Illinois received the second round of Race to the Top Funding, and therefore early care and education has been at the forefront of many conversations in the State. The enhanced ExceleRate™ Illinois Program has had a soft launch as much information is still being gathered and developed. At the beginning of 2014, center programs will be able to apply for ExceleRate™ Circle of Quality Rating. Licensing is the foundation circle in ExceleRate™ so all licensed programs will be at the licensing level until they obtain higher ratings. In December, centers that currently have a QRS rating will receive the paperwork to join the ExceleRate™ program. In essence, center programs will have dual enrollment, both in QRS and ExceleRate™ Illinois. Family Child Care providers will continue on the QRS Program and will be brought into ExceleRate™ in 2015. If you’d like more information on ExceleRate™, please contact our office to speak to one of our Quality Specialists.

Another big change at CCRS is a new software program in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). This computer program will allow us to better serve parents and providers. The purpose of the new system is:

1. Increased automation so more time can be spent with customers
2. Consistent application of policy

This is the biggest change in the program since its beginning in 1997. The most immediate impact on providers will be:

1. The current system will be down for several days as information is downloaded into the new system. The system is set to launch sometime in January.
2. Eligibility information will be scanned into the new system and faxes will not provide a clear enough copy to scan and validate. Faxing will become available again; however, the faxes will go to a central system and then be electronically forwarded to our local system. Online applications will also soon be available.
3. Many of the forms used will have family specific bar codes on them to automatically match the document to the family. IF YOU HAVE A SUPPLY OF FORMS, DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY DISTRIBUTE APPLICATIONS, REDETERMINATIONS AND PROVIDER CHANGES AFTER JANUARY 1st.
   You should trash any old forms you have on hand. If a family needs a specific form, contact our office and we can email or mail it to you.
4. To make sure a provider’s items are matched correctly in the system, providers should make sure they put their name and provider number (located on the billing certificate) on all items.
5. For providers using email, we strongly suggest you set-up a free email account just for your CCAP business (Example: Your program nameCCAP@gmail.com).

We will continue to update parents and providers through Facebook, listserve mailings, Newsletter/Training Calendar and through face-to-face opportunities. Change is hard on everyone, but we are confident that once we get through the transition, it will be a positive change for all.

Other reminders:
Professional Development and Accreditation funds are available this fiscal year. To obtain a form – go on our website or call our office!

Quality early care and education allows children to learn and families to work – a formula for success. Let your Legislators know how important child care is to you. Go to www.actforchildren.org to find your legislator.
I want to encourage providers to inform clients that when there are changes in their family size, work situation, or medical or maternity leaves, the client needs to be contacting CCRS.

In many instances, this could affect the client’s copayment and avoid an overpayment being assessed. For example, when a client takes a maternity leave and doesn’t report it to CCRS until after the fact but child care has been utilized, an overpayment can be assessed to the parent. However, if we are informed within 10 days of the change, we can tell the client what documentation is needed and perhaps grant a maternity leave up to 8 weeks with a reduction in their copayment if they are not receiving income from any other sources during that time of leave. The main take-away – make sure clients are communicating with CCRS regarding case changes.

Just a reminder on the payment process:

- Payment gets entered into the system.
- When funding is available for the payment, the payment is approved/vouchered.
- Generally, 1-3 working days after the payment is approved, it will be issued by The Office of the Comptroller.

Providers can follow issued payments at The Office of the Comptroller web site: www.ioc.state.il.us (financial inquiries, vendor payments). Payments are issued at night. If a provider is paid via paper check it will go in the mail the next working day. If a provider is paid through direct deposit or debit card, it will be in the account two working days after the issue date. (Weekends and holidays are not working days.)

Meet the new Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant — Leah Niezwaag

Hello! My name is Leah Niezwaag, and I am the new Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant. I recently relocated to Champaign from Minneapolis, MN. I grew up in north east Iowa, but have lived in a variety of places, big and little, rural and urban, both foreign and domestic. I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to learn from so many different people about children and caregiving. In Minneapolis, I provided intensive home visiting services to caregivers and their children, ages 0-4 years old. I partnered with families to help provide a space in which healthy attachment could be built.

I believe that all caregivers want the best for their children and that caregiving is often a thankless job. My best teachers were those parents/caregivers who trusted me with their stories, which is something I hold sacred. I am looking forward to hearing about your stories and partnering together to best meet your needs as a provider!

