



Family Center
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Child Care Support Services Training Calendar January—June 2010

Fundamentals For Early Childhood Professionals— 45 Hours of Professional Development

The Family Center of Washington County is offering this class January 11th through April 19th. The purpose of this class is to build a foundation of knowledge and best practice skills for professionals working with groups of children ages birth to eight. Participants may be new to the field of early childhood care and education, experienced professionals in the field or people interested but not yet working in the field. It is a requirement that each student have some regular experience (paid or unpaid) with young children (between ages birth to 8) during the time they are taking the Fundamentals course. This course meets the licensing requirement for a Teaching Assistant. This class has started, but please call Dori at 262-3292 ext. 123 to see if there is room in the class, as it is possible to join until the third session (January 25th), depending on the size of the class. The class is being held at the Central Vermont Medical Center from 6-9 pm.

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Local Provider Groups

Registered and licensed providers have established support/training groups in various geographic areas throughout Washington County. Provider Group Leaders facilitate local group meetings, and offer support to seasoned and new providers alike. These local training opportunities are a chance to meet other providers in your own area. These trainings are free and open to all child care providers—licensed or registered. You may attend trainings that occur outside your region. If you have an idea for a training, you may email or call your local group leader—they value your input.

Washington County Area Provider Group Leaders

- Barre** Vicki Langevin 479-7144, vickilang@myfairpoint.net
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Washington Northeast

Provider Group Leaders meet together every other month.

NOTE: Your Provider Group Leaders are hoping to receive continued funding through the Child Development Division for Starting Points, and have allotted much of that for professional development opportunities for all of you ~ so look for additional opportunities in the spring!

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Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development

Monday, January 18th ~ 6:30-9:00 pm

Location: Ayers Brook Center, Randolph

This presentation helps adults gain an understanding of the relationship between healthy sexuality and child sexual abuse prevention. Scope of the child sexual abuse problem, normal sexual growth and development, types of child sexual abuse, and signs of possible abuse are discussed. Answering children's sexual questions, responding to disclosures, and mandated reporting are addressed. CDA #3,4, Northern Lights Core Competency in Families and Communities for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals, **Advanced Specialized Care**. Braintree/Brookfield Group ~ contact Vicki Palmer at 728-5332 to register.

Interior Environments

Wednesday, January 20th ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Steak House, Barre-Montpelier Road

Kathi Apgar, Senior Regulatory Compliance Officer, with the Child Development Division will present. Explore with Kathi creative ways to enhance your interior environment. CDA #1, Northern Lights Core Competency in Teaching and Learning/Curriculum for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals. Barre Group ~ contact Vicki Langevin at 479-7144 to register.

Reminder: Social Hour from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Buy your dinner and socialize with your colleagues! No outside food or drink allowed.

Early Birds and Bookworms

Tuesday, January 26th, ~ 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Kid Country in Montpelier

Laura Brines and Betsy Eckfeldt of the Vermont Council on the Humanities will lead this training. This training is a follow up to Never Too Early. You must have attended the Never Too Early training before you attend this training. Participants will further explore the importance of reading with and to young children. A free set of books will be given to each program. Space is limited to 15 participants. Pre-registration is required, and a waiting list will be maintained so that if you are unable to attend, please call so that someone else may attend. Please do not attend without registering. CDA #2, Northern Lights Core Competency in Teaching and Learning for Early Childhood Professionals. Montpelier Group ~ contact Kathleen Burroughs at 223-3954 to register.

Principles of Child Development and Learning

Mondays, February 1st, 8th, March 1st, 8th ~ 6:00-9:00 pm

Location: Family Center of Washington County, 383 Sherwood Drive, Montpelier

Scott Noyes will present this 12 hour, Level II module. This series focuses on the relationship between child development and the learning environment. Topics covered include how children learn through play, developmental theorists, typical and atypical development. Creating an inclusive environment is also addressed. CDA #8, Northern Lights Core Competency in Child/Youth Development for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals. Contact Brenda at 262-3292 ext. 122 or Dori at 262-3292 ext. 123 to register.

