

Wisconsin Family Child Care Association
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Workshop descriptions
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Session A - Friday, 8:30am-9:30 am

Brain Development: You ARE Making a Difference!
Presenter: Deborah McNelis, brainsights

This interesting and interactive presentation covers the basics of brain development with a focus on the way we all learn. It is extremely intriguing to realize what is happening in the brain as children learn and how you are having a dramatic impact. Also, discover easy ways we can all connect to provide the best opportunities for optimal learning to take place for all children!

Partners in Care: Building Relationships with Families
Presenter: Kirsten Suer, Dane County Association for the Education of Young Children

Caring for young children also means caring about families - research shows that effective relationships between a child's family and teachers positively impacts his or her social and cognitive development. In this workshop we will uncover barriers to building strong partnerships with families, as well as ways to overcome these difficulties. Through reflective activities and small group discussions we will learn tools for welcoming families into our programs, establishing trust, building culturally inclusive practices into our curriculums, and communicating successes, concerns, news, or program changes to families.

Don't Cry, I'll Share My Momma with You!
Presenter: Elizabeth Peloquin, Teddy Bear Totland Childcare

Raising your own children in family childcare is difficult. Come to this workshop to learn some tricks and share some of your own on how to make it easier.

School Age Ideas
Presenters: Annette Schladweiler and Louise Dahlke

Gear up for your summer program with ideas for school age children. Learn some old games and crafts that may be lost if our younger generation is not able to learn them!

Artful Literature
Presenter: Margaret Johnson, Teacher Lands' End Back-Up Center
Kathy Durst, teacher, Pooh Bear Child Care

Experience hands on activities using various art forms to enhance classic children's stories.

Salsa Doesn't Have to Be Hot!

Presenter: Ramona Mendez, Family Child Care Provider, Kids Are My Business

Hispanic Culture is not just Dora and Diego. come and learn about the foods and culture of Mexico. Exciting recipes, music and activities.

Traveling the Globe: a Trip Around the World with Young Children

Presenters: Kim Gachnang, Family Child Care Provider, Tootsie Bear Day Care and Kathy Salazar, Family Child Care Provider, Bumble Bear Day Care

Take your students on a trip around the world and help them explore the lives of children in other countries and their own as we travel around the world. Ideas for many countries will be presented.

Potty Learning 101

Presenter: Celeste Swoboda, Family Child Care Provider, Teddy Bear Totland Childcare

Come learn the truth and tricks about potty training. As a family child care provider, you will learn about when to start, what works, and what doesn't work when it comes to potty training. You will gain a healthy perspective for developing policies and practices by addressing potty training readiness and routines in your family child care and learn how to develop partnerships with parents.

Courage to Explore

Session B - Friday, 11:00am-12:00pm

News and Updates from Child Care Licensing

Presenter: Anne Carmody, Department of Children and Families

Please join us for a discussion of the latest news from child care licensing. We will talk about any new regulations, proposed rule changes, and have plenty of time for you to get your questions answered.

Checking in with Child Care Certification

Presenters: Kirsten Suer, Dane County Association for the Education of Young Children

Whether you're a new provider who wants to learn about certification or an experienced provider looking to refresh your knowledge of the regulations, this workshop is for you! Join us for an interactive workshop about Child Care Certification - participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of a Certification Specialist, discuss common certification concerns, and network with other certified providers. Topics will include: Top 10 non-compliances and how to fix them; Am I over numbers? Managing your schedule; Forms, forms and more forms: Take control of your paperwork; Sing, dance and do math: Daily learning activities; and Home visits: Working to improve quality.

Sensory Exploration

Presenters: Marlene Tiesling, Family Child Care Provider
Deb Stietz, Special Needs Teacher

Finding and Using things in everyday life for you and your children to use for Sensory Exploration. Do you like to play finger games? Certain foods more than others? We will help you understand why. Get ready to have fun.

I Don't Care If He's Blue! Creating Diversity in Small Town USA

Presenter: Annette Schladweiler

When you live in a small town, sometimes it is hard to find and show diversity. Come share what you do, gain resources, and set goals on what else you can do.

G'Day Mate! Australia for Kids

Presenters: Susan Nagelkerk, Sauk County UW Cooperative Extension

Cheryl Rew Stapleton, Sauk County UW Cooperative Extension

Explore down under with the children in your care. Learning can't be more fun than this!

Focus Boxes

Presenter: Julia Townsend, WECA

Learn to use focus boxes to provide sensory stimulation and develop cognitive, social, language and motor skills. A great way to teach earth-keeping by utilizing found objects or giving new life to things that might otherwise be thrown away. Organize items which children do not always have access to, making these boxes accessible only at specific times, so children are excited to see them. These boxes are a great way to engage parents in your program, getting them to save items to create or enhance your focus boxes. Most importantly, this is a great way to have fun with the children.