I can be reached by phone at 217-493-0100 or by email at: lniezwaag@communityelements.org

There is a convenient way to look up provider Child Care Payments from IDHS on the internet. Follow the link below and be sure to select the correct year from the drop-down menu, enter the FEIN or Social Security number and click on “Submit”. The payments made under the number will be displayed, along with the case numbers of the families they belong to. The website link is http://www.dhs.illinois.gov/ppi/

Comes and meet Leah when she presents “Your Work Through the Trauma Lens: An Introduction to the Developmental Impact of Trauma”. Dates include:

- January 9: St. Joseph
- January 14: Decatur (Creative Kids Daycare)
- February 20: Decatur (Discovery Depot/Easter Seals)
- May 1: Mahomet
Although ExceleRate™ Illinois is focusing on all licensed child care centers, Preschool for All programs and Head Start programs in 2014, its scope will expand to licensed family child care programs in 2015. Gone will be the days of voluntary involvement in a quality improvement program. However, just by being licensed, a program will already be acknowledged for achieving a level of quality improvement. And, there are many benefits to being a part of ExceleRate™ Illinois which include:

- It details a process for making quality an ongoing priority
- It will keep your program focused on whole child development
- It clearly defines a consistent set of objectives and standards for quality improvement.
- It enables your program to focus on individual quality issues that are most relevant to them.
- It recognizes and rewards a wide variety of quality improvement achievements.
- It will help you access and stay current with emerging research, best practices and information and training resources.
- It will connect you with expert consultants and assessment professionals.

Most information was taken verbatim from the ExceleRate™ Illinois website: [http://www.excelerateillinois.com/](http://www.excelerateillinois.com/)
We’ve mentioned that a new quality program is in town called ExceleRate™ Illinois but how does it work?

ExceleRate™ Illinois will use a consistent set of standards to measure center-based daycare programs. The evidence you supply to demonstrate that you’ve reached these standards may be different based on the type of program you operate, but the standards themselves are the same. These standards are organized into four key domains.

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<td>Daily activities and interactions within an early childhood program are indicators that a program is providing an environment and experiences that are safe, healthy, and stimulating for children. This includes offering both indoor and outdoor activities to support varied learning experiences. To ensure that young children’s experiences are developmentally appropriate, applicants are expected to incorporate a comprehensive curriculum and an assessment system that are aligned with the Illinois Learning Guidelines for Birth to Three and Illinois Early Learning Standards for Age Three to Five. Providing necessary adaptations to a child’s learning experience and environment allows all children, including those with special needs, to learn, grow and develop. Engaging and building partnerships with families, foster’s a child’s learning, growth and development (both in and out of the child’s home). That’s why it is critical to involve families in authentic opportunities to promote quality experiences and environments for children. There are four hallmarks for effective family and community engagement: regular, effective two-way communications; opportunities for families to get to know one another; education about child growth and development; and making connections to available community resources. Helping families navigate transitions also provides meaningful support to children so that they can continue to succeed as they progress in their learning, growth, and development. Research has shown that strong leadership and management practices make a tangible difference in the quality of care provided. This is accomplished by incorporating high-quality administrative practices, regularly assessing overall program operations and establishing program goals to continually improve the quality of the program. Careful attention to staff-to-child ratios and the size of groups within classrooms are additional critical factors to ensure the program maintains a high quality environment where all children can balance individual attention with group activities and social development. The program also recognizes the diversity for all families and children by ensuring that all policies and practices are culturally and linguistically appropriate. High quality programs are directed by administrators who have the formal education and professional preparedness to manage the program and lead all staff in providing the most up-to-date practices for educational development. Staff that work with children, are also expected to have appropriate education and professional training to work with children and families in their assigned age groups.</td>
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The School-Age and Youth Development Credential Level 1 Training (SAYD Level 1) series is an interactive training for practitioners who work within school-age and youth programs in Illinois. It has been designed to build practitioner awareness regarding various topics specific to children and youth between the ages of 5 to 21. Completion of the training series leads to the awarding of the Gateways School-Age and Youth Development Credential Level 1 which is recognized by the state of Illinois.

**Module III: LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT.** This module focuses on facilitating infants and toddlers natural interest and urges them to learn through close and responsive relationships with infant/toddler care teachers. Learn how to interact with infants in ways that emotionally and intellectually support their discovery. Create interesting and developmentally appropriate environments that invited interaction.  

**Module IV: CULTURE, FAMILY AND PROVIDERS.** Creating a strong partnership between child care and families strengthens infants’ feelings that they are valued. Being able to communicate in an infant’s home language is important. Module IV offers support to infant/toddler care teachers in easing parents’ concerns about using infant care. Caregivers will explore their personal cultural expectations and how to negotiate respectfully with families when differences arise.

### Module III:

**Name**: LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Topics**:  
1. Introduction to Child and Youth Development  
2a. School-Age Development (Ages 5 – 12)  
2b. Early Adolescent Development (Ages 11 – 16)  
2c. Late Adolescent/Young Adult Development (Ages 15 – 21)  
3a. Infant/Toddler Development (Birth – 36 months)  
3b. Preschool Development (Ages 3-5)  
4a. Health and Nutrition  
4b. Safety

### Module IV:

**Name**: CULTURE, FAMILY AND PROVIDERS  
**Topics**:  
5a. Environment and Curriculum  
5b. Programing  
6. Observation and Assessment  
7a. Building Relationships with Children and Youth  
7b. Managing and Guiding Relationships  
8a. Community Relationships  
8b. Family Relationships  
9. Personal and Professional Development

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**Rather this March & April**

**ECE LEVEL 1**  
**Time**: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Decatur: Level 1 – Tier 3**  
**March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
**April 7, 14, 21**

