



Quarterly Bulletin and Training Calendar for Early Childhood Educators

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Dear Child Care Professionals of Georgia:

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of surprising the finalists for the **Georgia's Pre-K Teacher of the Year** award. They were thrilled, of course, to get the news, and I felt uplifted by their passion and enthusiasm. I'm happy to share their names and tell you about the selection process. I'm also very excited to announce two new awards that will recognize excellence and promote the professionalism of the entire early learning workforce in Georgia. All of these awards are privately funded through the Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning.

You'll recall that we select two Georgia's Pre-K Teachers of the year, one from a public school and one from a private program. From public schools, the finalists are:

- Stephanie Curington from Kings Chapel Elementary in Houston County,
- Teresa Swaim from West Jackson Elementary in Jackson County, and
- Lisa West from Crisp County Pre-K in Crisp County.

This year's finalists from private programs are:

- LaNita Carey from Jackson Creek Academy in Gwinnett County,
- Shelley Hoster from 1st Creative Learning Center #2 in Gwinnett County, and
- Marie Thebaud from Kiddie Kottage Academy in Cobb County.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the DECAL Scholars, program this year, DECAL and the Foundation are inaugurating the **DECAL Scholar of the Year** award. The DECAL Scholars program offers scholarships and incentives to support child care professionals in continuing their education and obtaining credentials. We will recognize two DECAL Scholars of the Year, one who is attending a four-year college or university and one attending a technical college.

We are also introducing this year the **Early Childhood Educator of the Year** program for professionals who teach younger children, from birth to age 3. A winner will be chosen from each of three divisions:

- Infant Teacher (Birth to 18 months)
- Toddler Teacher (15 months to 36 months)
- Preschool Teacher (36 months to 48 months)

All these awards recognize exceptionally high quality in classroom teaching and demonstrate the importance of early childhood educators in giving children a foundation for future academic success. These are not popularity contests. Winners receive cash awards and serve as ambassadors to help us promote excellence throughout the early care and education system.

In early September, finalists for Georgia's Pre-K Teachers of the Year will participate in virtual interviews with a panel selected by DECAL. They will submit one week of completed lesson plans for our review, and they will send us videos of small-group and large-group instructions, which will be scored.

The winners will be announced in late September or early October. Each winner receives \$3,000 for her own use and \$2,000 for a classroom makeover. The Foundation also provides the school with funds up to \$2,500 for travel expenses and stipends for substitute teachers so that the Teacher of the Year can highlight best practices outside of their classroom and around the state.

Candidates for DECAL Scholar of the Year must be currently participating in the DECAL Scholars program; work in a licensed program, an exempt Head Start or Department of Defense program, or a Georgia's Pre-K public school program; have a minimum of two years' attendance at a four-year college or university or one year at a technical college; and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Winners receive \$1,500 and \$500 for a classroom makeover. They and their students will also have a virtual visit with Coy Bowles, lead guitarist for the Zac Brown Band, a member of the Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning Board of Directors, and author of several children's books including, *What's Behind the Little Red Door?* Winners will be announced in July.

Candidates for Early Childhood Educator of the Year must be credentialed lead teachers with a minimum of three years as a lead teacher; plan to continue as a lead teacher for at least a year; and work at a 2- or 3-star Quality Rated program that is in good standing with DECAL. The Early Childhood Educators of the Year will receive \$3,000 for personal use, \$2,000 for a classroom makeover and up to \$2,500 for travel expenses and stipends.

Teachers may apply on the Foundation website, www.gaearlyed.org, from August 2 until September 3. Winners will be announced in December 2021.

Because the Early Childhood Educator of the Year is a new program, we'll be doing a lot of social media outreach to make sure we get a large pool of applicants. I hope you follow us on social media; and if you'll share these posts when you see them, I will be very grateful.

Thank you for all you do to support the continuous improvement of our early care and learning system in Georgia. I truly appreciate your partnership. I hope you have plans for summer that will keep you cool!

