

# Professional Development Summer Series

*Workshops designed specifically for  
Infant -Toddler Caregivers and Teachers*

Presented at the [Child Care Council of Westchester](#) through the NY State Infant and Toddler Resource Center grant



## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

### Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 – 9:00 pm - **“Prime Times: Supporting Children’s Social-Emotional Development through Caring Routines”**

Participants will understand what defines a “prime time” in infant/toddler programs, and how quality prime times foster children’s sense of self, build language, and support children’s understanding of the world around them. We will discuss methods of building trust through responsive interactions during prime times, and the appropriateness of schedules in the infant/toddler program. Lastly, we will address many challenges caregivers and teachers encounter when supporting children and families through transitions that occur every day and throughout a child’s experience in group care. (TOPIC AREAS: 1,3)

### Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm - **“Environmentally - based Infant/Toddler Programs: Structuring Time and Space”**

During this session, we will discuss and view a variety of examples of home-like developmentally appropriate learning environments that foster children’s sense of discovery and exploration. Participants will understand what their role is in extending teachable moments that naturally occur within rich physical environments. Lastly, we will study how children’s behavior can be modified by the physical environment we create in our programs. (TOPIC AREAS: 3,4)

### Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 – 9:00 pm - **“The Great Outdoors! Teachable Moments in Outdoor Experiences for Infants and Toddlers”**

During our session we will discuss what the great outdoors offers infants and toddlers that the indoor setting simply cannot. We will explore a variety of materials that you can add to your outdoor play areas to transform them into a garden of discovery. Participants will analyze their role as teacher and caregiver during these outdoor experiences, while being ever mindful of health and safety for all children. (TOPIC AREAS 3 4,5)

### Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am – 1:00pm - **“Parent Partnerships: The Critical Link in Quality Infant/Toddler Programming”**

During this session we will discuss the critical role parents play in their child’s healthy development in connection to group care. Participants will be empowered to challenge themselves from having a “we” vs. “they” attitude, and instead view the partnership as a collaboration of equal give and take. We will explore the idea that we are in a customer service industry that also guides the way we view parents’ role in our program.

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Lastly, we will work with a variety of different tools to record information for parents. (TOPIC AREAS: 1,3,5)

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