**Location**: Creative Kids Daycare • 1177 W. Hickory Point Road • FREE!
There are numerous research-based benefits for those who incorporate humor into their lives. A workplace that is empowered with humergy will provide an optimal learning environment for both staff and children. Humor fosters trust, builds relationships, reduces stress, and contributes to planting of information in the long-term memory. Join us for an energetic and fun-filled day packed with research-based strategies and practical applications. On the agenda:

- Humor defined
- Humor Development
- Inappropriate Humor
- Humor and stress research
- Humorphobia
- Your Humor Style
- Top 10 Benefits of Humor
- Humordoomers
- Your Humor Practice

Mary Kay Morrison is an educator who has taught at virtually every level of the educational spectrum, while facilitating keynote presentations and workshop sessions for the past 30 years. Her work includes integrating what we know about applying cognitive research on both the emotions (particularly humor) and movement to learning. In addition to humor and stress management, May Kay frequently conducts seminars on brain research, leadership, ADHD, group facilitation, parenting and monitoring. Mary Kay is a founder and Director of Humor Quest. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of Applied and Therapeutic Humor (AATH) and was 2010-11 conference chair. In 2009, she founded and currently directs the international AATH Humor Academy graduate study and certificate program. As a member of the Illinois NCLB implementation team, she conducted “Train the Trainer” sessions for the State Board of Education on school improvement and mentoring. She is the education advisor for the Funny Lit Project offered through World Laughter Tour.

Her publications, “Using Humor to Maximize Learning; Exploring Links between Positive Emotions and Education” and “Using Humor to Maximize Living” are being used as texts for humor studies courses at several universities and both are used for the groundbreaking international graduate Humor Academy offered by the Association of Applied and Therapeutic Humor.

Her books can be purchased for $25.00 with cash or check.
Look for these events in the calendar!

- Implementation of the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines (February 8 • Urbana)
- Illinois Early Learning Standards for Children 3-5 (February 15 • Urbana)
- We Choose Health! (February 22 • Urbana; March 15 • Decatur)
- Welcoming Each & Every Child (February 22 • Danville; April 12 • Urbana)
- Developing Child Conference (March 1 • Danville)
- What is CCAP? (March 4 • Urbana)
- Introduction to the Environment Rating Scales (March 8 • Urbana)
- Are You in the Missing Zone? (March 11 • Decatur)
- 2014 Provider Recognition Event (April 1 • Danville; April 8 • Decatur; April 22 • Urbana)
- Early Childhood Development Screening (April 5 • Urbana)
- Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards (April 12 • Decatur)
- Creating Sparks for Math & Science with PBS KIDS (April 29 • Decatur)
- Using Humor to Maximize Learning (May 3 • Urbana)
- An Introduction to the BAS (May 20 • Urbana)
- An Introduction to the PAS (May 21 • Urbana)
- The Creative Curriculum for Infants Toddlers & Twos (June 19, 20 • Rantoul)
- The Creative Curriculum for Preschool (June 26, 27 • Rantoul)
- Behind the Scenes: Health & Well-Being
  - March 1, 2014
  - Danville Area Community College
  - 2000 E. Main Street
  - 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - Fee: $40.00
  - 4 Training Hours
  - EI and CPDU credit is available
  - PDF Reimbursement Available

LATE ARRIVALS – A fifteen (15) minute “Grace Period” will be given at all training sessions. This grace period begins at the advertised start time. Participants will not be allowed in the training after the 15 minute grace period.

EARLY DEPARTURES – To receive a training certificate, participants must stay until the trainer is finished. Please be courteous of association meetings which may follow the session.

PARTICIPANTS MUST RESPECT THE LEARNING SPACE OF ALL. Participant behavior that is disruptive to other participants will not be tolerated. The individuals will be given the choice to stop the behavior or leave the training session.

OUR WORKSHOPS ARE FOR ADULTS. Children are not to be in attendance at training sessions (unless specifically invited as a part of the training).

REGISTRATION WHEN PAYMENT REQUIRED: PAYMENT (check, money order, or cash) for those events which are not free must be received in our office with a registration form by noon on the business day before the event, unless otherwise advertised or approved by a CCRS training staff member. Also, payment must be received before registration for an event occurs (unless pre-arranged or approved by a training staff member).

You can also register for free trainings in the calendar at: http://ccrs.illinois.edu

Go to Providers/Trainings and scroll down to the green start button.

Online Training through CCRS! We will keep you posted!

