



April, May, June 2024 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Administration Series

Mastering the Childcare Leadership Journey: Strategies for Success

3-26-24

Session 1: Don't Waste a Crisis

We will begin with the purpose of reflecting on challenges, identifying opportunities, and fostering a sense of unity among participants. What adversities have you overcome? Do you find yourself stronger and more appreciative because of them? You will depart from this session uplifted, with a renewed belief in the boundless possibilities that lie ahead when met with humor and unwavering perseverance.

Session is in-person

10:00am-1:00pm

**Location: 224 N. Fayetteville Street
First United Methodist Church
Parlor**

Lunch will be served

4-9-24

Session 2: Don't Go; All About Retention

We will begin with a focus on exploring strategies for employee retention and engagement. Drawing from real-world examples, attendees will gain actionable strategies to implement within their own programs. Moreover, the session will encourage an exchange of innovative ideas among participants, fostering a collaborative environment for problem-solving. Together, we will explore common obstacles hindering the attainment of desired outcomes, facilitating a deeper understanding of effective solutions.

Session is Virtual via Zoom

12:00-1:00pm



4-30-24

Session 3: Hiring and Supervision; United Upside-Down

Participants will discuss innovative approaches to hiring and effective supervision. This workshop is designed to empower leaders to adapt their recruitment, interviewing, and hiring strategies to optimize both the quantity and quality of new hires. Furthermore, it will provide invaluable guidance on navigating the delicate process of either transforming underperforming staff members—whether new recruits or long-standing employees—into valued team members or respectfully transitioning them out of the organization.

Session is Virtual via Zoom

12:00-1:00pm

5-14-24

Session 4: Finding and Keeping Your Happiness

This session will focus on personal well-being and happiness within the workplace. Happiness is like the air we breathe; we don't think about it unless it isn't there. Where do you fall on the happiness scale: moody, grouchy, or Mary Poppins? During this presentation, the presenter will impart practical strategies that all of us can incorporate into our lives. Through minor adjustments, we can steer ourselves towards a path of greater happiness in our daily routines. Regardless of your current disposition, the aim is to cultivate a more joyful existence for yourself while spreading happiness to those around you.

Session is in-person

10:00am-1:00pm

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Lunch will be served**

**All Sessions facilitated by:
Vernon Mason, Sr. Vice President,
Growth and Professional
Development at The Nest Schools**

Infants and Toddlers

5/30/24

Engaging Experiences: Heuristic Play

During this one-hour workshop, we will learn what heuristic play is, why it is important, and how we can support its opportunities in the classrooms.

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Facilitator: Carrie Becker

School-Agers

5-21-24

Tinker Time with School Age Children

Unleash the creative potential in your school age classrooms through the concept of Tinkering. Provide hours of meaningful, self-directed, creative activities for school age children by developing their Tinkering skills. Participants will explore 3 basic forms of tinkering in this very hands-on session. Come explore the many benefits to numerous low budget tinkering opportunities that foster creative thinking, encourage inquiry and investigation, enhance team work and collaboration. Get your school age children excited about coming to camp this summer!

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

**Location: The Growing Place
133 N. Church Street Asheboro**

Facilitator: Sandy Johnson

Everyone

6-27-24

The Playful Teacher: Embracing True Fun

Our early childhood classrooms should be filled with play, laughter, and true fun. Let's embrace our playful side and bring true fun back to our learning environments!

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Facilitator: Carrie Becker



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Environmental Rating Scale Support Series

4-23-24

Session 4: SACERS (School-Age Environmental Rating Scale)

This session will focus specifically on the scale used to assess school-age classrooms. We will explore the tool, scoring, and tips on how to increase overall quality and scores

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Facilitator: Megan Porter, NCRLAP

Playful Pedagogy Series

***All Playful Pedagogy Trainings offer .5 CEU credit per session and are FREE to Randolph County early educators! Limited to 5 Participants per training**

5-11-24

Playing Out: Foundations of Play

This training focuses on the value of play and the importance of the adult in service of playing children (playwork) Activities encourage deeper thinking into our role in children's play and we will explore open-ended creative ways to work with children outdoors using approaches employed in the playwork.

