



Quarterly Bulletin and Training Calendar for Early Childhood Educators

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Dear Georgia Child Care Professionals:

As this year of unprecedented challenges draws to a close, I want to express my gratitude for everyone who works in the child care industry—teachers, directors, owners, technical assistants, consultants, trainers, and support staff. The resilience I have seen demonstrated throughout the pandemic makes me proud to serve Georgia's children alongside you.

I also want to ask your help in promoting the SOLVE program. You may recall that SOLVE stands for Supporting Onsite Learning for Virtual Education, and the program provides scholarships for Georgia public school children whose school districts provide primarily virtual learning to receive supervision and support at licensed child care facilities during the school day. It is my hope that SOLVE will improve the stability of child care businesses by filling some of the empty seats vacated during the public health emergency. Please help us spread the word about this important support for families.

To be eligible for SOLVE scholarships, a family's income may not exceed 85% of the state median income (SMI), and parents must be working, attending school, or a combination of the two. Children must be 5–12 years old (kindergarten through 7th grade) and enrolled in a Georgia public school district that is primarily offering virtual learning (50% or more of classroom instruction is virtual). Scholarships are for three months and may be extended if the school system continues to offer a primarily virtual instructional model. Complete eligibility requirements and other details are available at: <https://www.decgal.ga.gov/CAPS/Solve.aspx>

Families apply for SOLVE through the Georgia Gateway system at: <https://gateway.ga.gov/access/>. As of November 5 DECAL had awarded 3,398 scholarships to children in 2,343 families in 42 counties across the state. SOLVE applications are processed by CAPS, and there is currently no backlog.

The following school districts were offering primarily virtual instruction as of November 2:

Atlanta Public Schools	DeKalb County	Rockdale County
Bibb County	Dooley County	Savannah-Chatham County
Calhoun County	Dougherty County	Stewart County
City Schools of Decatur	Dublin City Schools	Sumter County
Chattahoochee County	Greene County	Taliaferro County
Clarke County	Hancock County	Warren County
Clay County	Macon County	Wilkinson County
Clayton County	Quitman County	

If you are a licensed provider and you are already registered with CAPS, please let us know if you are available to accept children with SOLVE scholarships. Go to your KOALA account at www.decalkoala.com and indicate that you are open and providing supervised distanced learning.

If you need to register with CAPS, please follow the instructions at: <https://caps.decal.ga.gov/en/CAPSProviderHowTo>.

SOLVE is funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding allocated to Georgia through the CARES Act in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

I wish you a safe and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,



Amy M. Jacobs
Commissioner

Quality Rated Updates

How Your Support Sustains Quality Rated

by Bentley Ponder and Denise Jenson

We are grateful to all of you in the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies and the child care provider industry for helping Georgia build a solid foundation of high-quality early care and education (ECE) through Quality Rated over the past eight years. During the past eight months, we have had to make a series of changes to Quality Rated to preserve that foundation and promote continuous quality improvement in the face of COVID-19's challenges.

A continued priority for us during this time has been maintaining the momentum toward the goal of having all CAPS providers become Quality Rated (the CAPS/QR Goal). We realize that the modifications we have made related to the CAPS/QR Goal have required all of you to be flexible and patient. And you all have really stepped up the plate.

The Goal has provided some exciting opportunities for us to experiment with new approaches that enhance Quality Rated and further strengthen GA's ECE system. At each stage of our planning, including the changes we have made to adjust to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have received helpful input from our CCR&R partners. You have offered useful feedback on all of our proposals. Now, as we begin to implement a new set of changes, we will need your help more than ever to ensure that providers can smoothly navigate the Temporary Alternate Rating Options (TARO), and the Quality Rated Virtual Process (QRVP) in 2020 and 2021.

We have always known that the hard work and commitment of child care providers are essential to Quality Rated's strength. It has been gratifying to see that despite extraordinary daily challenges, you have remained enthusiastic about becoming Quality Rated. We are amazed and proud that the number of centers and learning homes receiving star ratings has continued to increase during this pandemic. Going forward, your dedication to delivering high-quality early care and learning will continue to be the backbone of Quality Rated and we will continue to assist you in those efforts.