Trainings may meet the requirements of other credentials
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<td>Advances in the understanding of brain development and social-emotional development, offer us a useful perspective on promoting young children’s emerging capacities for the regulation of arousal, emotion, attention and behavior. This training offers a perspective on the underlying principles of early childhood trauma and how to interpret and respond to behaviors of young children through a trauma lens. Presented by: Leah Niezwag, MA, LCSW, Caregiver Connections FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 2 Training Hours • CDA 3 • FREE</td>
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<td>14 JANUARY</td>
<td>Your Work Through a Trauma Lens: An Introduction to the Developmental Impact of Trauma (Mid-Central Association for Education of Young Children) Creative Kids Daycare ■ 1177 W. Hickory Point Rd. 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm</td>
<td>Advances in the understanding of brain development and social-emotional development, offer us a useful perspective on promoting young children’s emerging capacities for the regulation of arousal, emotion, attention and behavior. This training offers a perspective on the underlying principles of early childhood trauma and how to interpret and respond to behaviors of young children through a trauma lens. Presented by: Leah Niezwag, MA, LCSW, Caregiver Connections FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 3 • Members FREE; Non-members $2 at door</td>
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<td>Building Relationships and Communicating with Families (Rantoul Area Providers Association) Rantoul Public Library ■ 106 W. Flesnner 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm</td>
<td>This session will address how to build relationships with families in your program from the beginning including how to communicate both celebrations and concerns with them. Additionally, you will learn how to prepare and talk with families when behavioral or developmental issues arise. A brief description of early intervention and special education as well as community resources will be included. Presented by: Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Ed.M., University of Illinois, Department of Special Education FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 4 • FREE</td>
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<td>16 JANUARY</td>
<td>Tough Topics: Tips and Tools for Talking to Kids (Decatur Area Family Child Care Association) Discovery Depot/Easter Seals ■ 2715 N. 27th St. 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm</td>
<td>This training will provide some tips and strategies for caregivers to use when talking to children about difficult topics such as grief, death, body safety, and sexual abuse, etc. These techniques and strategies will be discussed through a developmental perspective. Presented by: Alison Elisea, Project Coordinator, Safe From the Start FCC &amp; Center • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 3 • FREE</td>
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<td>23 JANUARY</td>
<td>ExceleRate™ Illinois Orientation 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Champaign Public Library ■ 200 W. Green St. Robeson Pavilion Room A, B</td>
<td>ExceleRate™ Illinois is the new quality rating and improvement system for licensed child care centers, Head Start and Preschool for All programs. This orientation provides an overview of the goals, quality indicators, benefits of participation, application process, and the system supports available for success at reaching each Circle of Quality. Presenters: Tina Wiegand and Jenny Ganiger, Quality Specialists, Child Care Resource Service Centers • Call CCRS to register • 2 Training Hours • CDA 6 • FREE</td>
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<td>28 JANUARY</td>
<td>Movement, Music and Me 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Carle Conference West B ■ corner of University &amp; Lincoln (on backside of Carle Auxiliary Shop)</td>
<td>Music can be used to facilitate all areas of development: social-emotional, fine and gross motor, cognitive and language development skills. The presentation will provide a variety of musical activities to enhance your curriculum and smooth transitions throughout the daily routine in a developmentally-appropriate manner. Current practices will also be addressed. Presented by: Linda Culotti, Early Childhood Consultant FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 3 • FREE</td>
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<td>29-1 JAN/FEB</td>
<td>Chicago Metro AEYC Conference Opening Minds Hyatt Regency ■ McCormick Place</td>
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<td>6 FEBRUARY</td>
<td>Plan to Have a Good Day! (Mahomet Area Child Care Association) Mahomet Public Library ■ 1702 E. Oak St. 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm</td>
<td>Planning your child care day can make life easier for you and make you more intentional about meeting the needs of each child. This training will provide you with ideas and resources to create and implement lesson plans. It will also help you improve your environment rating scale score. Presented by: Rhonda Costa, Assistant Director, The Caring Place FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 5 • FREE</td>
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<td>8 FEBRUARY</td>
<td>Implementation of the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines 108 Bevier Hall ■ 905 S. Goodwin Avenue 8:00 am: Check-in 8:30 am to 12:45 pm Workshop NO WALK-INS</td>
<td>This is a four-hour training that gives child care practitioners an overview of program guidelines for birth to age 3. The training creates a foundational understanding for families, providers, and professionals in the field of what children from birth to age three are expected to know and do across multiple domains. Presented by: Mary Hensley, Director, C-U Early Care FCC &amp; Center • Call CCRS to register • 4 Training Hours • CDA unavailable • FREE</td>
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<td>11 FEBRUARY</td>
<td>An Introduction to the 6 Protective Factors (Mid Central Association of Young Children) Creative Kids Daycare ■ 1177 W. Hickory Point Road 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm</td>
<td>Research shows that six protective factors are instrumental in keeping families strong, children safe, and preventing child abuse. Participants will learn how to use the protective factors as a framework for supporting families and building family-friendly programs. Presented by: Kendra Clevenger, Prevention Specialist, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 4 • Members FREE; Non-members $2 at door</td>
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<td>13 FEBRUARY</td>
<td>Bright Beginnings for Babies: Supporting an Infant/Toddler Curriculum through Meaningful Interactions (St. Joseph Area Child Care Association) Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center ■ 802 E. Douglas 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm</td>
<td>Participants will learn how to identify windows of learning opportunities for infants and toddlers, and to enhance learning for each developmental domain: emotional, social, language, cognitive, and physical though meaningful and intentional interactions. Presented by: Christy Norton, Child Development Services Specialist, Champaign County Head Start FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 2 Training Hours • CDA 3 • FREE</td>
