

# Bulletin

SPRING 2024



CURRENT NEWS AND TRAINING CALENDAR FROM BCCRC

## What happens when the hero needs a hero?

### Community is a Root of Well-Being

**B**altimore City Child Care Resource Center would like to thank all of you who joined us on Saturday, March 9th, 2024, for our annual Emotional Wellness Conference. The theme for our conference was “Community is a Root of Well-being”, I hope you know what a valuable part of the community YOU are. Thank you for spending your Saturday with us learning and growing. Thank you for loving, caring, and educating the children in your care each day.

We would also like to give a big thank you to all of our presenters, you helped make the day possible. Thank you for your time and dedication to Early Childhood Education and most importantly, sharing your knowledge with the Educators of Baltimore City.

We are truly grateful to our participants, speakers, and vendors who helped make our conference a success. A special thank you to DJ Pryor for opening up the conference. “What happens when the hero needs a hero”.



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## What is the Blueprint for Maryland's Future?

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future was passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2021 to transform public education in the state into a world-class education system. The Blueprint will increase education funding by \$3.8 billion each year over the next 10 years, enrich student experiences and accelerate student outcomes, as well as improve the quality of education for all children in Maryland, especially those who have been historically underserved.

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future is a landmark legislation that was passed in 2021. The Blueprint includes comprehensive changes to nearly every aspect of Maryland's public education system.

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future will transform the State's prekindergarten through post-secondary systems with extensive policy changes and an unprecedented investment of State and local resources. Delivering opportunity and promise of a better future to every Maryland child.

The Blueprint prescribes new programs and innovative approaches to catalyze a world-renowned education system that aims to eradicate achievement gaps and ensures opportunity for every student, regardless of family income, race, ethnicity, or ability.



## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month:

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month! Each day is an opportunity to build the

foundation for the future. We all have a role to play as leaders in our communities. Working in partnership can allow us to relieve some of the overload experienced by parents and caregivers. Join The Family Tree on Friday, April 5th and wear blue to spread awareness about Child Abuse Prevention Month!

## May is Mental Health Month:

Each year, we use May to raise awareness of the importance of taking care of our mental health. Mental health affects all of us! The Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants at BCCCRC can be your first step to support and promoting mental wellbeing.

- Early childhood mental health consultation involves providing support to parents, child care professionals, and others who interact with young children to promote healthy social, emotional, and behavioral development.
- They support you with challenges such as attachment, emotional regulation, social skills, and early signs of mental health concerns in young children.
- Consultants offer resources and strategies for creating nurturing environments that support children's well-being.
- Early intervention and support during the formative years can have a significant impact on children's long-term mental health outcomes.

By bringing awareness and focusing on social-emotional development, you can promote strong mental health and be able to effectively address concerns as they arise in young children. You are contributing to building a community that prioritizes and supports the mental well-being of all from the earliest stages of life. #MoreThanEnough

## FRS (Family Resource Specialists):

Does your program currently accept the Maryland Child Care Scholarship? Are your parents struggling with the application, documentation and navigating the new Family Child Care Scholarship portal? Have them reach out to a Family Resource Specialist today! Our Family Resource Specialist can work with parents who need assistance with the initial application, redetermination, additional documentation, and questions about the portal. In addition to helping families with the scholarship the Family Resource Specialist assist parents with locating child care throughout the state of Maryland. Parents will need to call the Maryland Family Network's LOCATE line at 877-261-0060 to complete an over the phone intake with a Family Resource Specialist. Based on the information provided by the parents the Family Resource specialist will send over a list of child care programs accompanied by contact information for families to reach out the facilities. Lastly, if parents are interested, the Family Resource Specialist can help connect parents with additional resources such as parenting classes and family support services.

### Contact Us Today!

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## Attention Science Nerds!

Join BCCRC for a morning of in-person Training with Science Nerds on Saturday, April 13th at the Center for Hope. This training will Elevate and Empower Teachers as Young Scientist Mentors.