The Screening Factor

Presenters: Trudy Ranallo, Parents Plus, Inc.

Patrice Knox, Parents Plus, Inc.

Children cannot wait. early identification of children with disabilities is the key to improved health and development. Discover simple yet effective means for screening children by using interviewing, observation and age appropriate benchmarks.

Development: It's Not Just for Kids!

Presenter: Amy Schuster, WECA

Get us talking about children and we're quick to talk about their stages of development, the role self-esteem plays in their development, and the importance of focusing on individual needs. Join with other providers/teachers of young children to reflect on your own development in similar ways. You'll come away from this workshop with some affirmations about yourself and a plan for moving your professional development forward.

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Session C - Friday, 2:00pm-3:00pm

How to Administer Medications (Double Session)

Presenters:

Market Your Child Care Safely and Effectively (1)

Presenter: Karman Briggs, Western Dairyland Business Center

Learn how to effectively market your child care business. This is a hands-on interactive session. Attendees will use laptops to create flyers and brochures and learn with a CD of their marketing pieces.

How Providers Can Build Their Strength Together (Double Session)

Presenters, Diana Smith and Brenda Danielczak, AFSCME-Child Care Providers Together

Share ideas on how providers can work together to influence change in our field while building on the successes that we have already had in improving quality for Family child Care providers.

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Presenter: Christine Breunig, Northeast Regional Center for CYSHCN

Learn about autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and early signs to look for in your child care setting. Resource information will be provided.

Healthy Choices for Special Needs

Sharon Mras, Family Child Care Provider, Sharon's Care Center

Healthy choices: of snacks and meals served while working with celilac, ADHD, Austic, etc, children. Keeping the wheat, barley, rye, diary, dyes etc. out of your diets and providing healthy choices. Samples served.

Parent Relationships and Communication Techniques

Presenter: Julia Townsend, WECA

One of the building blocks of high quality infant/toddler care is the relationship. We spend a lot of time focusing on building relationships with the children and perhaps not spending enough time on the parent/teacher relationships. Julia has developed some innovative and fun activities over the last 20 years that have enabled her to develop strong bonds with families and open channels of communication. Come and share your insights as well... or something like that. You are so good at tweaking things!

Creating a Professional Attitude and Image

Presenter: Patricia Dischler, Author and Speaker

Providers are shown where to find the strength from within to see themselves as professionals. Gaining respect and appreciation from others begins with how you see yourself. Identify the benefits and barriers to professionalism in order to set your goals. Learn the qualities of a professional provider to find the areas you want to start making changes in and tips on how to get there

Fabulous Felts

Presenter: Laurie Ann Meyer, Family Child Care Provider, Little Miracles Family Day Care

Tips and techniques for including felt boards in your early childhood environment.

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Session D - Friday, 3:15pm-4:15pm

How to Administer Medications (Double Session)

Presenters:

Market Your Child Care Safely and Effectively (2)

Presenter: Karman Briggs, Western Dairyland Business Center

Learn how to use social media tools such as Linked In, Face book, Twitter, and Word Press to market your child care and enhance your existing services through improved parent communication.

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What is Developmental Screening?

Presenter: Christine Breunig, Northeast Regional Center for CYSHCN

Learn about developmental screening in Wisconsin. We will review the Ages and Stages Questionnaire - 3 (ASQ-3) used in many settings in Wisconsin. Resource information for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and B-3 will be included.

Making Cards with Children

Sharon Mras, Family Child Care Provider, Sharon's Care Center

Kathy Dunahee,

Making cards, bags and gift ideas with your children for any occasion. Bring your scissors & glue sticks. Card stock and stickers will be provided.

What's New at The Registry

Presenter: Luanne Platt, The Registry

The Registry now provides more services than ever before. By using our new web site, you can search for training, review your own personal Registry record, learn about our training and trainer approval system and much more. Come to learn what's new and how the Registry can help you with your professional development. We also invite you to visit our table in the exhibit area for a personal consultation of your Registry account.

Tips and Tricks

Presenter: Patricia Dischler, Author and Speaker

Who's got extra time and money? No one! Get dozens of ideas to make your job easier, create inexpensive activities and toys, share your best tips and go home with a treasure trove of tricks to help you with the kids, the parents, and your budget!

Kitchen Safety

Presenter: Dawn Nichols

Did you know there are hidden dangers in the kitchen area? Most people are not aware of the dangers we expose children to everyday because of the way we handle food preparation and service. Come to this workshop to learn how to make your kitchen a safer place for children.

