Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC)

All PITC are Registry approved classes

**Module I: SOCIAL EMOTIONAL GROWTH AND SOCIALIZATION.** Healthy social-emotional development in infancy underlies all other learning and is, to a great extent, dependent upon the child’s close relationship with respectful, caring adults. Infant/toddler care teachers can support an infant’s growing sense of self by providing security, warm acceptance and appreciation for the child’s growing independence. An infant/toddler care teacher’s ability to promote social-emotional development in children is influenced by the infant/toddler care teacher’s own feelings and experiences and so training also focuses on self-awareness.

**Module II: GROUP CARE.** Module II deals with the implementation of the *Program for Infant/Toddler Care* philosophy through program policies which support close relationships between children, families, and child care providers. These policies are: the creation of small groups, primary infant/toddler care teacher assignments, and continuity of care that keeps children and infant/toddler care teachers together over time. In addition, this module deals with the basics of daily care and the development and maintenance of an environment that supports the child’s health and safety, as well as social-emotional development and learning. Training topics in this module include creating intimacy in infant/toddler groups, caregiving routines, creating safe and interesting environments, and respectful caregiving.

**PITC Dates:**
September 14, 21, 28 ★ October 5, 19, 26 ★ November 30 ★ December 7

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Location:** First United Methodist Church, 210 W Church St, Champaign

**Fee:** $3.00/session or $12.00/module (4 sessions in each module)

**Training Hours:**
2 hours/session
8 hours per module
4 modules total (16 sessions: 32 Training Hours)