessary to develop a marketing plan to tailor marketing practices to the audience they are trying to reach and to develop effective communication strategies to promote their services.

Outdoor Play

Washington County Library, Chatom

Presenter: Lisa Kirkland

Age Group: ALL

June 20, 2020; 9:00am - 11:00am

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 19

Registration Ends 6/13/20

AL Pathways: CGD, HSN, LEE

CDA: 2, 5, 8

DHR: HSUP

Come explore the outdoors! This session will explore the importance of outdoor play and how to make it a priority. Participants will discuss safety aspects such as playground standards, inspections and equipment, all while creating the outdoor classroom as a part of the curriculum.

Introduction with the Program Administration Scale (PAS)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Ann Sands

Age Group: Administrators, Directors

June 22, 2020; 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18

Registration Ends 6/15/20

AL Pathways: MA

CDA: 5

DHR: QCCL, ADM

PAS measures the level of quality of leadership and management practices of center-based programs across a wide range of items. After completing this course, participants will be able to use the tool for program self-assessment and improvement planning.

Preschool Course 2020

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: GRECS Staff

Age Group: Preschool

Tuesdays, June 23 and 30, 2020; 8:30am - 3:30pm

Intermediate Training Level

12 hours / 1.2 CEUs

CCDF: 4, 7, 13, 15

Registration Ends 6/16/20

AL Pathways: CGD, ICFC, LEE, HSN, PPD, DIV

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8

DHR: CD, QCCL, PDG, LD, CCPF, HSUP

This informative 12-hour training course for experienced preschool teachers promotes ways to interact and respond to preschool children through planned experiences that support individual development in a quality early care and education setting. **Must attend BOTH days to receive credit!**

Math with Infants and Toddlers (APT)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Anna Merritt

Age Group: Infants, Toddler

June 22, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 13, 20

Registration Ends 6/16/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 1, 8

DHR: CD, LD

Participants will learn how to lay a core foundation of basic math skills and knowledge for infants and toddlers through everyday encounters.

Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Kim Johnson

Age Group: Toddler, Preschool

June 24, 2020; 10:00am - 12:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18, 20

Registration Ends 6/17/20

AL Pathways: CGD, COA, ICFC

CDA: 3, 7, 8

DHR: QCCL, ADM

Learners will be introduced to the ECERS-R, which is designed to assess center-based child care programs.

A YES Environment: Promoting Positivity in Your Classroom

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: LaDanika York

Age Group: Toddler, Preschool

June 24, 2020; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 15

Registration Ends 6/17/20

AL Pathways: CGD

CDA: 1, 3, 5, 8

DHR: CD, PDG

This training will provide participants with positive ways and strategies to promote in the classroom.

Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale - Revised (FCCERS-R)

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Brittany Reynolds

Age Group: ALL

June 29, 2020; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 18

Registration Ends 6/22/20

AL Pathways: HSN, CGD, ICFC, DIV

CDA: 1, 3, 4, 5

DHR: QCCL, HSUP

This session will enable family and group childcare home providers to assess their environment and provision of care and identify clear steps to enhance quality. **FOR FAMILY AND GROUP CHILDCARE HOME PROVIDERS ONLY.**

Just Press Play: A Guide to Meaningful Play for All Children

GRECS Training Room, Mobile

Presenter: Samantha Davidson

Age Group: ALL

June 30, 2020; 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Basic Training Level

2 hours / 0.2 CEUs

CCDF: 15

Registration Ends 6/23/20

AL Pathways: CGD, LEE

CDA: 1, 2, 3, 8

DHR: CD

Participants will learn how to interact with children of different developmental levels and physical abilities through play.

TRAINING LEGEND DHR 2019

Training Levels

Basic = Most appropriate for entry-level professionals who are new to early childhood and/or school-age care. Basic Level Training covers a foundational understanding and demonstration of developing skills.

Intermediate = Most appropriate for professionals who have at least (2) years of experience and 120 hours of training in child development, and are moving toward more formal education. Intermediate Level Training includes expanding knowledge and application, and refining skills.

Advanced = Most appropriate for professionals who have at least three (3) years of experience and 30 credit hours in child development. Advanced Level Training focuses on a more thorough knowledge and understanding of developmentally appropriate practice and highly effective application and demonstration of skills.

DHR Minimum Standards Training Areas

CD = Child Development

HSUP = Health, Safety, and Universal Precautions

QCCL = Quality Child Care and Licensing

CCPF = Child Care Professional and the Family

LD = Language Development

PDG = Positive Discipline and Guidance

AM = Administration and Management

CDA (Child Development Associate) Subject Areas

1. Planning a safe, healthy learning environment
2. Advancing children's physical and intellectual development
3. Supporting children's social and emotional development
4. Building productive relationships with families
5. Managing an effective program
6. Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
7. Observing and recording children's behavior
8. Understanding principles of child development and learning

Alabama Pathways Core Knowledge Areas (CKA)

CGD = Child Growth and Development

HSN = Health, Safety and Nutrition

LEE = Learning Experiences and Enrichment

DIV = Diversity

COA = Child Observation and Assessment (Planning for Individual Needs)

