



Mississippi Child Care Resource & Referral Network 2009-2010 Professional Development Course Catalog

Mississippi Child Care Resource & Referral Network, part of the Mississippi State University Extension Service, offers statewide professional development opportunities for early care and education providers, workshops for parents, and educational materials through its Resource Centers. Our goal is to improve the quality of care for Mississippi's youngest and most vulnerable population through education, outreach, and research. For further information and to see our Course Calendar, go to www.childcaremississippi.org or call 1-866-706-8827.

Infants & Toddlers (Birth to 2.5 years)



Preschool (2.5 to 5 years)



All Ages (Birth to 5 years)



After School (5 years & older)



Directors



Special Needs



Please pre-register for all professional development trainings by calling the contact person listed on the Course Calendar located online at www.childcaremississippi.org or call 1-866-706-8827 for further information.

Infants and Toddlers: Birth to 2.5 Years



Course Title	Course Description	Contact Hours
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Creative Curriculum</i> Series</p> <p>Based on <i>The Creative Curriculum for Infants & Toddlers</i>, this series of thirteen workshops includes the following sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Quality Matters • Defining Curriculum for Infants & Toddlers • The Central Role of Caregivers/Teachers • Knowing Infants & Toddlers • Observing Infants and Toddlers • Planning and Individualizing • Working with Families • Creating a Welcoming Environment • Promoting Health and Safety • Guiding Children's Behavior • The Routine of Routines • Activities Day by Day • Early Literacy Experiences 	<p>Designed as a comprehensive investigation of best practices for infant and toddler teachers, <i>The Creative Curriculum</i> workshops focus on specific topics that support responsive care. Each two-hour training session provides practical tips for engaging young children in early learning experiences based on their individual needs and development. From creating a safe and nurturing environment to understanding appropriate methods of guiding behavior, these workshops offer valuable information and insight for both the new and the experienced early care and education provider.</p>	<p>2 contact hours for each workshop</p>

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Right from Birth	This video series is designed to teach parents and early care and education providers key ways to increase school success through early educational experiences.	6
Toddler Art	Participants in this hands-on workshop will learn fun ways to teach young children important concepts through age-appropriate art activities.	2
Creative Activities with Infants & Toddlers (Make & Take)	Using inexpensive items found around the house, workshop participants will create age-appropriate toys.	2
Your Young Child: What to do When Baby Cries	This course discusses the reasons infants cry, signs and causes of infant colic, techniques for soothing fussy infants, and ways to cope with the stress of a crying child.	2
Your Young Child: Helping Baby Sleep	Participants will learn about infant sleep patterns, the impact of culture on parenting, and effective ways of encouraging children to self-soothe themselves to sleep.	2
Your Young Child: Learning to Say Goodbye	This workshop addresses transitions from home to child care, comforting techniques, and ways to deal with the stress of leaving a child in someone else's care.	2
Your Young Child: When All You Hear is "NO!"	Participants will learn components of effective discipline for young children, behavioral management strategies, and how parenting styles impact children's behavior.	2
Your Young Child: Making Mealtimes Manageable	This class focuses on eating habits, why some children become "choosy" eaters, and strategies to make mealtimes easier.	2
Your Young Child: The Exploring Toddler	Participants will define age-appropriate toddler behavior, recognize the benefits of safe exploration in home and child care environments, and learn strategies for interacting with children as they engage in their environments.	2

Preschool: 2.5 to 5 years



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<p>The ELG Series is divided into Part 1, Part 2, and individual content workshops.</p> <p>Part 1: How Children Learn, The Learning Environment, Thematic Units</p> <p>Part 2: Social/Emotional Development, Assessments & Observations</p> <p>Content Trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language, Vocabulary, & Literacy Development • Mathematical Concepts • Scientific Investigation • Physical Development 	<p>The ELG Series, based on the <i>Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Three-Year-Old Children</i> and the <i>Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Four-Year-Old Children</i>, provides a comprehensive educational foundation for preschool teachers and early care and education providers serving three- and four-year-olds. From the latest research to activities for classroom use, each ELG training offers practical information for building academic, social, and motor skills.</p> <p>Part 1 and Part 2 are taught in their entirety. No exceptions will be made to divide the content into separate trainings, even for special conferences.</p>	<p>Part 1: 6 contact hours</p> <p>Part 2: 6 contact hours</p> <p>Content Trainings: 2 contact hours for each workshop</p>