Learn ways to incorporate science into everyday teaching; benefits of science for children; supporting social emotional needs of children with science; messy play is great for growth; interactive science experiments. Will include experiment materials kit.

### Register today, spaces are limited

Register today for this in-person training session on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00am to 12:00pm  
<http://training.bccrc.org/p9914-eee.aspx>

Get a sneak peek and join Science Nerds for their free Virtual Science Coaching Sessions each month. Register today and join the monthly Zoom Session by clicking the link below.

- **April 15th — Spring is in the Air**
- **May 20th — Oceans**
- **June 17th — Fun in the Sun**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89048913319?pwd=WjVlbGdlcTVlbnkZOEU8reEZSeTI6dz09>

## Spring Event/Provider Appreciation Day:



Come out to Druid Hill Park on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Join BCCRC for a celebration that honors all early childhood professionals in Baltimore City. There will be games, dancing, prizes, food and so much more! This FREE event will be held at Druid Hill Park at Columbus Pavilion on Mansion House Dr.

**The event is FREE, but you do need to preregister by scanning the QR code above. Note: There will be no Core of Knowledge (COK) hours given for this event.**

## Credentialing

3 Easy steps to get extra cash in your pocket! Become credentialed with the help of BCCRC • Complete the MD Child Care Credential application • Gather Training Certificates • Connect with BCCRC for Professional Activity Units (PAU's) • GET PAID [A bonus check is available for MD credential levels 2 and up!!] Contact the BCCRC Team today to get started with the credential application: Jenae Bell - Family Child Care Providers 667-355-9781 [JBell@familytreemd.org](mailto:JBell@familytreemd.org); Chaquana Truitt - Preschool Teachers 667-379-6048 [ctruitt@familytreemd.org](mailto:ctruitt@familytreemd.org); Sue Penix - Infant, Toddler & Twos Teachers 410-831-1166 [SPenix@familytreemd.org](mailto:SPenix@familytreemd.org)

## April is the celebration of Week of the Young Child.

Week of the Young Child The Week of the Young Child® is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 52 Affiliates. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child® is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child® in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child® is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families. Save the date and get ready for NAEYC's 2024 Week of the Young Child® celebration! Join us April 6-12, 2024 for our annual event celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families.



### Looking for Training? Need Assistance?

Just open the camera on your phone, focus it on the QR code above and you will automatically be connected with BCCRC's website (<https://familytreemd.org/bccrc/>).

## E-Learning Opportunities

Did you know the Maryland Child Care Resource Network has a collaborative partnership with ProSolutions Training? ProSolutions is an E-Learning platform that brings high quality e-learning to child care providers in Maryland. All Trainings are approved by the MSDE Office of Child Care for Core of Knowledge hours. Successful completion also included CEU's for every workshop at no extra charge. Training is available in English and Spanish!  
<https://www.prosolutionstraining.com/md/index.cfm>





# Growing Opportunities for Family Child Care

## Are you interested in starting a family child care business in your home?

The Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center offers a program, called Growing Opportunities for Family Child Care [GOFCC] that provides free support to individuals that want to pursue the registration process for a Family Child Care home.

### Requirements to participate:

- Live in Baltimore City
- Be 18 or older
- Want to have a child care business in your home
- Own your home or have landlord approval if you rent your home

### We provide:

- Free required training
- Individualized coaching to support you from beginning to end
- Free business training and coaching

### INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

#### HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FAMILY CHILD CARE?

Call or Text Courtney Ross [GOFCC Coach]: 667-355-8820 Submit an interest form: <https://forms.office.com/r/iUmaNxvT30>

## ¿Está interesado en iniciar un negocio de cuidado infantil familiar en su casa?

El Centro de recursos para el cuidado infantil familiar de la ciudad de Baltimore ofrece un programa llamado Crecientes oportunidades para el cuidado infantil familiar [GOFCC, por sus siglas en inglés] que brinda apoyo gratuito a las personas que desean continuar con el proceso de registro para un hogar de cuidado infantil familiar.