Sincerely,



Amy M. Jacobs
Commissioner

Kemp & DECAL Unveil Pre-K, Assistant & Child Care Teachers Supplemental Pay Program

Governor Brian P. Kemp and DECAL Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs last week announced plans to provide \$1,000 supplemental payments to eligible Pre-K teachers, assistant teachers, and child care teachers in Georgia. These payments will be funded through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funds provided in the most recent Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. These payments are targeted for programs which remained open throughout the pandemic.

“Child care and Georgia’s Pre-K Program teachers were on the frontlines of COVID-19’s impact on our families and communities from the very beginning, caring for the children of first responders and essential workers,” said Governor Kemp. “Throughout the pandemic, we have remained laser-focused on ensuring that parents can return to work safely with the knowledge that their children are well taken care of. I thank Commissioner Jacobs and her team for working tirelessly to administer these funds and support children, parents, and educators throughout Georgia.”

In the next couple of weeks, DECAL will publish eligibility criteria in accordance with federal law and begin disbursing pay to Georgia’s Pre-K and child care workforce.

Finalists Named for Georgia's Pre-K Program 2021-2022 Teachers of the Year

In May 2021, Georgia's six finalists for the GA Pre-K Program Teacher of the Year were announced with each receiving \$500. The 2021-2022 finalists are LaNita Carey from Jackson Creek Academy in Lilburn; Stephanie Curington from Kings Chapel Elementary School in Perry; Shelley Hoster from 1st Creative Learning Academy #2 in Norcross; Teresa Swaim from West Jackson Elementary School in Hoschton; Marie Thebaud from Kiddie Kottage Academy in Austell; and Lisa West from Crisp County Pre-K in Cordele.

Pre-K lead teachers who have taught as a lead teacher in a GA Pre-K classroom for a minimum of three years were invited to apply for Teacher of the Year. The application was posted on the DECAL website in February. Applicants must meet Georgia's Pre-K credential and Professional Development System requirements and plan to continue as a lead teacher for the coming year. They must also be employed by a GA Pre-K Program provider in good standing with all programs administered by DECAL (GA Pre-K, Child Care Services [CCS] Childcare and Parent Services [CAPS] and Nutrition Services.)

This fall, the finalists will be interviewed and receive a classroom evaluation. DECAL will then select two winners in September, one from a public school system and another from a private child care learning center. The winners will receive a \$3,000 check for themselves and \$2,000 for a classroom makeover and supplies. Their schools will receive up to \$2,500 to cover substitutes and travel expenses while the teacher is away.

The winners will serve as ambassadors for Georgia's Pre-K Program, attending meetings and conferences, making presentations, and modeling effective classroom practices.

Planning for Summer Just Got a Whole Lot Easier!

Positive youth development begins with the 5 C's: Confidence - Character - Connection - Competence - Contribution. Youth need to practice these to become proficient. Try this activity to build Confidence and form Connections with your school age students! This is a great ice breaker and a "get to know you" activity.

Activity directions: To set up the game, give each child a piece of paper, pen, and a piece of tape. Have the children write their name on the top of the paper. Tape the piece of paper on their backs. Have the children sit in two circles, an outer and inner. Have the children in the outer circle face the children in the inner circle. Everyone should be sitting across from a partner. Have the children sitting in the outer circle start the game. Give them one minute to tell their partner something positive about themselves (something they are good at, proud of, how they are a good friend etc.) At the end of the minute have their partner write one positive word about the speaker on the paper that is taped to their back. Have them switch roles and have the listener speak and repeat. When each partner has gone a round, have the outer circle move one seat to the left and the inner circle move one seat to the right. Repeat the game. When everyone has been paired up with several partners have the kids take the papers off their backs and read to themselves all the positive words their peers had to say about them.

For additional activities check out the Summer Activity Guide which is a suite of **150 Activities and Challenges** divided into 5 units organized by four different age groups (5-9) (10-12) (13-15) (16-18). You can download the Summer Activity Guide at [Summer Activity Guide - GSAN \(afterschoolga.org\)](https://www.afterschoolga.org) **You can also access on-demand webinars to help implement summer learning.** [Getting to Know the New Summer Activity Guide](#) dives into the structure and elements of the activities for each age group so that participants feel comfortable facilitating every component of these lessons. [Keeping Youth Engaged this Summer](#) allows participants to learn more about effective positive youth development practices and how to use the new Summer Activity Guide to effectively engage with youth through different delivery models.