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<td>34th Annual Early Childhood Conference: Behind the Scenes: Health and Well-Being</td>
<td>8:00 am to 1:00 pm Danville Area Community College ■ 2000 E. Main Street</td>
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<td>Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Citizens State Bank • 36 E. Jones Street</td>
<td>Module 3, Session 1: Brain Development  See page 6 for more information. Presenter: Barb Schudt, Infant/Toddler Specialist  FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 2 Training Hours • CDA 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 • $3.00/session or $12.00 for Module 3</td>
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<td>6 MARCH Mahomet</td>
<td>Math Anytime... Anywhere! (Mahomet Area Child Care Association) Mahomet Public Library • 1702 E. Oak St. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</td>
<td>Not just a “school subject, nor for tests and stress – Math is a way of thinking! Learn why math is our friend and why children need us to show them Math everyday… everywhere… indoors… and outdoors! We will explore five components of math: numbers, geometry, and spatial sense, measurement, patterns and data analysis, and discover that our learning environments and play experiences are rich teachers of math. Presented by: Eileen Borgia, Early Childhood Consultant  FCC &amp; Centers • Call CCRS to register • 2 Training Hours • CDA 2 • FREE</td>
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| 8 MARCH Urbana | Introduction to the Environment Rating Scales 8:00 am Check-In; 8:30 am to 12:45 pm Workshop 108 Bever Hall • 903 S. Goodwin Avenue Space is LIMITED. NO WALK-INS | The training is for family child care and center-based programs and provides an overview of the Environment Rating Scales (ERS). ERS are user-friendly assessment tools that measure the quality of the learning environment for infants through school-age. After completing this training, participants will be able to use the tool(s) for program self-assessment and improvement planning. Presented by: Eileen Borgia, Early Childhood Consultant  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 4 Training Hours • CDA 5 • $15.00 (Make check payable to: “University of Illinois”)
| 8 MARCH Decatur | School-Age & Youth Development Credential (SAYD) Level 1 Morning workshop: 9 am to 12:00 noon Afternoon workshop: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Discovery Depot/Easter Seals • 2715 N. 27th Street Lunch Not Included NO WALK-INS | Environment & Curriculum Module 5a, Tier 2 (9:00 am to 12:00 noon)  See page 6 for more information. Presenter: Sandy Davin, Director, Before- and After-School Programs, Urbana School Dist. #116  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 3 Training Hours • CDA 2, 3 • FREE |
| Programming Module 5b, Tier 2 (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)  See page 6 for more information. Presenter: Sandy Davin, Director, Before- and After-School Programs, Urbana School Dist. #116  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 3 Training Hours • CDA 3, 8 • FREE |
| 10 MARCH Decatur | ECE Credential Level 1 Module 7B, Tier 3: 8 Months to 18 Months 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm Creative Kids Daycare • 1177 W. Hickory Point Rd. | In this continuation of the first child development class, you’ll explore development among children 8-18 months old. You’ll identify how this age group differs in growth and their approach to learning, and you’ll discover toys, games, and songs that are helpful and just right for their development. Presented: Diana Shipley, Early Childhood Consultant  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 3 Training Hours • CDA 3, 8 • FREE |
| 11 MARCH Milford | Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Citizens State Bank • 36 E. Jones Street | Module 3, Session 2: Discoveries of Infancy  See page 6 for more information. Presenter: Barb Schudt, Infant/Toddler Specialist  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 2 Training Hours • CDA 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 • $3.00/session or $12.00 for Module 3 |
| 11 MARCH Decatur | Are You in the Missing Zone? (Mid-Central Association for Education of Young Children) 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Creative Kids Daycare • 1177 W. Hickory Point Rd. | The Gateways Registry helps YOU get on track. Keeping track of trainings, workshops, conferences, credentials, and degrees is more important than ever. Good record-keeping for licensing, accreditation, Quality Counts Rating System, and career advancement is a must. But, it’s not always easy. The Gateways Registry can change all that. This training shows you how to join the Registry and use this new resource and tool, a part of the Gateways statewide Professional Development System. This presentation helps you get out of the Missing Zone and get on track! Presented: Mark Obuchowski, Program Specialist/Registry Approved Trainer, INCRCRA  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 6 • Members FREE; Non-Members $2 at door |
| 13 MARCH St. Joseph | Media and Violence: The Effects on Children (St. Joseph Area Child Care Association) 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center • 802 E. Douglas | Violence in the media is all too common. Little do most people realize, the average child sees multiple acts of violence every single day. Come to be informed and discuss violence in the media, including television, videos (movies and games), internet, comics, magazines, newspapers, and music. Learn the effects of media violence in children and how to protect them against media violence. Presented by: Diane Williams, Director, Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 3 • FREE |
| 15 MARCH Decatur | We Choose Health! 7:30 am Check-In; 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Workshop Discovery Depot/Easter Seals • 2715 N. 27th Street REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 2/28/14. NO WALK-INS | This workshop will help you to “choose healthy” by: ● helping you recognize the nutritional quality of the food that you serve; ● informing you about the amount and quality of physical activity that children require; ● demonstrating how to promote nutrition and physical activity in your everyday interactions with children; ● describing how to set-up the environment in your program to promote physical activity and healthy eating, and ● showing you how to use the NAP SACC to improve the quality and quantity of healthy nutrition and activities in your program. This training introduces the basics of conducting a developmental nutritional and activity screening. Presenters: Drew Schlosser & Sarah Williams, Resource Professionals, Child Care Resource Service  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 8 Training Hours • CDA 1, 2 • $10.00 (Lunch is included) (Make check payable to “University of Illinois”) |
| 17 MARCH Decatur | ECE Credential Level 1 Module 7C, Tier 3: 18 Months to 36 Months 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm Creative Kids Daycare • 1177 W. Hickory Point Road | Toddlers are an energetic bunch who require plenty of stimulation and education. In this final session of child development training, you’ll explore how children 18 months-36 months learn language, learn to think, learn to move and learn feelings, so you can better nurture this often curious age group. Presented: Diana Shipley, Early Childhood Consultant  FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 3 Training Hours • CDA 3, 8 • FREE |