### Requisitos para participar:

- Vivir en la ciudad de Baltimore
- Tener 18 años o más
- Querer que tener un negocio de cuidado infantil familiar en su casa
- Ser dueño de su casa o tener la aprobación del propietario si alquila su casa

### Proporcionamos

- Capacitaciones requeridas gratuitas
- Asistencia individualizada con el proceso de licencia
- Capacitaciones empresarial gratuita

### ¿INTERESADO EN APRENDER MÁS? ¿TIENE PREGUNTAS SOBRE EL CUIDADO INFANTIL FAMILIAR?

Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Courtney Ross [entrenadora de GOFCC]: 667-355-8820 Envíe un formulario de interés: <https://forms.office.com/r/iUmaNxvT30>



# Money Matters

## Good News at Tax Time

Hefty Credits Help Working Families put extra cash in their pockets at tax time by claiming the Earned Income Credit (EIC). The EIC is a tax provision that allows eligible taxpayers to reduce their tax burden.

Families may qualify for the federal and state EIC, if, in 2023, they:

- were raising one child and earned less than \$46,560; or less than \$53,210 if married.
- were raising two children and earned less than \$52,918; or \$59,478, if married.
- were raising three or more children and earned less than \$56,838; or \$63,398 if married.
- had no children, earned less than \$17,640; or \$24,210 if married.

The EIC is the biggest tax benefit for working families, but there are other important tax credits. To learn the location of free tax preparation sites, staffed by well-trained community volunteers, or to get more information on the tax credits, please call 1-800-638-2937 or visit the Maryland EITC web site at [www.marylandtaxes.gov](http://www.marylandtaxes.gov)

## Maryland Child Care Initiatives help you earn extra Money for you and your program



### Do you participant in MD Excels?

You could be Eligible for a Bonus under the new Bonus Structure! The Maryland State Department of Education will be distributing \$5 million in bonuses to child care programs participating in Maryland EXCELS as part of the transformative Blueprint for Maryland's Future landmark legislation. Eligible programs

will receive bonuses ranging from \$1,000 to \$13,500 based on the type of program, quality rating, and capacity.

Click the link below or scan the QR code to learn more about the Bonus Structure. If you need help, contact our Early Childhood Coaches, all experts in assisting Programs, to increase their Maryland Excel level. <https://marylandexcels.org/commitment-to-quality/>

# April 2024

## WORKSHOP TRAINING SESSIONS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Beyond Mr. Yuck: Poison and Safety Prevention	5	6 Bottoms Up: Tummy Time Fun
7	8	9	10 Encouraging Imaginative Play  Counting on Math in ECE	11 Math and Science: Board Books for Babies	12	13 Medication Administration Science Nerds 9-12 Community Collaboration & Learning Around Town
14	15	16 All Children are Gifted	17	18 Discipline vs. Guidance	19	20 Working with Mixed Age Groups
21	22	23	24 Imageneering in the Classroom	25 Big Anxiety Small Child	26	27 Helping Children Cope: Recognizing and Responding to Childhood Trauma
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<p><b>Beyond Mr. Yuck: Poison and Safety Prevention</b>  <b>Thursday, April 4th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Learn how the Poison Control Center can support you and offer you help in times of need. Understand how to keep potentially hazardous materials out of reach from children. Notice the importance of universal precautions and labels.</p>	<p>2 hours Health Safety and Nutrition            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Bottoms Up: Tummy Time Fun</b>  <b>Saturday, April 6th</b>            9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Tummy time is easy to implement in any child care setting and is critically important to supporting healthy infant development and preventing a number of infant disorders. Knowing about the importance of tummy time and how it can be implemented throughout the day, teachers can incorporate prone positioning in their classrooms and conversations with parents which in turn will help with the growth and development of infants.</p>	<p>3 hours Child Development            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Counting on Math in Early Childhood Education</b>  <b>Wednesday, April 10th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>This course is designed to introduce child care providers to Mathematics and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in Early Childhood Education for children birth through 8 years of age. Topics include helping children learn about math concepts as they explore and discover.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Encouraging Imaginative Play</b>  <b>Wednesday, April 10th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>This training is designed to help participants understand the importance of imaginative play in children’s development and how providing recycled and open-ended materials opens the doors of imagination and promotes executive function and higher-level thinking skills in young children. Through small and large group activities and discussions participants will identify relevant, responsive, and reflective strategies to spark creativity in the young child’s environment.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Math and Science Board Books for Babies</b>  <b>Thursday, April 11th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Infants and toddlers are naturally curious about the world around them. They can begin to develop an understanding of pre-math and pre-science skills with the help of board books.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Medication Administration (In-person)*</b>  <b>Saturday, April 13th</b>            9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Note: This class will be held at the Julie Center — 100 S Washington Street, Baltimore MD 21231. This class fulfills the MSDE/OCC requirements for all Child Care professionals.</b></p>	<p>6 hours Health, Safety and Nutrition            \$60.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Community Collaboration &amp; Learning Around Town</b>  <b>Saturday, April 13th</b>            9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more. In this workshop, participants will learn about how the community impacts children’s learning, how family systems interact within the community and that collaborative partnerships benefit children.</p>	<p>3 hours Community            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>All Children are Gifted</b>  <b>Tuesday, April 16th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Understanding the special needs of children prepares child development professionals to create environments and programs for the children in their care.</p>	<p>2 hours Special Needs            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Discipline vs Guidance: Teaching Strategies the Engage Children and Reduce Challenging Behavior (NEW)</b>  <b>Thursday, April 18th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Enhance your classroom with techniques that enable children to thrive in their learning environment, where communication strategies positively guide behavior, where self-regulation is developed, and where problem-solving strategies are specific and effective. The focus is on strategies which heighten skills and reduce challenging behavior.</p>	<p>1 hour Child Development            2 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>

