

Child Care Action Council
Classes Jan. – April 2017

The following classes are scheduled for **OLYMPIA (scroll down for other locations)**

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<p>NEW! Book Club: <i>The Comfort of Little Things</i></p>	<p>This is a book club for those who like to read, reflect, and discuss. <i>The Comfort of Little Things: An Educator's Guide to Second Chances</i> is a 144-page book filled with ideas to help you see the world with the wonder of child. Drawing on brain research and personal experiences, Holly Elissa Bruno provides strategies and tips on how to let yourself be open to the moment and let go of negativity. Price includes all three sessions and a book to keep. You will be given the book and reading assignments upon registration. You must attend all 3 sessions and will earn 5 STARS hours for your participation. Facilitator: Jean Hill-Miller, M.A.</p>	<p>Feb. 16, March 16, April 20</p>	<p>6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>
<p>Director Series: A Great Place to Work - Creating a Healthy Organizational Climate</p>	<p>This is a 4-part series for center directors, meeting 12-2 p.m. on March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8. (8 STARS hours upon completion of all 4 required sessions.) Administrators often have an impression that things are going well or not so well at their center, but they lack specific information on which areas of the program contribute to those impressions. This series looks closely at how ten dimensions of climate help shape the quality of work life for staff. Through thought-provoking questions and activities, you'll learn how to assess the climate of your program, consider the unique role perspective plays in shaping work attitudes and behavior, and how to implement specific strategies to create a great place to work. This \$80 class is offered to directors at Early Achiever sites for \$40, due to regional grant funding through Early Achievers. Don't delay! Please call to register. Instructor: Jean Hill-Miller, M.A.</p>	<p>Mar. 9, April 13, May 11, June 8</p>	<p>12:00 – 2:00 pm</p>
<p>NEW! Early Numeracy: Counting and Cardinality</p>	<p>WaKIDs data indicates that math skills are the lowest of the skills measured when children enter Kindergarten. Come learn about the OSPI <i>Learning Pathways</i> document that charts the</p>	<p>2/22/17</p>	<p>6:30 – 8:30 pm</p>

	early development of math skills. Find out how you can intentionally use vocabulary and activities to help young children meet state standards in the K-12 math domain of "Counting and Cardinality." This class was developed by OSPI and is perfect for early learning professionals who want to better understand state standards and align their own practices. Instructor: Jean Hill-Miller, M.A.		
Using the FCCERS & ITERS	Preparing for an Early Achievers quality rating? The Environment Rating Scales are important tools to understand. This class will explain the <u>family child care</u> scale (FCCERS) and the <u>center infant and toddler</u> scale (ITERS for birth to 2-1/2). Learn how scoring works, the subtle requirements around accessibility, and the not-so-obvious pitfalls that you will want to avoid. This class will begin with a brief review of the basics, and move quickly toward more technical aspects of the tools. If you own a FCCERS or ITERS spiral, please bring it to class. Instructor: Connie Dougherty	2/23/17	6:30 - 9:00 pm
NEW! What is the ASQ?	This information session is for center directors and family child care owners who are interested in improving the quality of their screening practices. The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is a comprehensive, valid, and respected screening tool used to check children's development at regular intervals. Come hear an overview of how the tool works, and about Thurston County grant opportunities that provide an ASQ kit and free training to your facility. This 1-hour STARS session is provided at no charge to Thurston County owners and directors, due to grant funding. Instructor: Connie Dougherty	2/28/17	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Using the ECERS	Preparing for an Early Achievers quality rating? The Environment Rating Scales are important tools to understand. This class will explain the <u>center preschool</u> scale (ECERS for center teachers of children 2-1/2 to 5). Learn how scoring works, the subtle requirements around accessibility, and the not-so-obvious pitfalls that you will want to avoid. This class will begin with a brief review of the basics, and move quickly toward more technical aspects of the tools. If you own a yellow	3/14/17	6:30 – 9:00 pm