Check out the latest [#DECALDownload](#) podcast for an update on Quality Rated and how COVID-19 has had an impact on the program, especially the deadline for all providers receiving CAPS funding to be Quality Rated.

Listen here:

<http://decaldownload.buzzsprout.com>

Developmental Milestones and Monitoring

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is excited to announce the launch of our new Developmental Milestones website, a resource to help families and caregivers monitor children's development. Developmental Milestones are skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving "bye-bye." Tracking these important milestones can help families see if their child's development is on track, or if they need extra support and intervention. Tracking milestones can be done by watching, interacting, and playing with children and recording their skills on a milestones checklist.

DECAL's new website features milestones from ten different age groups, broken down into four different domains: Social and Emotional Development, Language and Communication, Cognitive Development, and Movement/Physical Development. The website is easy to navigate and has a unique feature that allows families or teachers to compare milestones for up to three different ages. Using this tool, families can look across age ranges for a complete picture of their child's development. This new website helps families, teachers and child care provider know what to expect at each age of child development, and how to use this information to track the children's developmental milestones. It also offers downloadable developmental checklists in both English and Spanish that make it simple for families and caregivers to keep track of milestones.

If a child is missing a milestone, it is important to act early to be sure that concerns are addressed and that children can receive any needed supports such as early intervention. The new DECAL Developmental Milestones website contains links to local Georgia resources that families can use to find help and support if there is a concern. There are also links to free resources and helpful articles, links to DECAL programs, and information about the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS). Encourage families and caregivers to take a look at the new website, and be sure to take a look yourself at: development.dec.al.ga.gov.

Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialist

A statewide network of DECAL Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialists is available to link early childhood providers with community resources to support classroom climate and to prevent and reduce persistent challenging behavior.

The specialists provide a variety of resources, strategies and supports to programs, classrooms, and the community. These resources and supports include, but are not limited to: Bright from the Start approved professional development for teachers, directors and others; trainings to support Social Emotional Competence in areas such as Nurturing and Responsive Relationships, Supportive Environments, Responsive Caregiving, Temperament, and more. They also provide resources and information about social emotional development, challenging behaviors, and other topics, and provide targeted technical assistance to early childhood programs through strategies designed to increase nurturing and responsive relationships and high quality supportive environments, provide targeted social emotional supports, and identify and address challenging behavior.

If you have questions or a request for specialist support, please contact our SEEDS for Success Helpline at 1-(833)354-4357 or at inclusion@dec.al.ga.gov.



**Georgia Dept
of Early Care
and Learning**
BRIGHT FROM THE START



Free Your Feels: A Youth Mental Health Awareness Campaign

4.4 million kids, ages 3-17, have diagnosed anxiety. ([CDC](#))

Child care providers and children are reconnecting as more and more centers re-open each day. And everyone is coming back together with more stress and in need of more support than ever before given the uncertainty of these times. The **Free Your Feels** youth mental health awareness campaign is here to help children of all ages and the caregivers in their lives!

The recently launched year-long **Free Your Feels** mental health awareness campaign equips children, teens, parents, caregivers, educators, and childcare providers to **Speak. Listen. Connect.** It empowers youth to *speak* out and express their real feelings, encourages adults and peers to check-in with each other and *listen* judgement free, and *connects* everyone to resources for further guidance or help.

We know that prevention begins early with our youngest children. With that in mind – the campaign has specific messages and resources for caregivers of young children. Childcare providers can visit the Free Your Feels website to access age-appropriate [resources](#) – including the DECAL helpline for early learning professionals, expert tips from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life, learn the signs to act early, webinars, and more.

Join the statewide #freeyourfeels campaign by promoting messages and resources on social media and by cultivating an environment where it is not only safe to express feelings, but it is celebrated. You can find pre-made graphics and captions to post directly to your social media platforms [here](#).

For more information about the *Free Your Feels* campaign, please visit www.freeyourfeels.org (website available in English and Spanish). Follow the campaign on Instagram (@free.your.feels) and on Voices' Facebook and Twitter pages (@georgiavoices).