# Training Descriptions April 2024 (continued)

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<p><b>Working with Mixed Age Groups</b>  <b>Saturday, April 20th</b>            9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Working with a group of children who are different ages presents child care providers with unique challenges and opportunities. Learn strategies to overcome challenges, create daily schedules and meet the needs of each child.</p>	<p>2 hours Child Development            1-hour Curriculum            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Imagineering in the Classroom</b>  <b>Wednesday, April 24th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>In today's engineering marketplace, it has become clear that adults who can use their creativity and imaginations are in high demand, studies have shown that adult creativity is declining. In this workshop we will look at strategies and materials in which you can use to support the child's innate creative ability and imagination while he or she explores engineering in the classroom.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Big Anxiety Small Child</b>  <b>Thursday, April 25th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>This training will introduce participants to anxiety and how this disorder impacts young children. Participants will learn what normal behavior is and what warrants a referral. Through cooperative learning experiences, video clips and brainstorming activities participants will become knowledgeable on what are normal worries for young children and what is atypical. Classroom strategies and resources will be shared to ensure educators leave with a toolkit of ideas and strategies to assist preschool children who may have anxiety.</p>	<p>3 hours Special Needs            \$10.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Helping Children Cope: Recognizing and Responding to Childhood Trauma</b>  <b>Saturday, April 27th</b>            9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>When a disaster or traumatic event occurs, such as a natural disaster or violent act, whether accidental or intentional, it can be stressful for people of all ages. Children tend to react to disaster and traumatic events based on their past experiences and what they know of the current situation. Participants will learn how to help children cope with trauma and how to respond to children who have experienced trauma.</p>	<p>3 hours Child Development            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>