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<td>Books and More! (Rantoul Area Providers Association)</td>
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<td>Rantoul Public Library 106 W. Flessner</td>
<td>Join Librarian Annette Davis as she leads you through an array of books that will delight the children in your care and stimulate their imaginations. Presented by: Annette Davis, Youth Services Librarian, Rantoul Public Library</td>
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<td>ECE Credential Level 1 Module 8A, Tier 3: Preschool Development: Social-Emotional Development</td>
<td>6:30 pm to 9:30 pm</td>
<td>Creative Kids Daycare 1177 W. Hickory Point Road</td>
<td>As children approach preschool age, their needs begin to change. This is the first of our four classes designed to better understand children as they approach school-age. You’ll identify characteristics of social and emotional development and learn techniques for promoting appropriate and effective discipline for preschool children. Presented by: Diana Shpley, Early Childhood Consultant</td>
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<td>Module 3, Session 4: Special Needs</td>
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<td>ECE Credential Level 1 Module 8B, Tier 3: Preschool Development: Physical Development</td>
<td>6:30 pm to 9:30 pm</td>
<td>Creative Kids Daycare 1177 W. Hickory Point Road</td>
<td>As toddlers mature, their minds aren’t the only things growing at an incredible rate. You’ll understand the special area of physical development in preschool-age children. You’ll also learn about fire motor activities that will help preschoolers grow into their bodies while developing coordination and movement. Presented by: Diana Shpley, Early Childhood Consultant</td>
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<td>Module 4, Session 1: Harmonizing Cultural Diversity for Sensitive Infant Care</td>
<td>FCC &amp; Centers  Call CCRS to register  2 Training Hours  CDA 3, 4, 5, 6 $3.00/session or $12.00 for Module 4</td>
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<td>2014 Provider Recognition Event: 1-2-3: Count With Me the Ways You Are Appreciated! (Danville Area Child Care Association)</td>
<td>7:00 pm to 8:30 pm</td>
<td>DACC 2000 E. Main Street; Copper Penny Room</td>
<td>Participants will be introduced to the important jobs caregivers do each day through hands-on activities that represent each job. Activities in turn may be used with the children in care. Providers who have participated in the Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program, various credentialing programs, Quality Counts: Quality Rating System (Star Levels or Tiers), Great START, National Association for Family Child Care, PACE-YC or CDA-YC will be recognized. Presented by: Cathy Bixler, Early Childhood Consultant</td>
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<td>Lunch Not Included. NO WALK-INS</td>
<td>Observation and Assessment</td>
<td>Module 6, Tier 2  (9:00 am to 12:00 noon)</td>
<td>FCC &amp; Centers  Call CCRS to register  3 Training Hours  CDA 7  FREE</td>
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<td>Early Childhood Developmental Screening</td>
<td>7:30 am Check-In; 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Workshop 108 Bevier Hall 905 S. Goodwin Avenue</td>
<td>Space is Limited. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 3/21/14. NO WALK-INS</td>
<td>This training introduces the basics of conducting a developmental screening and making appropriate referrals to access services appropriate to children's needs. Presented by: Eileen Borgia, Early Childhood Consultant</td>
<td>FCC &amp; Centers  Call CCRS to register  8 Training Hours  CDA 7 $20.00 (Lunch is included)</td>
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Module 8C, Tier 3: Preschool Development: Language Development  
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
Creative Kids Daycare  ■ 1177 W. Hickory Point Road | Appropriate speech patterns and language skills are crucial to nurturing effective communications by preschoolers. In this third class on preschool development, you'll explore how to use picture and story books to lay the foundation for good reading and proper language use. This class comes complete with discussions how to help children with special needs.  
Presenter: Diana Shipley, Early Childhood Consultant | FCC & Centers  
Call CCRS to register  
3 Training Hours  
FREE |   |   |   |   |
| 8 APRIL Decatur | Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC)  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Citizens State Bank  ■ 36 E. Jones Street | Module 4, Session 2: Responding to Families in Culturally Sensitive Ways  
See page 6 for more information.  
Presenter: Barb Schultz, Infant/Toddler Specialist  
FCC & Centers  
Call CCRS to register  
2 Training Hours  
CDA 3, 4, 5, 6  
$3.00/session or $12.00 for Module 4 |   |   |   |   |
| 8 APRIL Decatur | 2014 Provider Recognition Event: 1-2-3:Count With Me the Ways You Are Appreciated  
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Creative Kids Daycare  ■ 1177 W. Hickory Point Rd. | Participants will be introduced to the important jobs caregivers do each day through hands-on activities that represent each job. Activities in turn may be used with the children in their care. Providers who have participated in the Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program, various credentialing programs, Quality Counts: Quality Rating System (Star Levels or Tiers), Great START, National Accreditation Programs or ECIA/ECI or MCAEYC will be recognized.  
