

TRI-COMMUNITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS
OF BELMONT, WALTHAM & WATERTOWN
2018-2019

All meetings will be held at ADVENTURES PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CENTER, 160 Lexington St., suite 101, Belmont, MA (617)484-2005, from 12:30-2:30pm on Tuesday afternoons **unless otherwise specified**. All workshops meet the PDPS and CEU requirements.

Professional Development for Directors

This series will provide participants the opportunity to discuss and receive input from other directors in the community on certain issues.

September 11, 2018 Tuesday Topic: Creating Community: Developing Your Team
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

Outcomes: The Organizations climate of a program affects the educators, administration, children and families. In this workshop, participants will explore their role in creating community within their program, elements of an effective team, and steps to achieve a community in the program.

October 9, 2018 Tuesday Topic: Understanding Children with Special Needs and Their Families Part 1
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

Outcomes: As more early education and care programs include children with special needs, it is important for educators and staff to understand who these children are, the needs of the child and family, and the educational and therapeutic services they typically receive. This course offers an overview of children with special needs and is especially suited for early education and care providers who have not yet included children with special needs in their programs. Information will be offered on Early Intervention and the IFSP, special education and the IEP, and the impact on families of having a child with special needs. Resources for learning about specific diagnoses will be offered and specific internet sites will be explored.

November 13, 2018 Tuesday Topic: Understanding Children with Special Needs and Their Families Part 2
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

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December 11, 2018 Tuesday Topic: Effective Leadership and Supervision Part 1
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

Outcomes: A supervisor's role in an organization is central and complex. This role requires certain abilities and qualities including the capacity to reflect and connect including reflection on current strengths and areas for growth. In this session, participants will consider the current climate of their program, reflect upon their qualities and approaches to leadership, discuss their role in improving organizational climate, and steps to move toward a more cohesive and healthy program.

January 8, 2019 Tuesday Topic: Effective Leadership and Supervision Part 2
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

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February 12, 2019 Tuesday Topic: Working with Children with Special Diets, Allergies
and Specialized Feeding Issues Part 1
Childhood Settings
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

Outcomes: Food allergies affect 1 in 13 children in the United States, with young children being affected the most. Food allergies, food sensitivities and other feeding issues are an increasing concern for early education and care programs. Participants will be introduced to the health and safety needs of children with special dietary needs and ways to support these children and collaborate with families and health professionals. Participants will begin to develop their own individual health care plan for children with special diets, allergies, and specialized feeding issues in their program.

March 12, 2019 Tuesday Topic: Working with Children with Special Diets, Allergies
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Childhood Settings
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Time: 12:30-2:30 PM

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April 9, 2019 Tuesday Topic: Improving the quality of Health Practices in Early Childhood Settings Part 1
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Outcome: In order to maintain healthy and safe learning environments for young children, staff in all early education and care settings need to adhere to recommended practices for infection control, including managing infectious diseases, caring for mildly ill children, personal hygiene, and diapering and toileting (APA2012). Topics include an overview of how infection is spread, measures to take to reduce the spread of infection, and how to plan to adapt program practices and policies to meet the recommendations for preventing the spread of infection. New information on sanitizing and disinfecting solutions and resources for planning for infection control will be shared.

May 14, 2019 Tuesday Topic: Improving the quality of Health Practices in Early Childhood Settings Part 2
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Outcome: In order to maintain healthy and safe learning environments for young children, staff in all early education and care settings need to adhere to recommended practices for infection control, including managing infectious diseases, caring for mildly ill children, personal hygiene, and diapering and toileting (APA2012). Topics include an overview of how infection is spread, measures to take to reduce the spread of infection, and how to plan to adapt program practices and policies to meet the recommendations for preventing the spread of infection. New information on sanitizing and disinfecting solutions and resources for planning for infection control will be shared.

June 11, 2019 Tuesday Topic: Designing Professional Development Opportunity for your Staff in Your Program
Presenter: Donna Jasak
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Early education and care and out of school time programs are responsible for providing support that meet educator's needs helps to reduce stress, increase motivation, and results in higher quality performance and better outcomes for children. We will review the steps involved in developing a training that is engaging and meaningful, founded on how adults learn best. During the session, participants will identify needs, state goals, and complete a training outline.

Every workshop is designed as an open-discussion for Director's to come and share with others problems they need help with. Together we can brainstorm and help each other solve these issues.

