THESE CHALLENGING TIMES REQUIRE OUR BEST STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RESILIENCE

AND POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS.

CES EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT is a resource for educators in every setting who seek opportunities to connect with and learn from other practitioners while expanding awareness of issues and refining professional capabilities.

Our professional development covers a wide range of topics, and addresses one or more of the Massachusetts Core Competencies.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICE SESSIONS are an additional optional session, included in many of our workshops at no additional cost. These facilitated sessions will deepen and broaden the learning from the workshop by offering a place for Q & A and to share and reflect on the information learned, attendee experiences related to the topic, resources, and challenges or successes with integrating the new knowledge into your practice. You will receive one training hour for attending a practice session.

TUNE IN TO TEMPERAMENT

Children enter the world with unique temperaments, which shape the personality they develop over time. Learn about the traits seen in the three temperamental categories, sometimes referred to as “flexible, fearful, and feisty”. Strategies on how to care for children based on their temperament will be discussed, as well as the “goodness of fit” between your own temperament and those of the children in your care.

INSTRUCTOR: Mary Schreiber, M.Ed.
CORE COMPETENCY: 3
CREDITS: 2.5 training hours • COST: $40
DATE: 3/23/22 (6:30-8:00pm)
PRACTICE SESSION: 3/30/22 (6:30-7:30pm)
LOCATION: This workshop is fully online

HAVING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH PARENTS

How do we develop positive relationships with all of the families in our programs? What do we need to know and do so that when we must bring up a difficult subject with a parent, it can go as smoothly as possible?

INSTRUCTOR: Emily Koester, M.Ed.
CORE COMPETENCY: 3
CREDITS: 2.5 training hours • COST: $40
DATE: 3/31/22 (6:30-8:00pm)
PRACTICE SESSION: 4/7/22 (6:30-7:30pm)
LOCATION: This workshop is fully online

REASSURING AND RESPONSIVE CARE: EARLY EDUCATION IN A CHANGING WORLD

The intersection of the COVID-19 Pandemic and increased awareness and reactions regarding racial injustice is the perfect storm for increased anxiety in our communities, families and children. Early childhood is an ideal time to build positive foundations and to foster understanding and compassion. Strategies to address children’s anxiety and to maintain reassuring and culturally responsive programs will be discussed.

INSTRUCTOR: Dana Mengwasser
CORE COMPETENCY: 3
CREDITS: 2.5 training hours • COST: $40
DATE: 4/6/22 (6:30-8:00pm)
PRACTICE SESSION: 4/13/22 (6:30-7:30pm)
LOCATION: This workshop is fully online

SENSORY MOTOR DEVELOPMENT IN YOUNG CHILDREN

This course offers an overview of what healthy brain development means and how parents, teachers, and child care providers can use specific activities and environments to challenge and build crucial foundation motor skills. By understanding how sensory motor development shapes early behavior and learning, participants will gain new insight on how to help children attend, learn and self-regulate. Participants in this course will receive age appropriate wooden toys built and donated to each center represented. For each session, the participants from the first 5 centers who sign up will also receive additional children’s toys made available this year through special funding.

INSTRUCTORS: Tom Murphy, MS, OTR/L, ATP & Arlene Spano, PT
CORE COMPETENCY: 1, 5
CREDITS: 5 CEU or 5 training hours • COST: $60
DATE: 4/15/22 (9:30am-3:30pm)
LOCATION: This workshop is fully online

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING 101

Participants in this course will learn about the purpose and the process of developmental screening. Strategies for collaborating with families, cultural responsiveness and an overview of referral or other follow up steps will be discussed. An introduction to specific screening tools, such as the SWVC and the ASQ-3 will also be included.

INSTRUCTOR: Mary Schreiber, M.Ed.
CORE COMPETENCY: 6
CREDITS: 5 CEUs or 5 training hours • COST: $60
DATES: 2/24, 3/3/22 (6:00-8:30pm)
LOCATION: Belchertown Family Center 51 State Street, Belchertown

PLAYFUL STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING EARLY COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN WITH ASE

Ever wonder how to support a child whose language seems “stuck”, or who only repeats what you say? What about a child who isn’t speaking yet at all? Come learn a set of play-based strategies for promoting early language and communication development at every level—from pre-language to verbal communicators.

INSTRUCTOR: Cherie D’Agostino
CORE COMPETENCY: 1, 6, 7
CREDITS: 2.5 training hours • COST: $40
DATE: 3/17/22 (6:30 - 8:00pm)
PRACTICE SESSION: 3/24/22 (6:30-7:30pm)
LOCATION: This workshop is fully online

USING THE ASQ FOR DEVELOPMENT SCREENING

This course offers an in depth exploration on how to use the ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2 for developmental screening, as well as a brief look ASQ Online. Participants will practice scoring and interpreting the results of the screening. Strategies for communicating sensitive information and helping families navigate the referral process will be included.

INSTRUCTORS: Mary Schreiber, M.Ed.
CORE COMPETENCY: 1, 3, 6, 8
CREDITS: 5 CEUs or 5 training hours • COST: $60
DATE: 4/28, 5/5/22 (6:00-8:30pm)
LOCATION: Belchertown Family Center 51 State Street, Belchertown