Plugged Into Technology

Tuesday, February 9th ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: East Montpelier Elementary School

This training helps adults better understand the risks and benefits of having technologically advanced children and adolescents. Current information and statistics regarding online activities such as chat rooms, instant messaging, social networking, and online gaming will be addressed. The 3 major risks to children - unwanted exposure to pornography, cyber-bullying, and sexual solicitation are discussed, as well as realistic ways of keeping children safer online. CDA# 3,4, Northern Lights Core Competency in Families and Communities for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals, **Advanced Specialized Care**. Washington Central/Northeast Group ~ contact Joyce Wheeler at 229-9489 to register.

Step Ahead with Your STARS – Understanding the Revised STARS Standards

Wednesday, February 10th ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Steak House, Barre-Montpelier Road

The STep Ahead Recognition System (STARS) for child care, early education and afterschool programs is the Vermont Child Development Division's initiative designed to expand the ways that programs are recognized and rewarded for their accomplishments. The STARS program adds to the many efforts the CDD has established to improve the quality of care for Vermont's children. Programs that participate in STARS are stepping ahead -- going beyond the regulations to provide professional services to meet the needs of children and families. You will have the opportunity to review the revised application standards, learn about the revisions, ask questions and discuss STARS. It is important to be aware of what the changes are, how you can adapt to them and how to transition from the current standards to the revised ones. Revised applications will be available and time will be spent on answering specific questions about the application and what is sent in with it. This session is for programs currently participating as well as those interested in STARS and will specifically address the questions of the participants. CDA #5, Northern Lights Core Competency in Professionalism and Program Organization for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals. Barre Provider Group ~ contact Vicki Langevin at 479-7144 to register.

Reminder: Social Hour from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Buy your dinner and socialize with your colleagues! No outside food or drink allowed.

Successfully Working with Challenging Behavior

STARS

Monday, February 15th ~ 8:00-3:30 pm

Location: Kid Country in Montpelier

Scott Noyes presents on the topic of Challenging Behavior from 8:00 to 12:00. This session looks closely at these children and works to develop systems that help them, support you, assist their classmates, and empower their parents.

Deb Curtis presents on STARS from 1:00 to 3:30 pm (see description above). Join the staff at Kid Country for this great day of professional development. 15 spots are available. Sponsored by Kid Country and your Provider Group Leaders. CDA #3, CDA #5, Northern Lights Core Competency in Teaching and Learning/Professionalism and Program Organization for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals. **Challenging Behavior is an Advanced Specialized Care topic.**

Contact Kathleen to register at 223-3954 to register.

Understanding and Responding to the Sexual Behavior in Children

Monday, February 15th ~ 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Randolph, TBA

This training is designed to promote understanding of children's and adolescent's sexual behaviors, as well as teaching appropriate adult responses in order to prevent the habituation of those behaviors and future sexually offensive behavior. Universal goals for development of sexually healthy children, qualities besides the behavior itself which determine the level of concern and response to the behavior, and mandated reporting are also addressed. CDA #2, 3, Northern Lights Core Competency in Teaching and Learning for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals, **Advanced Specialized Care.** Braintree/Brookfield Group ~ contact Pam White at 728-5987 to register.

Mandated Reporting

Wednesday, March 10th ~ 6:00-7:30 pm

Location: Steak House, Barre-Montpelier Road

Kim Revoir from the Barre District Office of the Department for Families and Children will present. This is an important topic, as all child care providers/teachers/staff are mandated by law to report abuse and neglect. Find out your responsibilities, and how you can make a difference in the life of a child. CDA #6, Northern Lights Core Competency in Professionalism and Program Management for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals. Barre Group ~ contact Vicki Langevin at 479-7144 to register.

Reminder: Social Hour from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Buy your dinner and socialize with your colleagues! No outside food or drink allowed.