Presented by: Cathy Bolser, Early Childhood Consultant | FCC & Centers  
Call CCRS to register  
1.5 Training Hours  
CDA 2  
FREE |   |   |   |   |
| 8 APRIL Urbana | Quality Rating System Orientation for Family Child Care  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
108 Bevier Hall  ■ 905 S. Goodwin Avenue | Quality matters in child care. Learn about the statewide Quality Rating System (QRS) that recognizes family child care providers for quality with QRS award certification. Providers serving children on the state Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) can also receive a bonus to the standard reimbursement rate. The Orientation covers eligibility requirements, application process and supports and resources available.  
A provider must attend this session prior to applying to QRS.  
Presenter: Tina Wiegel, Quality Specialist  
FCC ONLY  
Call CCRS to register  
2 Training Hours  
CDA 5  
FREE |   |   |   |   |
| 10 APRIL St. Joseph | Art: More Than Messy and Fun!  
(St. Joseph Area Child Care Association)  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center  ■ 802 E. Douglas | Art is not only fun, but a well-planned art curriculum promotes skills and growth across all developmental domains, including cognitive, social, emotional, and physical domains. Join us to get use-tomorrow activities that make sense today. Learn how to communicate their value to parents. This class is for teachers serving infants to school-age.  
Presented by: Rhonda Costa, Assistant Director, The Caring Place |   |   |   |   |
| 12 APRIL Decatur | Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards  
8:00 am Check-In; 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Workshop  
Creative Kids Daycare  ■ 1177 W. Hickory Point Road  
Space is Limited.  
NO WALK-INS | This training gives early childhood professionals an overview of the revised learning and development standards for preschool children ages three to five. Through discussion and small group activities, training participants will learn how to connect the standards to daily practices in their programs.  
Presenter: Diana Shipley, Early Childhood Consultant |   |   |   |   |
| 12 APRIL Urbana | Welcoming Each and Every Child  
6:30 am Check-In; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Workshop  
108 Bevier Hall  ■ 905 S. Goodwin Avenue  
Space is Limited.  
NO WALK-INS | This training assists caregivers in caring for children with disabilities in inclusive care settings. This workshop is based on the philosophy that all children have the right to participate in the developmentally appropriate activities within inclusive and natural community settings. This training includes: the benefits of inclusive childcare, building on traditional caregivers' roles and skills, and expanding caregivers' knowledge and comfort level when working with children with special needs. Meets the District’s training requirement of 6 or more hours on training with children with disabilities.  
Presented by: Sarah Minyard, Early Childhood Consultant |   |   |   |   |
| 14 APRIL Decatur | ECE Credential Level 1  
Module 8D, Tier 3: Preschool Development: Cognitive Development  
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
Creative Kids Daycare  ■ 1177 W. Hickory Point Road | In this final session on preschool development, you’ll dive deeper into how preschoolers learn and identify tips for making learning fun. With suggestions for activities that encourage your preschoolers to explore numbers, shapes, colors, and science, this class gives all the information you need to grow and stretch the abilities of children to think and understand.  
Presenter: Diana Shipley, Early Childhood Consultant | FCC & Centers  
Call CCRS to register  
3 Training Hours  
CDA 2  
FREE |   |   |   |   |
| 15 APRIL Milford | Plant a Seed, Cultivate a Child  
(Decatur Area Family Child Care Association)  
Discovery Depot/Easter Seals  ■ 2715 N. 27th St.  
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm | Explore ways to involve children in gardening both for food and pleasure. Learn ways to integrate plant life into your curriculum. Find ways to involve children in nature all year round.  
Presented by: Diana Shipley, Early Childhood Consultant |   |   |   |   |
| 17 APRIL Decatur | Movement, Music & Me  
(Rantoul Area Providers Association)  
Rantoul Public Library  ■ 106 W. Flessner  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm | Music can be used to facilitate all areas of development: social-emotional, fine and gross motor, cognitive and language development skills. The presentation will provide a variety of musical activities to enhance your curriculum and smooth transitions throughout the daily routine in a developmentally-appropriate manner. Current practices will also be addressed.  
Presented by: Linda Culotti, Early Childhood Consultant |   |   |   |   |
| 21 APRIL Decatur | ECE Credential Level 1  
Module 9, Tier 3: School-Age Development  
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
Creative Kids Daycare  ■ 1177 W. Hickory Point Road | Completing the important section of child development, this class looks at school-aged children to uncover how their learning and growth differ. With tips on how to better care for school-age youth, this class offers you guidance on how to set rules and limits and to get our school-aged kids to appreciate safety and respect.  
Presenter: Diana Shipley, Early Childhood Consultant |   |   |   |   |
22 April Urbana