6-29-24

Playful Inquiry

This training explores the value of play and how play is associated with academic learning. Asking questions, playing with ideas, experimentation and exploration are a part of play and inquiry can be born of play. Strategies for incorporating playwork theory into environmental investigations and approaches for including nature play into curriculum will be discussed.

Time: 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Location: NC Zoo

4401 Zoo Pkwy Asheboro

Facilitator: Linda Kinney

Gardening Series

4-4-24

Session 2: Lessons from the Garden

Gardening with children opens up a whole new world of hands-on learning. This session will cover everything from basic garden safety to taste testing the produce you grow. We will be learning how the garden can become an important learning tool for your classroom. Join our Cooperative Extension Agents and area Master Gardeners to learn more about the many benefits to gardening with children.

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Cooperative Extension Office

1003 S. Fayetteville Street Asheboro

Facilitators: Cody Craddock and

Sophie Farlow

5-16-24

Session 3: Cooking Mediterranean Style

An introduction to Mediterranean style eating and how to adapt it to your family's taste. There will be a special focus on ways to involve children in meal prep and get them excited to eat more fruits and vegetables.

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Cooperative Extension Office

1003 S. Fayetteville Street Asheboro

Facilitator: Jennifer Holmes

Wonder Play Series

4-11-24

Session 3: Small World Play and Explorations

Preschool & School Age children love to get caught up in fantasy play! Participants will explore the developmental benefits to "Small World Play and Explorations", design some creative "Small World" Playscapes and take back materials to create one of your own outdoor "Small World" themed playscapes for the children in your center. Allow your own sense of Wonder and creativity to carry you to Imaginary Places like: the "Fairy Forrest", "Prehistoric Garden", "Swamp Life", "Wild Animal Kingdom", "Construction Zone", "Arctic Glaciers", or "Oceans Deep". Note: This session will be held outdoors, weather permitted so dress comfortably and for the weather.

Time 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Shepherd's Way Day School

1346 Old Cox Rd Asheboro

Facilitators: Sandy Johnson/Scarlet Welborn





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Night of the Stars 2024

Join us on **June 1, 2024** as we pay tribute to a very special group of early educators during our Night of the Stars event! This year will be unique and exciting! The Professional Development Committee has once again planned the event at the beautiful Lazy E Event Center in Archdale. Joining us will be the hilarious **Tanya Dennis** sharing the humorous moments that only early childhood providers could understand! It will truly be a **Barrel of Laughs!** This evening is designed to bring us all together as we celebrate each of the graduates from 2023 and 2024. Please join us and enjoy a dinner catered by **Buns Hun Baker** and desserts by **Sugar Mama Cupcakes** while we honor the graduates and give them the recognition they deserve! You might even go home with one of our door prizes or special giveaways! You don't want to miss this event! If you are a graduate, or know of one from Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 please reach out to Scarlet Welborn @ swelborn@randolphkids.org.
Time: 5:00-6:00pm Social
6:00-8:00pm Event
Location: Lazy E Event Center
9622 US-311, High Point, NC 27263
Deadline to register: April 26, 2024

Bonus Round!!!

6-4-24

There's a Turtle on the Post: The Confidence, Challenge and Comeback of Child Care

The art and science of child development, the innocence and essence of childhood have been disrupted and displaced. The conversations from "crib to community" have been replaced with "conceptional chaos to communities' chaos." The culture and climate of early education and care have changed! Many of us can say we have seen, lived, and worked through some unprecedented days. How do we regain our early education confidence, move beyond the challenges, and gain footing for our greatest comeback in child care?

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: The Growing Place Gym
133 N. Church Street Asheboro
Facilitator: Tanya M. Dennis, M.Ed.

Save the Date!

Conscious Discipline Professional Development Day!

When: 8-24-24

Time: 8:00am-3:00pm

Location: TBD

Facilitator: Kim Hughes

We have scored a full day with the amazing **Kim Hughes** dedicating her time to the early educators in Randolph County!

Learn more about Kim here:

<https://consciousdiscipline.com/professional-development/instructors/kim-hughes/>

Incentives will be included for individuals and programs participating in this exciting event!

More information to come!

To Register for all trainings: Go to the calendar on our website: randolphkids.org