# May 2024

## WORKSHOP TRAINING SESSIONS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Playground Safety	2 Character Development in Preschool	3	4 Early Childhood STEAM
5	6	7	8 Lively Arts for Preschoolers	9	10	11 Medication Administration Building your Resilience
12	13	14	15	16 Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Child's Perspective Educational Equity: Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Literature	17	18 Messing Around with Science
19	20	21	22 Basic Health & Safety including Breastfeeding	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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<b>Playground Safety</b> <b>Wednesday, May 1st</b> 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.	Outdoor play is an essential part of everyday life in childcare. Learning how to keep children safe on the playground involves being intentional. This training will help childcare teachers evaluate the safety of their playground, review the current procedures for keeping children safe on the playground, and make recommendation on how to maximize their play space so it is safe for all children.	2 hours Health, Safety and Nutrition \$10.00; Must Pre-register
<b>Character Development in Preschool</b> <b>Thursday, May 2nd</b> 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.	Find out who said, “Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow.” The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing. Explore effective practices and activities that help to develop positive character traits — honesty, empathy, citizenship — in preschool-aged children.	2 hours Child Development \$10.00; Must Pre-register
<b>Early Childhood STEAM</b> <b>Saturday, May 4th</b> 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	In this interactive training, activities from the STEAM Mobil Learning Lab will be shared. Participants will explore how STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) concepts can be encouraged in the early childhood environment. We will take a good look at how these concepts support creative thinking and problem-solving skills which lead to future success.	3 hours Curriculum \$10.00; Must Pre-register
<b>Lively Arts for Preschoolers</b> <b>Wednesday, May 8th</b> 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.	The Arts is more than drawing and painting, they are a variety of mediums that enable young children to express themselves in unique ways through dance, movement, singing, drawing, painting and so much more. The Arts offer children whole body experiences enabling them to share their unique self.	3-hours Curriculum \$10.00; Must Pre-register
<b>Story Stretchers for Infants and Toddlers</b> <b>Thursday, May 9th</b> 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	Infants and toddlers are naturally curious about the world around them; children’s literature is a great tool to enhance this curiosity. In this workshop we will look at various children’s books and extension activities to help our youngest learners gain a better understanding of the story.	2 hours Curriculum \$10.00; Must Pre-register
<b>Building your Resilience</b> <b>Saturday, May 11th</b> 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	In this workshop participants will learn how to improve resilience in their personal and professional lives. By improving resilience factors, they will be able to better cope with or recover from change, loss, adversity, and mistakes, as well as have the skills to bounce back from adverse situations.	3 hours Professionalism \$10.00; Must Pre-register
<b>Medication Administration (In-person)*</b> <b>Saturday, May 11th</b> 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.	<b>Note: This class will be held at the Julie Center — 100 S Washington Street, Baltimore MD 21231. This class fulfills the MSDE/OCC requirements for all Child Care professionals.</b>	6 hours Health, Safety and Nutrition \$60.00; Must pre-register
<b>SIDS, SUIDS and other Sleep Related Infant Deaths</b> <b>Wednesday, May 15th</b> 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	As infant and toddler caregivers, it is important to understand SIDS and sleep-related deaths, including the many strategies which can be implemented to reduce the risk of sleep-related death. Participants will review what is SIDS and sleep-related death, review recent research and statistics, gain greater understanding of the role childcare plays in keeping infants safe, and the recommendations and strategies for keeping children safe. This class fulfills the MSDE (Maryland State Department of Education) requirement for SIDS training.	2 hours Health, Safety and Nutrition \$10.00; Must Pre-register
<b>Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Child’s Perspective</b> <b>Thursday, May 16th</b> 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.	This workshop will explore the world of autism as seen through the eyes of a child with a focus on the range and variance of symptoms as a spectrum disorder.	3 hours Special Needs \$10.00; Must Pre-register

# Training Descriptions **May 2024** (continued)

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<p><b>Educational Equity: Culturally &amp; Linguistically Responsive Literacy — MC-01242023-03</b> <b>Thursday, May 16th</b> 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>In this training, participants will be able to define equity, describe what culturally and linguistically responsive literature is and determine what books can help celebrate a culturally competent classroom.</p>	<p>2-hours Professionalism &amp; 1-hour Child Development \$10.00 Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Messing Around with Science</b> <b>Saturday, May 18th</b> 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>We all like to get a little messy every now and then — especially kids! Children learn best when they can touch, see, smell, taste, hear, and manipulate the materials in their world. They are filled with wonder and curiosity about the world around them. This workshop will provide ideas and activities for children to use their senses to discover and explore.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Basic Health and Safety including Breast Feeding</b> <b>Wednesday, May 22nd</b> 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>This training will satisfy the CCDF (Child Care and Development Fund) Health and Safety Requirements and the requirement for the Breastfeeding Workshop. This training is meant to be highly interactive and is based on the research-based concept of “learning disfluency” which challenges the learner to 1. Think about what they know; 2. Through discussion and research confirm or expand their knowledge base; and 3. Share their experience with others.</p>	<p>3-hours Health, Safety and Nutrition \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Educational Equity: Culturally &amp; Linguistically Responsive Literature</b> <b>Saturday, May 25th</b> 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>In this training, participants will be able to define equity, describe what culturally and linguistically responsive literature is and determine what books can help celebrate a culturally competent classroom.</p>	<p>2 hours Professionalism &amp; 1-hour Child Development \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>