Planting SEEDS for a Successful School Year

The Inclusion and Behavior Support Unit at DECAL is committed to supporting childcare providers in creating and maintaining high-quality, inclusive environments for all of Georgia's earliest learners. With the unique experiences that young children and their families have faced over the past year, we want to offer providers resources to ensure every classroom is an inclusive environment where all children can succeed. To do this, we are launching an outreach campaign entitled *Planting SEEDS for a Successful School Year*.

This campaign will provide strategies and resources in the form of tip sheets, webinars, provider testimonials, and a Facebook Live series that all focus on boosting social-emotional wellness and minimizing challenging child behaviors within your program. Social media outlets will be our main form of communicating these tools to the community, so be sure to follow DECAL on Facebook and Instagram. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Specialists in your area and hear our team touch on common issues in the classroom. We will be providing tips on how to implement various inclusive practices and ideas on how to embed social-emotional supports throughout the learning day. The outreach campaign will also feature success stories from providers across Georgia, as well as information on how and when to reach out to us for support.

Through a successful partnership with Georgia early childhood providers, we as an education community can address the needs of our children and build a strong foundation for a successful school year. For more information about the free training and coaching support we provide, contact the SEEDS for Success Helpline at 1-(833) 354-HELP, or email us at Inclusion@dec.al.ga.gov.

1.833.354.HELP

GEORGIA SEEDS for SUCCESS



Hopeful Return, Spring 2022!

The Southwest Regional Director's Institute



Everyone's safety and wellbeing are our priority. Be on the lookout for additional information regarding the conference in the months ahead and help us spread the word that we will be back!

We can't wait to see everyone for the best conference yet!!!

Quality Rated Provider Highlights

Alma's Baby World and Learning Center, Albany, GA 1-STAR!

Alma's Baby World and Early Learning Center is a second-generation minority family business in its 21st year of successful operation. Dr. Alma Noble opened the child care center in 2000 and it was originally named Alma's Baby World Developmental Day Care Center. In October 2019, Dr. Alma Noble retired and the business was purchased by me, her daughter, Charlice J. Dukes, Ed.S. Less than six months later, the center was temporarily closed for 8 weeks due to COVID-19. The center reopened in May 2020 with less than 15 students. With a lot of prayer and family support, I left my career with the Dougherty County School System to lead the business out of the pandemic. A year later, the center reached full capacity and is doing better than ever! The team at Alma's Baby World's most prized accomplishment is being named a Quality Rated center. The assistance provided by the Child Care Resource and Referral team was second to none.

Although the business is now thriving, I decided to return to my love of teaching and will serve as a teacher at the child care center. "It is my honor to continue my mother's legacy and serve my community as an educator and small business owner."

~Charlice Dukes, Owner



Dr. Alma Noble & Charlice Dukes

Lead Technical Assistance & Professional Learning Community Coordinator Highlight

Hi everyone,

My name is Dianne Fitchlee but most of you know me as DJ. I have been with CCR&R of SWGA for 7 years and in the early childhood education field for over 35 years. I have probably served in this field in just about every position, from assistant teacher, to director, to regional trainer, and now Lead Technical Assistance & Professional Learning Community Coordinator. In my career, I have had wonderful mentors that supported my professional growth, which started my love of professional development and all things training.

Recently, I have been focused on Professional Learning Communities, PLCs. I see this becoming a new direction for professional development opportunities for ECE professionals. This is an exciting time for me being part of this change. I am enjoying supporting and encouraging my peers and ECE professionals to participate and explore the Professional Learning Communities.

In my "off" time, I enjoy catering with my husband and renovating our dream home at the river. But most of all, I enjoy spending time with our 8 children and 7 grandchildren.



DJ with her husband Jimmy



Congratulations

to our Newest Quality Rated Providers!