2014 Provider Recognition Event: 1-2-3: Count with Me the Ways You Are Appreciated!
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Carle Hospital ■ Parkview B, C, D ■ 611 W. Park Street
(in the back of the hospital cafeteria)

Lunch NOT included. NO WALK-INS

22 April Milford

Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC)
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Citizens State Bank ■ 36 E. Jones Street

26 April Decatur

School-Age & Youth Development Credential (SAYD) Level 1
Morning workshop: 9 am to 12:00 noon
Afternoon workshop: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Discovery Depot/Easter Seals ■ 2715 N. 27th Street

Creating Sparks for Math & Science with PBS KIDS
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Pershing Early Learning Center ■ 2912 N. University Street

29 April Decatur

Bright Beginnings for Babies: Supporting an Infant/Toddler Curriculum Through Meaningful Interactions
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church ■ 120 E. Hickory

Your Work Though a Trauma Lens: An Introduction to the Developmental Impact of Trauma
(Mahomet Area Child Care Association)
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
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3 May Urbana

ECIAEYC Event
Using Humor to Maximize Learning
8:00 to 8:30 Check-in; 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Workshop
Carle Forum ■ 611 W. Park

3 May Decatur

Playing is Learning: Developing a Play-Based Curriculum for Young Children
(St. Joseph Area Child Care Association)
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center ■ 802 E. Douglas

15 May Rantoul

Nurturing the Imagination: The Power of Dramatic Play
(Rantoul Area Providers Association)
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Rantoul Public Library ■ 106 W. Flessner

Course Description • Audience • Training Hours • CDA • Fee

Module 4 Session 4: Acknowledge, Ask, Adapt
See page 6 for more information. • Presenter: Barb Shuldt, Infant/Toddler Specialist
FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 2 Training Hours • CDA 3, 4, 5, 6 • $3.00/session or $12.00 for Module 4

Participants will be introduced to the important jobs caregivers do each day through hands-on activities that represent each job. Activities in turn may be used with the children in their care. Providers who have participated in the Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program, various credentialing programs, Quality Counts: Quality Rating System (Star Levels or Tiers), Great START, National Accreditation Programs or ECIAEYC or NAEYC will be recognized. Presented by: Cathy Bolser, Early Childhood Consultant
FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 2 Training Hours • CDA 6 • FREE

Managing & Guiding Relationships Module 7b, Tier 3
See page 6 for more information. • Presenter: Sandy Davin, Director, Before- and After-School Programs, Urbana School Dist. #116
FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 3 Training Hours • CDA 1, 3, 4 • FREE

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Community Relationships Module 8a, Tier 3
See page 6 for more information. • Presenter: Sandy Davin, Director, Before- and After-School Programs, Urbana School Dist. #116
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There are numerous research-based benefits for those who incorporate humor into their lives. A workplace that is empowered with humery will provide an optimal learning environment for children. Humor fosters trust, builds relationships, reduces stress, and contributes to the healthy development of the whole child. Join us for an energetic and fun-filled packed morning packed with research-based strategies and practical implications. • Presenter: Mary Kay Morrison, Speaker, Educator, Author, Humor Quest
FCC & Centers • Call CCRS to register • 4 Training Hours • CDA 3
$20 for ECIAEYC/NAEYC members and $25.00 for non-members (Make checks payable to: ECIAEYC). • PDF reimbursable.

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Imitation of what happens in the world around them is the crucial focus of how children play. Learn how to create a new dramatic play center to encourage and expand dramatic play. • Presenter: Diana Shipley, Early Childhood Consultant
FCC & Centers & Parents • Call CCRS to register • 1.5 Training Hours • CDA 2 • FREE

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Meetings are from 6:30 pm to 7:30/8:00 pm  
There are cohort groups in:  
Champaign-Urbana ▪ Watseka  
Each cohort meets once a month with the date determined by the attendees’ availability.  
▪ The group will be led by a member of the CCRS Quality Team.  
▪ Each month is a new topic that will be collaboratively chosen.  
▪ Members include a variety of child care providers.  
▪ Training hours may be available.  
Call Barb at 217-244-9684 for more information or email her at schuldt@illinois.edu  
Meet in a provider’s home. Space Limited!

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For children ages 3 to 6, call your local school district

- Answer questions about your child’s cognitive, physical, speech/language, and social-emotional development.
- Identify delays early & connect your child to needed services.
- Reassurance that your child is development properly.
- Help your child to be ready to learn in school.

The Birth to 6 Council is seeking parents interested in providing input and attending meetings. The Crisis Nursery will provide FREE Child Care for parents to attend a monthly meeting.

Contact: Kim Woolridge at cfcfamilies16@gmail.com

Child care resource and referral services for parents, child care providers, and employers of Champaign, Douglas, Iroquois, Macon, Piatt, and Vermilion counties.

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