



Professional Development Trainings

Early Literacy & Language Development- Literacy and language development go hand in hand. Opportunities for learning are all around. In this training, educators will learn how to facilitate social, language, and literacy development in children birth to five years old during everyday routines. They will learn how to become more attune to the individual needs and abilities of children and how to respond to them in a productive manner. Educators will

learn how to implement these skills through strategies that focus on child led, interactive, and modeling behaviors.

Baby Bookworms- Literacy starts at birth. Research has highlighted the importance of this and encourages caregivers to be proactive in order to avoid or resolve reading problems that may occur later in life. In this training, educators will learn the basics of baby literacy and how to incorporate tools into daily routines.

Cultural and Emotional Literacy- Teaching children cultural and emotional literacy helps build emotionally sound and empathetic adults. The ability to understand oneself and those who differ, can be taught at an early age. In this training, educators will learn the basics of cultural and emotional literacy, how to teach children these values, and how reading can be used as a tool to achieve these goals.

Preschool Literacy: More than Just Reading- Literacy is more than reading and writing. It is also not isolated in its development. In this training, educators will learn the connections between literacy development, social/emotional development, motor development, music, and the arts. Educators will also learn how to implement these connections in the classroom in a way that mutually benefits each area for a holistic approach to learning.

Readers for Life- Tomorrow's leaders are today's readers. The pressure to be successful in school can sometimes intimidate and overwhelm children. In this training, educators will learn tools to foster a love for reading in their children and how to empower them with a sense of determination.

Toddlers: The Wonder Years- Toddlers are little people in the making. Personalities start to explode after infancy. Their curiosity for the world around them can create quite a challenge for their caregivers. In this training, educators will learn tools to capitalize upon toddlers natural wonder and curiosity, how to ignite a flame within them and not dim it, and how to manage the challenging behaviors that can be exhibited during this time period.

Montessori Principles in a Traditional Setting- Dr. Maria Montessori developed a philosophy of teaching that is grounded in research and observation. The principles and methodology she

outlined has proven to be successful for decades and continues to spread into the early childhood education field around the world. In this training, educators will learn how to implement Montessori principles and techniques into a traditional classroom for toddler and preschool children.

Software: Montessori Compass- Montessori Compass is an internet based classroom management software for Montessori schools. This ongoing training offers schools in depth, hands-on, group, and individual guidance on how to implement this record keeping software. This training is ideal for new users and schools trying to adopt all of the features of the program.