- ★ Barnett, Faith - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Foster, Latashia - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Lee, Jan - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Jones, Lavel - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Martin, Sonya - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Gresham, Jessica - Family Child Care Learning
- ★ Horizons Preschool 2
- ★ Addison, Tracy - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Bella's Learning Academy
- ★ Benn, Itza - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Biggers, Zelbra - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Brinkley's Day Care Center
- ★ Bryant, Delores - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Bundles of Love
- ★ Miller, Gwen - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Kid's Corner Child Development Center
- ★ Butler/Mason YMCA
- ★ Clark, Barbara - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Daily Blessings Academy
- ★ Doerun Primetime - SAC
- ★ Odom Primetime - SAC
- ★ Farley, Kerrinna - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Johnson, Trellis - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Folsom, Cynthia - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Kiddie Kollege & Learning Center
- ★ Heaven Sent Preschool
- ★ Okapilco Primetime - SAC
- ★ Funston Primetime - SAC
- ★ Gibbs, Tamara - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Allen, Mary - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Great Start Learning Center
- ★ Just Like Home Early Learning Center
- ★ Horizon Christian Learning Center

- ★ Whitehead, Lora - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Williams, Jacquelyn - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Hamilton Primetime - SAC
- ★ Cox Primetime - SAC
- ★ Hollingshed, Josie - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Kids Ahoy
- ★ Little Blessings Child Care
- ★ Little One's Learning Center LLC
- ★ Mallard, Lynda - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Marzet, Robin - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Maynard, Detra - Family Child Care Learning Home
- ★ Montessori Preparatory Academy of Lee
- ★ Motivating Youth Foundation, Inc
- ★ Ms. BJ's Group Day Care and Early Learning
- ★ New Beginning Early Learning Academy
- ★ Norman Park Primetime - SAC
- ★ Northside Prep Downtown
- ★ Pea N A Pod Learning Center
- ★ Pitty Pat Day Care
- ★ Precious Moments Learning Center
- ★ PREP Academy of Learning II
- ★ Preschool Scholars
- ★ R.B. Wright Primetime - SAC
- ★ Rochell's Angels, Inc
- ★ Romper Room Playschool
- ★ New Beginning Early Learning Academy West
- ★ Smiling Faces 2
- ★ The Children's Courtyard
- ★ The Education Learning Station
- ★ The Fathers Learning Development Center
- ★ Tiny Tots LLC
- ★ Tiny Treasures Early Learning Center
- ★★ Sandy's Sandbox-Byron

Quality Rated Training Calendar – August & September 2021

<p>GELDS Webinar Tuesday, August 17, 2021 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Standards 102: Child Development -2 hrs. <i>This training examines basic milestones of physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development from birth to preschool. With a special focus on social-emotional development, the training helps teachers understand how these milestones connect with GELDS indicators.</i></p>	<p>Erica White, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>GELDS Super Saturday Saturday, September 11, 2021</p> <p>Standards 101 9:00-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Standards 102 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Standards 103 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Standards 101: How to Use the GELDS -2 hrs. <i>This training introduces teachers to the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) and explains how they can use the standards to improve learning outcomes. It provides an overview of the organizational structure and language, and explains how the GELDS can be used to support developmentally appropriate practices.</i></p> <p>Standards 102: Child Development -2 hrs. <i>This training examines basic milestones of physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development from birth to preschool. With a special focus on social-emotional development, the training helps teachers understand how these milestones connect with GELDS indicators.</i></p> <p>Standards 103: Developmentally Appropriate Practices -2 hrs. <i>This training examines developmentally appropriate practice (DAP) from birth to preschool. It helps teachers connect DAP to GELDS indicators and understand what DAP looks like in action.</i></p>	<p>Angie Morey, BFTS Approved Trainer</p> <p>&</p> <p>Estelle Rothwell, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
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To register for Quality Rated training, you must have a GaPDS account.

To create your account, go to <https://gapds.decal.ga.gov/>.



Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life offers free, virtual, Bright from the Start approved trainings. They currently have training dates planned and spots available for:

Early Feeding in Early Care: 8/3, and 9/23
Building Resilience in Early Care: 8/24, and 9/21

They also have an online, on-demand infant feeding training available.