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<p>The Care to Read Series is comprised of the following workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Early Language and Literacy Development • Creating Literacy-Rich Environments • Where Conversation Leads • Reading Aloud • Making My Mark • Supporting Language and Literacy Every Day 	<p>The Care to Read Series focuses on the environment and activities conducive to building language and literacy skills in the preschool setting. Whether learning to select appropriate books for reading aloud, discovering ways to arrange the room, developing listening and speaking skills, or understanding the connection between reading and writing, each workshop in this series increases participants’ understanding of the simple methods they can use to engage children in communication activities every day.</p>	<p>2 contact hours for each workshop</p>
<p><i>The Creative Curriculum for Preschool Series</i> contains the following training sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Children Develop & Learn • The Learning Environment • The Teacher’s Role • The Family’s Role • Art • Blocks • Toys and Games • Music & Movement • Sand and Water • Cooking • Computers • Outdoors • Dramatic Play • Discovery • Library 	<p>These workshops look at the preschool setting from the perspective of implementing <i>The Creative Curriculum for Preschool</i>, a research-based program for three to five year olds. After establishing foundational principles in the first four workshops, content area trainings focus on several of the interest areas implemented in the curriculum framework. From selecting age-appropriate toys and evaluating them for their safety to understanding the importance of sand and water play, these workshops balance theory and research with practical activities and information. This series complements implementation of the <i>Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Three-Year-Old Children</i> and the <i>Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Four-Year-Old Children</i>, as well as the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS) in planning high quality early educational experiences for preschool-age children.</p>	<p>2 contact hours for each workshop</p>
<p>What Do You Do with the Mad that You Feel?</p>	<p>In this workshop, early care and education providers will learn strategies for teaching children self-control and management of powerful emotions.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Challenging Behaviors: Where Do We Begin?</p>	<p>Challenging behaviors are difficult not only for the child who is exhibiting them but also their teachers, peers, and families of children in the class. This workshop will provide insight into managing challenging behaviors and teaching self-regulation.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Books You Can Count On: Preschool Math Concepts & Children’s Literature</p>	<p>Participants in this workshop will learn how to use children’s books and related activities to introduce and reinforce basic math concepts such as size, shapes, counting, and patterns.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>We Are the Same, We Are Different: Bringing Diversity Into the Classroom</p>	<p>This training emphasizes the importance of using books, activities, and stories to enhance diversity and appreciation of other cultures in the classroom on a daily basis, with a special focus on the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scales.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Smart & Healthy Kids</p>	<p>This training is comprised of three components. “Healthy Start” focuses on children ages 3 to 5 and their families. “Animal Trackers” and “Healthy Hops” are two programs that emphasize physical activity and nutrition.</p>	<p>4</p>

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Cooking Up Some Fun	Cooking, a natural part of every child’s life, is an ideal way to teach children lifelong healthy eating habits while promoting knowledge, skills, and creativity.	2
Awesome Ocean	Discover the underwater world in this course designed to strengthen planning for thematic units.	2
Winter Science	Participants will learn to plan seasonal science activities using everyday “kitchen science” items. This training focuses on a hands-on approach to scientific discovery.	2
Spaces are Special Places	This course focuses on actively engaging participants in identifying effective room arrangement for meeting the needs of children and facilitating discovery-based learning.	2
Going to School	This readiness campaign will aid parents and early care and education providers in helping preschool children succeed in school and prepare them for a lifetime of learning.	2
Creative Art: No More Coloring Sheets	Learn how to set up the art center and engage children in age-appropriate activities with materials that foster creativity and cultural sharing, and contribute to all areas of development.	2
Putting the Print in Print-Rich	Participants will discover the importance of incorporating print and language into early childhood classrooms. Examples of materials and activities to include in a print-rich environment will be provided.	2
Shovel & Sift, Splish & Splash	This course emphasizes the significance of sand and water play and the variety of activities and materials that can be used in the sand and water table for sensory exploration.	2
Between the Lions: Get Wild About Reading Preschool Professional Development	Based on the PBS television show, the “Between the Lions” Preschool Literacy Initiative is designed to help children develop a strong foundation in early literacy. Materials include several episodes of the television program and related activities.	2
Ready to Read: Sesame Street For teachers of 3 year olds	Developed by MSU’s Early Childhood Institute, this workshop uses the Sesame Workshop DVD “Every Day is a Reading and Writing Day” to share language and literacy concepts with early care and education providers.	2
Ready to Read: Between the Lions For teachers of 4 year olds	Developed by MSU’s Early Childhood Institute, this workshop features language and literacy lessons and activities designed especially for four-year-old children using the PBS television show “Between the Lions.”	2

Directors



Course Title	Course Description	Contact Hours
Early Learning Guidelines: Director's Training	This training will familiarize directors and director-designees with the <i>Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for 3-Year-Old Children</i> and the <i>Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for 4-Year-Old Children</i> . These guidelines provide research-based strategies that ensure high quality learning standards for early childhood programs.	6
Childcare As A Business	This intensive three-day workshop is designed for those who want to start their own childcare business, or are currently serving as directors in established childcare centers. Topics include: how to get started, record keeping, determining prices to charge, marketing, licensure regulations, professionalism, room arrangement, food safety, meal/snack planning, Child and Adult Care Food Program, discipline and communicating with parents. Speakers from a variety of professions as well as state and local organizations participate in the series.	16

Intermediate Level Courses

Course Title	Course Description	Contact Hours
Promoting Emotional Resilience	Developed by MSU's Early Childhood Institute, this intermediate level course helps participants learn how to develop emotional resilience in children ages 4-6 years old. Emotional resilience is an important component of comprehensive emergency management in early childhood programs.	3
The Learning Environment: ELG Intermediate Level	This workshop addresses room arrangement emphasizing the use of learning centers and how to best utilize those centers. Special attention will be paid to the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS) and incorporating the Early Learning Guidelines into the curriculum framework.	2
Thematic Units: ELG Intermediate Level	Building on the foundation established in the Basic Level training, this hands-on workshop delves into planning strategies for teaching with thematic units in three- and four-year-old classes. Emphasis will be placed on incorporating the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines into lesson plans.	2