Courage to Explore

Session E - Saturday, 7:30am-8:30am

Have It Your Way: How Customizing Your Business Can Lead to a Happier You.

Presenters: Billie Ognenoff and Kelly Matthews

Sometimes it is hard to see your business with “new eyes” Spend some focused time doing the work to re-envision and explore your business with an eye towards joy, longevity, and meeting your needs as you work so hard to meet the needs of others. It will be time well-spent!

Young at Art

Presenter: Presenter: Renee Ernsting, Western Dairyland Child Care Partnership Resource and Referral

Why is art an important part of early learning programs? Because art is intrinsically motivating for people of all ages and allows children to freely express themselves. Make art a creative journey rather than a mandatory project. Discover art that enhances motor, social and cognitive skills, as well as gives children the chance to experiment with new materials!

Science and Sensory Ideas

Presenter: Annette Schladweiler

Come try out over thirty science experiments and sensory ideas to see how they really work! Expect to be hands on and have fun.

Taking Field Trips without Leaving Home

Presenter: Laurie Ann Meyer, Family Child Care Provider, Little Miracles Family Day Care

Join in on the fun and creative ways to bring field trips to you. Laurie Ann Meyer will share her years of experiences and resources with onsite field trips

NAFCC Accreditation

Presenters: Patricia Dischler, Author and Speaker

Sharon Mras, Family Child Care Provider, Sharon's Care Center

Celeste Swoboda, Family Child Care Provider, Teddy Bear Totland Childcare

Have you ever wondered what NAFCC Accreditation is? This workshop will help you understand NAFCC Accreditation and the process.

Child Care Chat

Vickie Blazek, Family Child Care Provider, Vickie's Family Day Care

Beth Bue, Family Child Care Provider, Teddy Bear Family Day Care

Come network with us about child care issues. Relax and discuss your child care concerns/questions with other providers.

SIDS and Beyond: The work of the Infant Death Center

Presenter, Dora Gorski, CSW

The Infant Death Center of Wisconsin is dedicated to working with you to improve infant health, as a result, reducing the number of infant deaths. We work statewide with the community to increase awareness of threats to infant health. We are primarily concerned about population groups with the highest levels of ethnic and racial disparities and the highest rate of infant death. The program is a resource for information on risk reduction strategies for professionals that care for children. The program also provides bereavement support to families and child care professionals that have experienced a sudden and unexpected death of an infant. This workshop will discuss the newest theories about SIDS, the most frequent causes of infant death in Wisconsin in recent years, risk reduction tactics, and how this affects your work in child care.

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Session F - Saturday, 9:15am-10:15am

Kids Yoga - Animals, Exercise, Fun! (Double Session)

Presenter: Katie Jorgensen

Participants will learn the basic history and some philosophy of yoga and how it applies to working with children. Participants will also learn and practice some basic poses to use with children and some extensions on how to use the materials with children. No previous yoga experience is required. Comfortable clothing that allows movement is helpful.

The Child Care Toolkit

Presenter: Alana Ahrens, Western Dairyland Child Care Partnership

Does staying organized with your child care records seem like a chore? Learn how you can make more money by knowing the tax rules and regulations...and find ways to keep your job less stressful by making those home visits easier and faster! The Child Care Tool Kit contains everything you need to run your home-based child care business. It includes marketing materials, tax forms with details instructions, food program forms, certification and licensing forms and a complete filing system for organizing your records.

It Shouldn't Hurt to Be a Child (Double Session)

Gene Mevissen, Family Child Care Provider, Gene's Jumpstart Family Childcare

It shouldn't hurt to be a child, but sometimes it does. This class is for providers who need the child abuse and neglect requirement for state license. The information will be based off the pamphlet, "It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child, Partners in Care."

Working Smarter, Not Harder, (Double Session)
Presenter: Martha Harrison, Lands' End Back-Up Center

This workshop offers time management techniques that enable you to experience work/life balance. Identify your personal productivity killers and strategies to overcome these obstacles.

Proven Record Keeping Techniques to Protect Yourself from the IRS
Presenter: Robert S. Groth, Groth Accounting and Investments

We will be discussing the unique aspects of Family Child Care when it comes to filing your income tax return. In April of 2009 the IRS issued a new standard audit guide. We will discuss what is new in the guide as well as review what the auditor's will be focusing on. You don't ever want to be selected for audit, but being prepared ahead of time is what every Child care provider should strive towards. This seminar will arm you with the tools to do just that.

Marketing Your Family Child Care
Presenter: Lisa Bucher, Family Child Care Provider, Building Blocks Child Care

Do you need new or different ideas on how to better market your child care business? Do you want to improve your program and increase your income? I have a few different ideas and suggestions for you to try. Come prepared to share your ideas with others.