Register at: www.strong4life.com/earlycare.



Training Calendar – August & September 2021

<p>Tuesday, August 3, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Better Brains for Babies: Attachment - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn ways adults can help children develop the trust needed to take risks and develop appropriate social and emotional skills. Learn what can occur if negative attachments are formed in early childhood.</i></p>	<p>La Keshia Levi, County Extension Agent</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 3, 2021 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Relationships, Interactions, and Temperaments - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn how to build positive teacher-child relationships & interactions. In this class, we'll discuss the different temperaments each child has and provide helpful teaching strategies.</i></p>	<p>Angie Morey, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 4, 2021 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Open-Ended Questions are Important! Who, What, When, Where, & Why? - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn how to incorporate open-ended questions in the classroom to encourage positive language development.</i></p>	<p>Angie Morey, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Saturday, August 7, 2021 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$50</p> <p><i>*Face mask required</i></p>	<p>CPR/First Aid <i>American Heart Association</i></p> <p><i>Albany State University-West Campus, Building J, Room 128 2429 Gillionville Rd. Albany, GA 31707</i></p>	<p>Judy Gaines, Certified Instructor</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 10, 2021 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Pop! Infant and Tot Lesson Plans - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn to "pop" the activity and language growth during this period of infancy and toddlerhood amidst the chaos, meals, and diapering.</i></p>	<p>Lori Sugarman, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Three P's of Professionalism - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Due to the reaching effects of ECE staff behavior and the importance of upholding our field as a true profession, this webinar was written to help early care and education staff realize they can earn the title of "professionals" and continue to affect children and families positively when they act professionally.</i></p>	<p>Shandry Johnson, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. \$15</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Making Lesson Plans Simple - 3 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn to develop a webbing from the book, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" and gain a clear idea of how to prepare a lesson plan using the GELDS lesson plan form.</i></p>	<p>Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 17, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Plan It, Purge It, Place It: How to Organize Your Child Care Center - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn how to organize your environment with tips and strategies for running a smoother classroom.</i></p>	<p>Polly Raike, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 18, 2021 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$15</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Stressed Out! The Importance of Self Care for the Early Childhood Programs - 3 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn the definition and signs of stress, strategies to reduce stress, and create individual plans for self-care.</i></p>	<p>Estelle Rothwell, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Setting the Stage: Promoting Positive Behaviors - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn the factors that promote positive behaviors in children and how to set the stage for this environment.</i></p>	<p>Kerri Chalon, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>

<p>Saturday, August 21, 2021 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$30</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Arts and Crafts Super Saturday Plus! - 6 hrs.</p> <p><i>Look forward to an enjoyable, informative, and fun-filled Saturday! The class will incorporate educational activities using arts and crafts with an explanation of age-appropriate groups in child care settings plus inclusive needs, too. This is a GREAT way to start your upcoming school year and a “don’t miss” opportunity for all staff! Mark your calendar!</i></p>	<p>Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Monday, August 23, 2021 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Daily Transition-From Beginning 2 End - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Verbal cues are an absolute necessity when encouraging young children to transition from one activity to the next! Practicing and making it fun for the children will support a smooth transition.</i></p>	<p>Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 24, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>All About Group Times - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn how to meet the needs of children through large group to small group activities.</i></p>	<p>Polly Raike, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 25, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Let’s Play House: How to Set Up or Improve Your Dramatic Play Area - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Gain a better understanding of how to set up and improve a dramatic play center and use dramatic play to foster learning through play.</i></p>	<p>Crystal Heard, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Thursday, August 26, 2021 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Using Transitions Appropriately - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn to create and develop diverse, age, and developmentally appropriate transitional activities.</i></p>	<p>Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>“A” is for Access - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn what making materials accessible to children really means and identify common barriers to accessibility with solutions that ensure access.</i></p>	<p>Meribeth Bice, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Monday, August 30, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Chew on This: How to Understand and Handle Biting in the Classroom - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Gain an understanding of biting from a developmental point of view. Learn the different types of biters and the strategies to assist those children when biting occurs. When biting becomes a real problem, you’ll have an appropriate action plan!</i></p>	<p>Cindy Fick, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Thursday, September 2, 2021 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Discipline and Supervision- Do’s, and Don’ts and Can’ts - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>This class provides specific approaches and techniques to discipline and supervision under Bright from the Start rules and regulations.</i></p>	<p>Lori Sugarman, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 7, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Teacher/Child Interactions - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>This training will provide the benefits and various opportunities that increase interaction with children in your care.</i></p>	<p>Polly Raike, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Scribbles, Drawings, and Paintings-Writing Readiness - 2 hrs.</p> <p><i>Learn the importance of allowing children to scribble, draw and paint at a young age and the stages children go through before learning to write.</i></p>	<p>Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$20</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Supervision Made Easy! - 4 hrs.</p> <p><i>Are you sure you have adequate supervision? Together let’s Hit a Home Run by following The Rules and Regulations. See you at Home Plate!</i></p>	<p>Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>