Infant and Toddler Social Emotional Health

Saturday, April 3rd ~ 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Family Center of Sherwood Drive, 383 Sherwood Drive, Montpelier

Maria D'Haene from Washington County Mental Health, will present this very important topic. Information on how to build relationships with infants and toddlers and how to meet their social emotional needs while supporting their physical and intellectual growth. CDA # 3, Northern Lights Core Competency in Child Development for Early Childhood Professionals, **Advanced Specialized Care**. Contact Dori at 262-3292 ext. 123 or Brenda at 262-3292 ext. 122 to register.

Observing and Recording

Mondays, April 5th, 12th, 19th ~ 6:00-9:00 pm (please plan to attend all)

Location: Family Center of Washington County, 383 Sherwood Drive, Montpelier

Brenda Buzzell of the Family Center will present this Level II Module. The purpose of this module is to introduce early education professionals to the importance and value of purposeful observation in the early childhood classroom. This training is intended for entry-level professionals new to the field of early education and for experienced caregivers who are looking to incorporate systematic and purposeful observation in their work with children. The module will examine how observation can be used to support individual children and improve the overall quality of the learning environment. CDA #7, Northern Lights Core Competency in Child/Youth Development for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals, **Advanced Specialized Care**. Contact Dori at 262-3292 ext. 123 or Brenda at 262-3292 ext. 122 to register.

CPR Recert

Tuesday, April 13th ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: East Montpelier Elementary School

Kathleen Burroughs will lead this training. This is an opportunity to be recertified in CPR. It is important to register early since space is limited to 15. The cost for this is \$18.00 which is non-refundable. You will not be considered registered for this class until your check is received. Washington Central/Northeast Group ~ contact Joyce Wheeler at 229-9489 to register.

Your Own Child in Child Care

Wednesday, April 14th ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Steak House, Barre-Montpelier Road

Kathi Apgar, Senior Regulatory Compliance Officer, with the Child Development Division will present. How do you meet the needs of your own child while meeting the needs of the other children in your care? Learn how to provide emotional supports for all children. CDA#3, Northern Lights Core Competency in Teaching and Learning/Curriculum for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals. Barre Group ~ contact Vicki Langevin at 479-7144 to register.

Reminder: Social Hour from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Buy your dinner and socialize with your colleagues! No outside food or drink allowed.

Essential Maintenance Practices for Stabilization of Lead Paint

Monday, April 26th, ~ 6:00-8:00

Location: Family Center of Washington County, Sherwood Drive

Owners of child care facilities built before 1978 are required to perform lead paint stabilization procedures. There is a \$5.00 fee that is due in advance of this training. Minimum enrollment of six people. If less than six people sign up, your name will be moved to the next training date. Brenda Buzzell will present. CDA #1, Northern Lights Core Competency in Healthy and Safe Environments for Early Childhood and Afterschool Professionals. Contact Dori at 262-3292 ext. 123 or Brenda at 262-3292 ext. 122 to register.

Advanced Never Too Early, Part I and Part II

Tuesday, May 4th, and Tuesday, May 11th ~ 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Kid Country in Montpelier

This is an early literacy training open to providers who have previously completed a Never Too Early/Early Birds and Bookworms series. It offers an opportunity to deepen knowledge of early literacy gained from previous trainings as well as from experience. Participants receive set of gift books for their program. Please plan to attend both evenings, and pre-registration is a must as attendance is limited to 15. CDA #2, Northern Lights Core Competency in Teaching and Learning for Early Childhood Professionals. Montpelier Group ~ contact Kathleen Burroughs at 223-3954 to register.

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Complaint Policy and Procedures

The Family Center of Washington County works to assist and give accurate, appropriate and fair information, trainings and services for all families and child care providers. Occasionally a question, concern or disagreement may occur. If this happens, please contact Diane Nichols-Fleming at 262-3292 ext 121. If you still have concerns, you can also contact Claire Kendall, Associate Director for Early Childhood Services at 262-3292 ext 151. If your concerns have not been satisfactorily resolved, you can contact Jan Walker at the Child Development Division in Waterbury at 1-800-649-2642.