ICFC = Interaction with Children, Families and Communities

PPD = Personal and Professional Development

MA = Management and Administration

CCDF Training Areas

1. Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations)
2. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) prevention and use of safe sleep practices
3. Administration of medication
4. Prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions
5. Building and physical premises safety, including identifying electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic
6. Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and abusive head trauma
7. Emergency preparedness and response planning for natural or man-caused events
8. Handling and storage of hazardous materials, including correct disposal of bio-contaminants
9. If applicable, appropriate precautions in transporting children
10. First-aid and CPR
11. Recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect
12. Identifying and serving homeless children and their families
13. Promoting the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development of children, including those related to nutrition and physical activity, using scientifically-based, developmentally appropriate and age appropriate strategies
14. Caring for children in geographic areas with significant concentrations of poverty and unemployment
15. Implementing behavior strategies, including positive behavior interventions and support models that promote positive social and emotional development and reduce challenging behaviors, including reducing expulsions of preschool-aged children for such behaviors
16. Engaging parents and families in culturally and linguistically appropriate ways to expand their knowledge, skills and capacity to be meaningful partners in supporting their children's positive development
17. Understanding early neurological development
18. Using data to guide program improvement
19. Supporting positive development of school-age children
20. Improving the quality of programs and services for infants and toddlers

Target Age Groups

Infants = Birth to 12 months

Toddlers = 1 and 2 year olds

Preschoolers = 3 and 4 year olds

School-agers = 5 to 12 year olds

ALL = Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and School-agers





Literacy & Art Fun at

MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART

In celebration of Week of the Young Child, Reading Is Fundamental's Family of Readers, and Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month, preschoolers (Ages 3, 4 & 5 years) from currently participating Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) programs in our seven-county region are invited to attend a free literacy and art event.

Mobile Museum of Art

4850 Museum Drive at

Municipal Park, Mobile, AL

April 8th & April 9th, 2020

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) ensures more children have an opportunity to own books, learn how to read, and obtain the fundamental building blocks to achieve their highest potential.

GRECS, Inc., through a partnership with the Jean Dean RIF/Alabama Kiwanis Foundation provides books for 2,000 infants, toddlers, and Pre-schoolers annually in our seven-county region

For more information on the GRECS Reading Is Fundamental program, e-mail Virginia at vmstellare@grecs.org



Pack your bags and join us in Orange Beach, AL for the South's best....



Early Childhood Education Conference

July 13-15, 2020

Perdido Beach Resort;
Orange Beach, AL



A training & networking event for early childhood professionals

Register @ www.alabamachildcare.org

Supporting Families in April 2020

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

Please join GRECS and The Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, “The Children’s Trust Fund”, in advocating for children and the strengthening of families in an effort to provide children with happier, healthier, safer lives. Together we can make a difference for Alabama families.

There are many ways to help strengthen families and prevent the likelihood of child abuse and neglect. What can you do? Raise the issue. Reach out to children and families. Volunteer with a prevention program. Hold a fussy baby so the parent can take a break. Build relationships. Help a first time parent. Let your elected officials know the importance of child abuse and neglect prevention and we need them to support policies and programs that promote safe, healthy childhoods. Take action to help ensure that the children in our community are safe and sound. Donate your time or money to prevention programs. Be a voice.



April Activities

Wear Blue Day- Blue is the color of prevention, and everyone is encouraged to participate in the national “Wear Blue Day” on Friday April 3rd. By wearing blue, people throughout the state can demonstrate an awareness of and commitment to our shared responsibility for the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of the children and families in our communities.

Pinwheel Garden- Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention by representing the happy, healthy childhoods that all children deserve. GRECS will plant a pinwheel garden to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month. Let’s watch them whirl!

Paint the Town Blue- Get creative in ways you can showcase the color blue! Be prepared to see blue ribbons and bows when you visit GRECS during the month of April.

Caring for the Caregiver allows us opportunities to mentor Family Child Care providers. We appreciate all who participate to make this project possible and help educate parents and caregivers on the prevention of child neglect and abuse.

CPR & First Aid Training on Saturdays!

On the second Saturday of every month, our friends at Complete Safety Works are offering Heart Saver First Aid and Adult, Child & Infant CPR/AED training!

You must register through and make payment to Complete Safety Works.

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**Pass
Along to
Parents**

Nature & Outdoor Learning:

A Family Shadow Walk

Family walks, no matter where (around the block, in a park, at the beach), provide wonderful opportunities to explore the mysteries of light and shadows. Your child can learn a lot—like how to make shadows bigger and smaller and how shadows move. Enjoy the walk and the fun of observing shadows and how they change as you move about outdoors.

- Notice the shadows of the things around you—cars, a dog or cat, a bird flying from tree to tree.
- Observe the way your shadows “walk” along with you, and play with the shadows!
- Make different types of shadows by moving your arms or legs or jumping about.
- Use chalk to outline your shadow and your child’s shadow. Come back later in the day to check on your shadows. In what ways are they the same or different?
- Measure the lengths of your shadows using pieces of yarn or string or with a tape measure. Measure the shadows of other objects too, like a parked car, trees, the mailbox, or anything else that casts a shadow.



Ask questions or make comments that help your child think:

- I wonder what will happen to your shadow if you step forward or back?
- What might happen if we stand close together?
- Where is the sun in the sky right now? (Ask this at several times of the day.)
- What happens to shadows on a cloudy day?
- Explore, observe, and enjoy doing and learning about science together!

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