A Look at the New Family Child Care Rating System (Double Session)
Presenter: Penny Chase

The increasing concern over the effect of child care on children's lives has focused attention on the quality of that care. Family child care providers often tell us that their program is "good" because the children they care for are treated just as their own children would be. But this point does not necessarily ensure the positive development we want for every child. A comprehensive, reliable, and valid instrument that assesses process quality and quantifies what is observed to be happening in a family child care home, can play an important role in improving the quality of care and educational experiences received by the children. The FCCERS-R contains items to assess provision in the environment for a wide age range, to ensure protection of children's health and safety, appropriate stimulation through language and activities, and warm, supportive interaction.

Know Your Rights and Responsibilities (Double Session)
Presenters, Genniene Lovelace-Michel and Silke O'Donnell, AFSCME-Child Care Providers Together

Major changes are happening around the state in our profession. Come and join providers in finding out what your rights and responsibilities are with the new laws and regulations in our field. Take a pro-active approach to running your business.

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Food for Thought

Presenter: Dotty Lillo, Western Dairyland Child Care Partnership Resource and Referral

This session will broaden your nutritional knowledge, and provide you with ideas to encourage healthy living! There will be a nutrition education portion, designed to give you insight into how daily food choices affect the body, as well as simple activities you can put into play in your program!

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Infant/Toddler Cuisine

Presenter: Heidi Duren, 4-C Community Coordinated Childcare

This workshop will explore the many aspects of feeding infants and toddlers, combined with information on infant development, breast feeding practices and food preparation. This session will broaden and expand on what we think of when we are feeding and caring for infants and toddlers.

Boys! Boys!, Boys!

Presenter: Diana Smith, Family Child Care Provider, Centennial Family Child Care

A challenging look at how we meet the needs of boys in our childcare.

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Session H - Saturday , 2:00pm-3:00pm

Difficult Moments Equals Great Opportunity: Communication Is Key

Presenter: Leslie F. Leline

Start looking at difficult moments as perfect opportunities to teach self-discipline and problem solving skills. We will discuss the impact of the words you choose during frustrating times and learn positive ways to communicate so that the children in your care learn to believe in themselves and treat one another with respect.

The Meaning and Importance of Fairy Tales and Storytelling Technique

Presenters: Karen Burrell, Family Entertainer

The message of fairy tales is that the struggle against severe difficulties in life is unavoidable, but that if one does not shy away, one masters all obstacles. This workshop will demonstrate storytelling techniques and includes handouts.

Play Based Learning

Presenter: Gene Meviffen, Family Child Care Provider, Gene's Jumpstart Family Child Care

Do you ever get tired of coming up with new teaching curriculum? I would love to give you some good ideas on play based learning.

Math Mania!

Presenter: Dana Harmel, Family Child Care Provider

Math is one of the greatest learning and living tools we can give our children, regardless of their career plans. Children who build their math strengths are building life strengths and it has much more to do than simply being “good with numbers.” Math teaches us to think clearly, to reason well, to strategize effectively. It teaches us to maneuver without a “road map“ a lot like what life will ask of us. Join me as we explore creative and exciting ways to introduce math concepts into children’s daily play. We will discuss materials and activities that were designed to give children opportunities to discover math concepts in their environment and within your early childhood setting. You are going to see that math isn’t just useful; it’s also a lot of fun!

Family Matters

Celeste and Scott Swoboda, Family Child Care Provider, Teddy Bear Totland Childcare

In family child care we have our child care children and their families everyday. Then we have our own family that lives with people coming into their home on a daily basis and supporting us as family child care providers in what we do. What can we do to make sure our family is always put first? Come and talk to other providers experiencing the same things that you might be experiencing.

Teaching the 3 C’s: Creativity, Curiosity and Courtesy

Presenter: Patricia Dischler, Author and Speaker

Before we can teach them the 3 R’s, we need to instill in our children a love of learning, problem solving techniques and positive social skills. These are the basis for further learning and the windows to a bright, imaginative, and successful future!

Assessment and Observation Tools to Use in the Classroom

Presenter: Jamie Trante Brassfield, Family Child Care Provider

Assessment & observation are the basic processes of finding out what the children can do in relation to their optimum development and the goals of the individual and group. Why should we assess? Why should we write anecdotes? Why should we use tools? What tools can we use? This workshop will showcase assessment tools and observation systems. Participants will understand the teaching cycle and how assessment is an intentional part of delivering services to children.

Courage to Explore

Noah’s Ark (Saturday 1:00pm-3:00pm)

Family Activity. Extra Charge.