# June 2024

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						1  Social Studies All Around Me
2	3	4	5  Why Risk It? Managing Risk in Child Care	6 Open-ended Art for the Preschool Child More than Twinkle-Twinkle: Using Music with Infants and Toddler	7	8  Creating a Writing Center from dollar and thrift store finds
9	10	11	12  Ants in the Pants: Teaching Children who Must Move to Learn	13  Baby Picasso: Process Art Experiences with Infants and Toddlers	14	15  Including All Children and the ADA Act
16	17	18	19	20  Avoiding Burnout in a Demanding Occupation	21	22  Discipline vs Guidance: Teaching Strategies that Engage Children and Reduce Challenging Behaviors
23	24	25	26	27  Child Development and Developmental Delays	28	29
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<p><b>Social Studies All Around Me</b>  <b>Saturday, June 1st</b>            9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>During this training, providers will recognize that Social Studies concepts and activities are all around them for use in daily learning. Participants will learn how to teach civics, history, geography, and economics at the preschool and school age levels in a developmentally appropriate way.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Why Risk It? Managing Risk in Child Care</b>  <b>Wednesday, June 5th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Learn ways to reduce the risks associated with owning your own family child care business. We will learn the various categories of risks, how to prepare for risks, and how to diminish the effect these risks have on the family child care home.</p>	<p>3 hours Professionalism            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Open-ended Art for the Preschool Child</b>  <b>Thursday, June 6th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Art engages children's hands, minds, emotions and helps develop valuable cognitive, socio-emotional, and multisensory skills. This course is designed for teachers to learn to identify the many developmental skills children can master through open-ended art activities, and how self-directed art fosters brain development, creativity, and self-esteem- inclusive for all early art learners</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>More than Twinkle-Twinkle: Using Music with Infants and Toddlers</b>  <b>Thursday, June 6th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Music and movement is a fun way to help infants and toddlers increase vocabulary and build muscle tone and social connections. This workshop explores the many ways in which music and movement for infants and toddlers can be incorporated into the classroom as well as individualizing music and movement to meet the needs of individual children in your program.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Creating a Writing Center from Dollar Tree and Thrift Store Finds</b>  <b>Saturday, June 8th</b>            9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>A writing center in the classroom supports children in their ability to express themselves through creative writing and drawing. In this workshop we will explore dollar store and thrift store finds that can combined to create a writing center which spurs children's imaginative writing skills.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Medication Administration (In-person) *</b>  <b>Saturday, June 8th</b>            9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Note: This class will be held at the Julie Center — 100 S Washington Street, Baltimore MD 21231. This class fulfills the MSDE/OCC requirements for all Child Care professionals.</b></p>	<p>6 hours Health, Safety and Nutrition            \$60.00; Must pre-register</p>
<p><b>Ants in their Pants: Teaching Children who Must Move to Learn</b>  <b>Wednesday, June 12th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Kinesthetic learners are naturally active and have a lot of energy to expend. The ideas and strategies in this workshop will help the child care professional work with and meet the needs of all the children in their care, especially the kinesthetic learner.</p>	<p>3-hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Baby Picasso: Process Art Experiences with Infants and Toddlers</b>  <b>Thursday, June 13th</b>            6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Art is more than just a fun activity for infants and toddlers. When little ones engage in process art, they are strengthening many developmental skills. This workshop looks at the differences between Process Art and Arts &amp; Crafts Projects. It focuses on the importance of letting little one's experience process and how this art form can support all domains of learning.</p>	<p>3 hours Curriculum            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Including All Children and the Americans with Disabilities Act*</b>  <b>Saturday, June 15th</b>            9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of the requirements for ADA and inclusionary practices. Participants will leave with a better understanding of best practices and available resources. This training will meet the 3-hour training requirement for MSDE.</p>	<p>3 hours Special Needs            \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>