Sample social media graphic 1:



Sample caption for graphic 1:

Be a responsive caregiver to the youngest in your care. Provide them the space to express their feelings without getting into trouble. #freeyourfeels Register for DECAL's Infant Toddler Webinar series to learn more! <https://tinyurl.com/DECALInfantWebinar>

Sample social media graphic 2:



Sample caption for graphic 2:

Little kids have BIG feelings. Tantrums and defiance are a normal part of a toddler's social-emotional development. Set limits but always listen so the child knows they're safe to express their feelings with you. #freeyourfeels Find more resources at www.freeyourfeels.org.

Quality Rated Provider Highlights

St. Paul Gillespie-Selden Learning Center, Cordele, GA 3-STARS!!!

“St. Paul Gillespie-Selden Learning Center has been operating since 1956. We are proud to join the Quality Rated providers in Georgia. We here at SPGSLC, strive to provide outstanding child care to the families of Crisp and surrounding counties. We could not have done this without the technical support and encouragement from TA Coordinators, Kerri Chalon and Marian Whitlock. We also received portfolio support from TAC, Cindy Fick. These ladies have a wealth of knowledge about the Quality Rated program. Their help and support we received from our parents, staff and the Board of Directors helped us achieve a 3-Star Rating!”

~Jacqueline Hill, Director



Congratulations!

to the newest **first time QUALITY RATED** programs in the Southwest region:

A New Generation Academy	Decatur	★
Albany YMCA Prime Time – School Age Care	Dougherty	★
Allen, Mary, Family Child Care Learning Home	Early	★
Baby Love Day Care and Learning Center	Brooks	★
Backyard Buddies Inc.	Worth	★
Brantley's Busy Bee Learning Center	Bibb	★
Bright Lil Minds	Muscogee	★
Bright Star Child Care & Learning Center	Thomas	★
Brilliant Stars Academy	Houston	★
Carver Heights	Muscogee	★
Coliseum Child's Play	Bibb	★
Cox Primetime – School Age Care	Colquitt	★
Fairview Kids Academy	Henry	★
Family Literacy Connection Child Development Center	Dougherty	★
Greene's Child Development Center	Dougherty	★
Gresham, Jessica, Family Child Care Learning Home	Telfair	★
Higher Excellence Learning Center	Bibb	★
Horizon Christian Learning Center	Spalding	★
Jacob's Ladder Educational Child Care Center #2	Houston	★
Just like Home Early Learning Center	Dougherty	★
Kiddie Kollege & Learning Center	Muscogee	★
Kids World Day Care	Thomas	★
Kidz Kastle Day Care Center	Clay	★
Kribs 2 Kollege	Muscogee	★
Lee, Jan G, Family Child Care Learning Home	Muscogee	★
Little Lambs Day Care & Learning Center	Bibb	★
Martin, Sonya, Family Child Care Learning Home	Tift	★
McRae, Brenda, Family Child Care Learning Home	Dougherty	★
Miller, Gwendolyn, Family Child Care Learning Home	Thomas	★

Morris, Lisa, Family Child Care Learning Home	Henry	★
Moultrie YMCA Child Care Center	Colquitt	★
New Beginning Early Learning Academy	Dougherty	★
New Beginnings Early Learning Academy West	Dougherty	★
Norman Park Primetime – School Age Care	Colquitt	★
Odom Primetime – School Age, Care	Colquitt	★
Okapilco Primetime – School Age Care	Colquitt	★
Peachy Kids Academy	Bibb	★
Pound, Connie, Family Child Care Learning Home	Spalding	★
PREP Academy of Learning II	Dougherty	★
R.B. Wright Primetime – School Age Care	Colquitt	★
Rocking Chair Day Care	Colquitt	★
Safe Harbor Child Care Center	Randolph	★
Smart Start Pre-School Learning Academy	Thomas	★
Smiling Faces 2	Seminole	★
Sunshine Children's Academy	Houston	★
Tender Loving Care	Thomas	★
Tender Years #9	Henry	★
The Father's Learning Development Center	Dougherty	★
Tiny Treasures Early Learning Center	Bibb	★
Towles, Belinda, Family Child Care Learning Home	Houston	★
Tracey's Stay-N-Play	Houston	★
Whitehead, Lora, Family Child Care Learning Home	Houston	★