<p>Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Better Brains for Babies: Play - 2 hrs. <i>Learn how play builds connections in the brain and how adults can help enrich the learning experience for children through play.</i></p>	<p>La Keshia Levi, County Extension Agent</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 15, 2021 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Changing Space: Making Your Classroom Work! - 2 hrs. <i>Does your classroom need a new look? Learn ways to create a safe and warm environment for children and staff.</i></p>	<p>Marian Whitlock, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Saturday, September 18, 2021 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$50</p> <p><i>*Face mask required</i></p>	<p>CPR/First Aid <i>American Heart Association</i> <i>Albany State University-West Campus, Building J, Room 128 2429 Gillionville Rd. Albany, GA 31707</i></p>	<p>Judy Gaines, Certified Instructor</p>
<p>Saturday, September 18, 2021 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Effective Communication for Building Family and Community Relationships - 2 hrs. <i>Come explore positive ways of communicating and multiple modes of communication. Learn strategies for building relationships with families and the community.</i></p>	<p>Melvina Crawl, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 21, 2021 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Cooking with Math and Science - 2 hrs. <i>Hone your skills on teaching children math and science through cooking! This class shares simple recipes that can be used within the classroom.</i></p>	<p>Polly Raike, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Thursday, September 23, 2021 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$10</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>What?! Healthy Behavior Management Strategies - 2 hrs. <i>This class defines behavior management and will help you differentiate between challenging and difficult behaviors. Learn positive strategies to counteract inappropriate classroom behavior.</i></p>	<p>Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>
<p>Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$20</p> <p>Webinar</p>	<p>Musical Tippy Toes - 4 hrs. <i>Learn fun ways to increase music in the classroom and discover music that is developmentally appropriate for different ages.</i></p>	<p>Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer</p>



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Due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions, training will be offered in virtual format until further notice.

1. To locate the training calendar and register for the webinar of your choice, go to www.asurams.edu/ccrr/training.php, where you can register and submit payment through Eventbrite.
2. Email blasts are sent twice a week as a reminder of upcoming sessions. Please check your email often.
3. Once registration and payment have been received, you will receive an email with an invitation to join the session along with handouts as attachments on the day of the weekday training or the day before for a weekend training.
4. You must attend virtually and participate in all activities, polls, chats, and breakout sessions during the training to receive a certificate.
5. No one is admitted to a training webinar without prior registration and payment if required.
6. Registrations must be received at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled training date.
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8. If you register for free training and do not attend, your registration for free training in the future may not be accepted.

How to Attend the Webinar Training Session:

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3. When it is time to join the session, you will need to click the link in the email.
4. You may need to download an application to your computer or phone in order to join so please be sure to log in early.
5. Once the application is downloaded, you will be able to join the session.
6. Upon entering the session, please type your name and county you work in the chat box.
7. Please participate in all activities, polls, chats, and breakout sessions throughout the training.
8. Be sure to complete the Survey Monkey after the training to let us know your thoughts so we can better serve your needs.
9. Enjoy and thanks for attending our virtual trainings!

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For training information and questions, contact Training Administrator, Margo Sanders:
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