# Training Descriptions June 2024 (continued)

To register, click on the course title in pink.

Course and Date:	Course Description:	Topic and Cost:
<p><b>Avoiding Burnout in a Demanding Occupation</b>  <b>Thursday, June 20th</b>                      6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Do you work in the early childhood education field? Are you stressed? Burnt out? This training is for early childhood educators who need strategies to boost their health and wellness. Participants will define burnout syndrome in current health and safety trends and identify what aspects of the workplace add to that built up stress. Participants will recognize and discuss occupational components that contribute to burnout. Participants will identify strategies to avoid burnout and participate in group discussions. Participants will be provided with the support and resources to implement self-care opportunities in their own lives and those of others. Through activities and action plans, participants will gain the knowledge to build their strength and avoid burning out in their important roles as early childhood educators.</p>	<p>2 hours Health, Safety and Nutrition                      1-hour Professionalism                      \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Discipline vs Guidance: Teaching Strategies that Engage Children and Reduce Challenging Behaviors (NEW)</b>  <b>Saturday, June 22nd</b>                      9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Enhance your classroom with techniques that enable children to thrive in their learning environment, where communication strategies positively guide behavior, where self-regulation is developed, and where problem-solving strategies are specific and effective. The focus is on strategies which heighten skills and reduce challenging behavior.</p>	<p>2 hours Curriculum                      1 hour Child Development                      \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>
<p><b>Child Development and Developmental Delays</b>  <b>Thursday, June 27th</b>                      6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Participants will be presented with information on how to distinguish the difference between typical and atypical child development. They will leave with information on how to implement accommodations and modifications to better work with children with developmental delays and resources to utilize when development is atypical. Also, participants will learn strategies for working with children exhibiting typical development to strengthen their development.</p>	<p>1 hour Special Needs                      1 hour Child Development                      \$10.00; Must Pre-register</p>

# Important Policies

## MARYLAND CHILD CARE RESOURCE NETWORK COMPLAINT POLICY

Every member agency of the Maryland Child Care Resource Network strives to provide high quality service to the child care programs and families in their jurisdiction and throughout Maryland. It is our mission to ensure that every interaction with staff at the Child Care Resource Centers is positive and professional.

If you have concerns about an incident or some aspect of service at a Child Care Resource Center, please contact the director/manager directly. Contact information for these individuals can be found here (<https://marylandfamilynetwork.org/for-providers/find-your-child-care-resource-center>).

If you are not satisfied with the way your concern is handled by the director/manager at the Child Care Resource Center, please contact Maryland Family Network at 410-659-7701 or at [MCCRNinfo@marylandfamilynetwork.org](mailto:MCCRNinfo@marylandfamilynetwork.org). As the Statewide Coordinating Entity of the Maryland Child Care Resource Network, MFN will investigate the complaint or concern regarding services and take appropriate action.



