

Early Childhood (Preschool) Teachers Professional Development Opportunities

The Virginia Department of Education T/TAC system has developed a series of professional development workshops related to topics in early childhood (preschool).

Topics, dates, and locations in Region 5 are:

- ❖ Promoting Social and Emotional Competence, Part 1
December 5, 2008, Dairy Barn Lecture Hall, Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton
- ❖ Promoting Social and Emotional Competence, Part 2
January 9, 2009, Dairy Barn Lecture Hall, Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton
- ❖ Standards, Curriculum, and Lesson Plans, Oh My!
March 6, 2009, Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, Waynesboro
- ❖ Functional IEPs and Early Literacy
April 17, 2009, Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, Waynesboro

→ Each Workshop: 8:30 a.m. Check-in & light breakfast; 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Workshop

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS:

December 5 - Promoting Social Emotional Competence, Part 1

January 9 - Promoting Social Emotional Competence, Part 2

In this two-day workshop, participants will be introduced to materials developed by The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) at Vanderbilt University. Part 1 (December 5, 2008) content will relate to building relationships in creative, supportive environments, and social-emotional teaching strategies. Part 2 (January 9, 2009) content will focus specifically on providing intensive instruction in individualized behavior support plans for young children with challenging behaviors.

March 6 - Standards, Curriculum, and Lesson Plans, Oh My!

This day-long workshop will explore how early childhood teachers successfully merge the state's standards (*Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards for Four-Year-Olds*) with early childhood curriculum. This curriculum framework, based on the work of Jennifer Grisham-Brown, Mary Louise Hemmeter, and Kristie Pretti-Frontczak, addresses the elements of assessment, scope and sequence, activities and instruction, and progress monitoring. Participants will be given the opportunity to develop a unit plan, adapted from the work of Jaye Harvey.

April 17 - Functional IEPs and Early Literacy

The morning session will focus on writing functional IEPs and functional goals for children with disabilities in inclusive settings. Based on the work of Robin McWilliam at Vanderbilt University, conducting a routine-based assessment before goal development will be emphasized.

The afternoon session will provide an overview of early literacy development with a focus on the findings of the National Reading Panel Report. Strategies for incorporating literacy activities into the early childhood classroom will be provided.

There is no cost to attend these workshops. However, you must pre-register.
You may attend any number of sessions.
Attendance is limited to 75 participants per session.
Continental breakfast, lunch, and materials provided.
If you pre-register and do not attend, you will be assessed a \$25 fee for cost of food and

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For registration information, please contact Susan Bowman (540.568.8843 or bowmansp@jmu.edu)

Registration will be processed in the order it is received.

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Substitutions accepted.*

Early Childhood Professional Development
(Please submit one form per person)

Name: _____

School: _____ School Division: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ ZipCode: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone w/area code: _____

Please check the workshops you will attend:

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Please Submit This Registration Form to:
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