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Aldridge, Samantha, Family Child Care Learning Home	Muscogee	★★
Brooks County School Early Learning Center	Brooks	★★
Cedars Preschool at Locust Grove	Henry	★★
Dominion Children's Academy	Muscogee	★★
Hands on Learning Academy	Thomas	★★
Kiddie Kottage	Spalding	★★
Kids R First Learning Center	Spalding	★★
Kids World Academy 2 of Bainbridge LLC – School Age Care	Decatur	★★

Lee County Child Development Center	Lee	★ ★ ★
Lippitt Center HS	Dougherty	★ ★ ★
Little Children's Shine Academy	Bibb	★ ★ ★
Marine Corps Logistics Base Child Development Services	Dougherty	★ ★ ★
Meadowdale Learning Center Houston Lake Road	Houston	★ ★ ★
Meadowdale Learning Center Moody Road	Houston	★ ★ ★
Miss Bonnie's Day Care	Colquitt	★ ★ ★
Moultrie YMCA South Campus Child Care Center	Colquitt	★ ★ ★
New Birth Learning Institute	Dougherty	★ ★ ★
North Henry Academy Extended Care	Henry	★ ★ ★
People of Faith Early Learning and Child Care Center	Crisp	★ ★ ★
Primary Kid's Academy	Houston	★ ★ ★
Sister/Sister Learning Center	Dougherty	★ ★ ★
Thomasville Community Resource Center	Thomas	★ ★ ★
Walter P. Jones Early Head Start, Head Start	Bibb	★ ★ ★



Congratulations!
to programs who **increased or maintained** their star ratings:

Latrenda's World for Learning	Bibb	★ to a ★ ★ ★
New Life Learning	Miller	★ ★ ★ to a ★ ★ ★
Noah's Ark Child Care Center	Upson	★ ★ ★ to a ★ ★ ★
Nutts About Kids Learning Center	Dooly	★ to a ★ ★ ★
Perry Head Start	Houston	★ ★ ★ ★ to a ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Precious Hands Child Development Center	Dougherty	★ ★ ★ to a ★ ★ ★ ★
Sweet Pea's Day Care	Dougherty	★ ★ ★ to a ★ ★ ★



Presents the Online Learning Library Initiative (OLLI)

Interested in starting a child care program? Need help with behavior and classroom management or intentional teaching practices, etc.?

OLLI can help!

OLLI houses free Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) approved training courses for Georgia child care providers and trainers covering the following topics:

Child Care Licensing Center Orientation
Family Child Care Learning Home Orientation
Family Engagement in Child Care Programs
Intentional Teaching and Planning with the GELDS
Intentional Teaching Using the Math Sub-Domain
Intentional Teaching Using the Science Sub-Domain
Intentional Teaching Using the Social Studies Sub-Domain
SEEDS: Behavior Expectations and Classroom Rules
SEEDS: Understanding the Daily Schedule, Routines, and Transitions
SEEDS: Count Me In
SEEDS: Nurturing Responsive Relationships
The Pyramid Model in Early Childhood Environments
Understanding Georgia's Workforce Knowledge and Competencies for Educators
Understanding Georgia's Workforce Knowledge and Competencies for Trainers

Access these OLLI trainings in GaPDS at:

<https://gapds.decals.ga.gov/>

Call 404-267-2760 for assistance with GaPDS registration or creating an account



Due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions, trainings will be offered in VIRTUAL FORMAT until further notice.



The Quality Rated eligible providers' goal is to be star rated by **12/31/2021** in order to continue to receive Child Care and Parent Services (CAPS) funding.

It's easy to enroll in Quality Rated! Simply click this link and create your account!

<https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>

Date	Time	Class	Location
Thursday 11/19/2020	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	GELDS 101 <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> 2 State Approved Hrs. Cindy Fick, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar
Saturday 11/21/2020	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Introduction to the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) <i>This workshop provides an introduction and overview of the family of Environment Rating Scales (ERS) that are used by DECAL as the tool to assess programs participating in Georgia's Quality Rated (QR) system. Please note, a completed Quality Rated application is required before registering for this training.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Meribeth Bice, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar
Saturday 12/5/2020	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	QR Orientation <i>The Quality Rated Orientation will guide you through the process toward higher quality care and work toward achieving a Quality Rated Level, which is recognized by your parents, community and child care partners, and stakeholders, but more importantly the increase in quality will be enjoyed by the children and families you serve.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Estelle Rothwell, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar
Monday 12/7/2020 & Tuesday 12/8/2020	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. <i>*Must attend both nights of the webinar to receive credit.</i>	Using the ECERS-3 Scale to Improve Quality in a Preschool Program <i>This training will assist ECE professionals that work with 3- to 5-year olds gain a better understanding of how to use the ECERS-3 scales to create or improve quality in their preschool programs.</i> 4 State Approved Hrs. Alicia Mills, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar

Wednesday 12/9/2020 & Thursday 12/10/2020	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. <i>*Must attend both nights of the webinar to receive credit</i>	Using the ITERS-3 Scale to Improve Quality in an Infant/Toddler Program <i>This training will assist ECE professionals that work with infants and toddlers gain a better understanding of how to use the ITERS-3 scales to create or improve quality in their infant/toddler programs.</i> 4 State Approved Hrs. Kathi Roberts, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar
Saturday 12/12/2020	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	SACERS-U In-Depth <i>In-depth exploration of the School Age Environment Rating Scale-Updated version used by DECAL as one of the tools to assess programs participating in Quality Rated.</i> 4 State Approved Hrs. Cindy Fick, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar

To register for Quality Rated trainings, you must have a GaPDS account.



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

Returning Spring, 2021!

The Southwest Regional Director's Institute



IN QUALITY CHILD CARE

We listened to your feedback to schedule our next
Director's Institute, spring of 2021.

Everyone's safety and wellbeing is our priority. Watch for additional information regarding the conference in the months ahead and help us spread the word to other child care center directors and owners that we will be back!

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

Training Calendar - November, December, January

Date	Time	Class	Location	Fee
Monday 11/9/2020	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Transitioning - Moving Right Along (Infants And Toddlers) <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 children will support a smooth transition. This training focuses on infant/toddler transitions.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Tuesday 11/10/2020	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Family Child Care Environment Rating Scales - Program Structure <i>This beginning level training introduces Family Child Care providers to the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) looking closely at each scale. Providers will learn why the tool is developmentally appropriate and reasons for the requirements. Group work will allow providers to ask questions and gain confidence for expectations during the Quality Rated process.</i> 1.5 State Approved Hrs. Kathi Roberts, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$7.50
Thursday 11/12/2020	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Communicating with Families <i>Having available resources and getting families involved, maps an effective way toward establishing productive family communications and relationships while ensuring safety of the children in our care.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 11/14/2020	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Growing Children with Music and Movement <i>This engaging workshop covers the importance of music and movement in the early childhood classroom. Participants will gain hands-on experience for facilitating the use of music and movement in the classroom.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Melissa Cox-Crew, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Monday 11/16/2020	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Integrated Teaching and Learning: Meeting the Developmental Needs of Each and Every Child <i>This training will teach participants to investigate and choose integrated practices for their classroom environment.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Polly Raike, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10

“It shouldn’t matter how slowly a child learns as long as we are encouraging them not to stop.”

Robert John Meehan

Date	Time	Class	Location	Fee
Tuesday 11/17/2020	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Be a Role Model with Positive Teacher - Child Interactions <i>This training is designed to assist in developing positive teacher-child interactions by identifying and understanding the characteristics as well as the importance of positive teacher-child interactions.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Meribeth Bice, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Tuesday 11/17/2020	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Laughter for Discipline, Distraction, and Transition <i>Learn to use these laughter games to ease transition, extend attention span, reinforce positive behavior, and distract children from emotional outbursts.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Lori Sugarman, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 11/21/2020	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Classroom Imaginarium Western Style <i>This training is designed to enhance the children's knowledge of math, social studies, science, creative development, and cognitive processes. Incorporating inclusion and the GELDS are reflected in this training.</i> 4 State Approved Hrs. Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$20
Monday 11/30/2020	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Marketing Your Program Through Effective Organization <i>This session will teach participants creative and effective marketing tools to increase profit for their program.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Tuesday 12/1/2020	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Singing into Sign Language and Finger Spelling <i>Understanding language research, this class increases motivation to learn and use 20+ signs with infant-tots as well as finger spelling with 3-4 year olds for increased finger dexterity.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Lori Sugarman, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Thursday 12/3/2020	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	What?! Healthy Behavior Management Strategies <i>This course defines behavior management and helps the caregiver differentiate between challenging and difficult behaviors. It offers positive strategies that result in appropriate classroom behavior.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 12/5/2020	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Early Literacy from Birth and Beyond <i>This engaging workshop covers the importance of early literacy and language skills in the classroom. Participants will gain hands-on experience for facilitating early literacy and language in the classroom.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Melissa Cox-Crew, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10