## LOCATE COMPLAINT POLICY

Through the LOCATE service, parents share feedback with the LOCATE staff on the programs in the files: licensed child care centers, registered family child care providers and accredited preschools and camps. While this feedback is at times positive, it sometimes concerns complaints parents have about child caregivers. Of course, LOCATE and the Maryland Child Care Resource Network want to use this information in a way that is fair to providers and parents, while protecting children, as well. Therefore, the LOCATE Complaint Policy was developed and has been in effect since its approval by the Maryland Committee for Children Board in November, 1983. According to this policy, all complaints made to LOCATE about child care providers/facilities are recorded. The type of complaint is then determined: Less Serious Complaint – No Violation: complaints which do not involve violations of child care regulations; complaints about situations which do not pose a threat to the safety, health or welfare of a child. Less Serious Complaint Involving Violation: complaints of any violation of Office of Child Care (OCC), Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) regulations, and/or the Health Department which do not pose a threat to the health, safety or welfare of a child. Serious Complaint: any threat to the immediate health, safety, or welfare of a child. When a parent calls LOCATE with a complaint, the referral specialist advises him/her to register the complaint directly with the appropriate regulatory agency and/or Protective Services. Names and telephone numbers of the person with whom the parent should speak are provided. When a Serious Complaint is received concerning one of the providers of facilities in the LOCATE system, no referrals are made by the referral specialists to that provider/facility. The LOCATE Director also communicates with the appropriate regulatory agency personnel about the complaint, and maintains the “hold” on the provider/facility until the agency’s disposition of the complaint is known. Should the investigation result in no action, the “hold” status is removed from that provider’s/facility’s records. Should the license or registration be revoked, the record is removed from the LOCATE files. Providers are advised of LOCATE’s actions in writing. A provider may appeal the LOCATE Director’s decision to cease referrals. Appeals are first addressed to the LOCATE Advisory Committee. Final appeals may be made to the board of the Maryland Family Network. It is the position of LOCATE and MFN that the Complaint Policy is both fair and workable. Safeguards and due process are afforded to the care givers in the files, and parents’ and children’s rights to safety are addressed, as well. Any questions on this policy should be addressed to FloJean Speck, Director, LOCATE: Child Care at 410-659-7701.

## Important Registration Policies

When registering for training classes at BCCRC please remember the following:

- **Pre-registration is required. Registration and payment must be received three days in advance of the training.**
- **Registration fees are non-refundable. With 24-hour prior notice you may transfer to another class or receive a credit for a future training class, except for Medication Administration.**
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis. If your registration is received after a workshop has reached capacity you will be notified immediately and your payment will be returned.
- A confirmation letter will be sent for all classes — please read your letter carefully. You will not receive reminders for each class.
- Payment can be made by check, money order or credit card. **No cash please.**
- Presence at the entire workshop constitutes attendance. Out of respect for our trainers and all of those in attendance, no one will be admitted to a training session that has been in progress for fifteen minutes or more.
- Workshops are for adults only. Please make child care arrangements in advance — children will not be admitted to a training class.
- Reasonable accommodations are offered, if needed. Please call the Resource Center one week in advance to request accommodations.

### TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

- Register with credit card on-line at [www.bccrc.org](http://www.bccrc.org). To receive a registration form via email contact Jennell Bailey at [jbailey@familytreemd.org](mailto:jbailey@familytreemd.org).
- Remember — registrations must be received at BCCRC three days prior to the scheduled training.

## Important Telephone Numbers and Contacts

### Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center

Main Number.....410-889-2300  
 LOCATE:ChildCare(tollfree).....1-877-261-0060  
 FAX.....410-685-2100

### Other Agencies

Office of Child Care – Region II.....410-554-8300  
 MDStateDepartmentofEducation.....410-767-0100  
 OfficeofChildCare:CredentialBranch.....1-866-243-8796  
 CCSProviderHelpline(toll free).....1-866-243-8796  
 Protective Services.....410-361-2235  
 Medical Assistance/WIC.....410-396-9427  
 ChildCareFoodProgram.....410-767-0214  
 MarylandFamilyNetwork.....410-659-7701  
 Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA)  
 Christina Peusch, Executive Director.....410-820-9196  
 MSCCA, Baltimore City Chapter  
 Jennifer Dorsey, President.....443-835-0738  
 Baltimore Child Care Coalition  
 Email.....baltimorechildcarecoalition@gmail.com  
 TheFamilyTree.....410-889-2300  
 24-hourParentingHelpline:.....1-800-243-7337

## Bulletin

For more information about any of the articles in this newsletter, call BCCRC at 410-889-2300, mention the article and we will direct your call to the BCCRC staff member who can help you.

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