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Session Titles and Descriptions

Exploring Learning Styles in the Early Childhood Classroom

How can teachers make sure they are meeting the learning needs of all the children in the classroom? This interactive session will focus on the different learning styles and give tips on how to ensure developmentally appropriate activities that will allow all children to be successful. *(Jenice Dames)*

Core Competencies: Child Growth and Development (1.); Learning Environments, Planning Framework, Curriculum, and Standards (3.1)

What Really Makes Young Learners Tick

How can you make sense of the learning differences in your classroom? Come to this session and gain an understanding of how the brain works, explore current research on the young brain and how the brain affects day-to-day learning. Strategies will be discussed that will help all learners be successful regardless of their differences. *(Jenice Dames)*

Core Competencies: Child Growth and Development (1.3; Observations and Assessment (5.2)

Role of the Weekday Director

The Director of a Weekday Program assumes many different roles. This session will explore the role of the Director as a leader, a minister to staff and families and a communicator between staff, families, church staff, and church family. *(Paula Hatley)*

Core Competencies for Administrators: Establishing and Maintaining an Effective Organization (1:1,2,3)

Positive Guidance

Licensing standards require that teachers guide behavior in a positive manner. Come to this session and discuss the importance of a positive outlook and positive relationships in preparing to guide and teach children. (Paula Hatley)

Core Competency: Responsive Interactions and Guidance (2.1,2)

Attachment and the Infant & Toddler Classroom

Attachment is the crucial bond between the child and caregiver. The infant and toddler classroom is the perfect setting for encouraging attachment while also fostering independence in the young child. This session will uncover the important role of attachment, discuss ways to honor a child's attachment to their caregivers and provide practical strategies for creating secure bonds with infants and toddlers. *(Dawn Herman)*

Core Competency: Child Growth and Development (1.1,4)

Including the Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the Preschool Classroom

Having a child with ASD (or concerns for ASD) in your classroom can be challenging, but rewarding. Inclusion is the best practice and can successfully implemented when teachers have the tools to support learners. Participants in this session will discuss the benefits of having a child with ASD in the classroom as well as the struggles these children face. This training also will provide practical strategies for helping teachers make their classrooms a place of inclusion and learning for all children. *(Dawn Herman)*

Core Competencies: Child Growth and Development (1.3; Observation and Assessment (5.2)

Nursery Rhyme Time

The participants in this session will learn fun activities that use the beloved, but often forgotten, nursery rhymes. Nursery rhymes can be used to teach concepts of language, reading readiness, creative dramatics, and math. This will be an informative and fast-paced session aimed at ages three through Kindergarten. *(Marlyn Kramer)*

Core Competency: Supporting Skill Development (4.1,2,3)

Play — the Springboard to Learning

Play is critical to the neurological and educational development of young children. This session will explore the importance of play and how to incorporate developmentally appropriate play in the classroom that will help children learn pre-reading, pre-math, problem solving, social and other skills. This fun, interactive session is geared for teachers of ages three through Kindergarten. *(Marlyn Kramer)*

Core Competency: Child Growth and Development (1.5)

These Aren't Grandma's Bible Songs

Music activates the whole brain, which ensures better retention. What could be more important for young children to retain than God's Truth? There are many wonderful, sweet, songs available today that share beautiful truths from the Bible. This session will help you expand your "Bible Song Library", learn some simple sign language and refuel your passion for sharing God's Message with preschoolers *(Melissa McKenzie)*

Core Competency: Supporting Skill Development (4.1,7)

How to Care for Children with Allergies

This session will inform teachers about foods that trigger allergies, how to recognize a reaction, and how to respond, what to do in an emergency, and classroom practices to keep all children safe. *(Ann McKitrick)*

Core Competency: Health, Safety, and Nutrition (8.1,2,3)

Preventing the Spread of Communicable Diseases

If you work with young children, you've probably had your share of sick time! It seems to come with the territory – but you can stop the spread of flu, sore throats and runny noses by following the simple practices described in this session. You will learn some classroom activities that help children understand how to keep themselves and others healthy. *(Ann McKittrick)*

Core Competency: Health, Safety, and Nutrition (8.1,2,3)