Date	Time	Class	Location	Fee
Monday 12/7/2020	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Sensory Processing <i>Early child care educators will learn about issues children have with sensory processing and how to support their needs.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Thursday 12/10/2020	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Ethical Behavior in Early Childhood Education <i>Learn how ethical behavior plays a major role in the work place.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Thursday 12/10/2020	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Improving Staff Communication in Child Care <i>This interactive workshop will provide child care directors with useable strategies to improve communication within their programs.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Cassie Thompson, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 12/12/2020	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	COVID-19 Safety Practices and Resources for Child Care Providers <i>Tune into this interactive Zoom session to learn COVID-19 safety practices and resources to support children and families. Engage in discussions and explore resources for child care settings and families.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Melvina Crawl, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Tuesday 12/15/2020	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Chew on This! How to Understand and Handle Biting in the Classroom <i>Learn about biting from a developmental point of view and the different types of biters with strategies to assist those children when biting occurs. Learn how to make an action plan when biting becomes a real problem.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Cindy Fick, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Tuesday 1/5/2021	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Learning to Play, Playing to Learn <i>Children play in different ways as they grow. Babies play differently from toddlers who play differently from preschoolers. Learn to recognize and apply the importance of play.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Polly Raike, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 1/9/2021	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Understanding Lesson Plans <i>Learn to make the most of lesson plans.</i> 4 State Approved Hrs. Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$20
Monday 1/11/2021	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	From Me to We: Social Studies in Early Childhood <i>Learn how to recognize and incorporate social studies into early childhood.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Polly Raike, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10

Date	Time	Class	Location	Fee
Tuesday 1/12/2021	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	ECE Interactions <i>Learn new ideas and skills for more appropriate and effective interactions with children. Children benefit from teachers that are attuned to how they interact with children teaching them to develop and learn in a setting where they are respected and encouraged.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Erica White, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Tuesday 1/12/2021	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Sensory Processing <i>Learn about the issues children have with sensory processing and how to support their needs.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Thursday 1/14/2021	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Sign Language for Babies - PreK <i>Learn basic sign language to integrate into child care from infants through Pre-K.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Lori Sugarman, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 1/16/2021	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Early Literacy from Birth and Beyond <i>This engaging workshop covers the importance of early literacy and language skills in the classroom. Gain hands-on experience for facilitating early literacy and language in the classroom.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Melissa Cox-Crew, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 1/16/2021	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Let's Play House: How to Set Up or Improve Your Dramatic Play Area <i>Learn how to set up or improve a dramatic play center and use dramatic play to foster learning through play.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Meribeth Bice, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 1/23/2021	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Coping with Stress During Times of Crisis <i>Are you sure about the signs of stress in adults and children? What factors contribute to stress during times of crisis and what resources are available? This engaging and interactive class helps us to learn and share with others.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Melvina Crawl, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Tuesday 1/26/2021	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Daily Transition - From Beginning 2 End <i>Verbal cues are an absolute necessity when encouraging young children to transition from one activity to the next. Practice how to make it fun for the children and support smooth transitions.</i> 2 State Approved Hrs. Linda Davis, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$10
Saturday 1/30/2021	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Supervision Made Easy <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> 4 State Approved Hrs. Sandra Jackson, BFTS Approved Trainer	Webinar	\$20



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- 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.
- Email blasts are sent weekly as a reminder of upcoming sessions. Please check your email often.
- Once registration and payment have been received, you will be emailed an invitation to join the session and handouts as attachments.
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- No one is admitted to a training webinar without prior registration and payment if required.
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For training information and questions, contact Training Administrator, Margo Sanders:
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**Conference Theme:
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