	ECERS spiral, please bring it to class. Instructor: Connie Dougherty		
Infant, Child & Adult CPR & First Aid	Meets DEL requirements for child care providers. Bring your food for a working lunch. (No lunch break provided.) NO STARS HRS. Instructor: David Tait	3/18/17	9:00 am-3:00 pm
NEW! Understanding Attachment Disorders	Early experiences matter. As a result of toxic stress, children sometimes develop a skewed vision of the world and have trouble forming relationships with peers and adults. Come learn more about attachment issues and what you can do to support children who struggle with them. Instructor: Lora Brownell, M.S.W.	3/21/17	6:30 - 8:30 pm
School Readiness	School readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support children's learning, and schools are ready for children. This training will introduce and model instructional techniques measured in the CLASS: emotional support, well organized learning environments, and instructional techniques. No online registration; please call. Instructor: Connie Dougherty	3/25/17	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Introduction to Cultural Competence	Through this training, early childhood professionals will reflect on their daily caregiving and teaching practices of young children, heighten their level of awareness of cultural influences, and increase their ability to interact competently with children and families. No online registration; please call. Instructor: Debbie Roberts, M.A.	3/25/17	1:30 - 3:30 pm
Fostering Learning Through Daily Conversations	This class will cover research and practices related to the language development of young children, including dual language learning. Let's talk about some of the best ways to promote conversation, discuss how we can support children with a home language other than English, and practice some great strategies. Instructor: Miho Wright	3/29/17	6:30 - 9:00 pm
Using "Teacher Talk" - Refresher Training	Until a new skill becomes an ingrained habit, we need reminders! This class is for Early Achievers participants who have already had some training on the CLASS tool, but want to refresh their skills - or further enhance their interactions with children - without taking the same class again.	4/19/17	6:30 – 8:30 pm

	After a quick review of the CLASS tool, we'll practice the skills that are the most difficult to incorporate into daily practice. This session will focus on communication to manage behavior and support instruction. Instructor: Connie Dougherty		
NEW! Car Seat Safety Awareness	Even if you don't transport children, you can support families in safe travel if you fully understand Washington State car seat law and have the confidence to offer information. Learn the stages of child restraints, how different car seats work, and how seats should be installed. Find out how to identify misuse and how to locate local resources. Instructor: Doris Girt	4/27/17	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Strengthening Families Training	Strengthening Families Protective Factors are a framework for child abuse and neglect prevention and promoting optimal development. The protective factors shift the focus of efforts from family risks to family strengths and resiliency. By recognizing and building on existing strengths within communities and families, we can support all families in providing a healthy, safe, and loving environment for children. 30 min. lunch break. No online registration; please call. Instructor: Jean Hill-Miller, M.A.	4/29/17	9:00 am- 3:30 pm

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Introduction to Cultural	Through this training, early childhood	3/4/17	10:00 am –

Competence	professionals will reflect on their daily caregiving and teaching practices of young children, heighten their level of awareness of cultural influences, and increase their ability to interact competently with children and families. No online registration; please call. Instructor: Terri Sutovich		12:00 pm
School Readiness	School readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support children's learning, and schools are ready for children. This training will introduce and model instructional techniques measured in the CLASS: emotional support, well organized learning environments, and instructional techniques. No online registration; please call. Instructor: Connie Dougherty	3/4/17	12:30 - 4:30 pm
Using the FCCERS & ITERS	Preparing for an Early Achievers quality rating? The Environment Rating Scales are important tools to understand. This class will explain the family child care scale (FCCERS) and the center infant and toddler scale (ITERS for birth to 2-1/2). Learn how scoring works, the subtle requirements around accessibility, and the not-so-obvious pitfalls that you will want to avoid. This class will begin with a brief review of the basics, and move quickly toward more technical aspects of the tools. If you own a FCCERS or ITERS spiral, please bring it to class. Instructor: Connie Dougherty	3/22/17	6:30 - 9:00 pm
Using the ECERS	Preparing for an Early Achievers quality rating? The Environment Rating Scales are important tools to understand. This class will explain the center preschool scale (ECERS for center teachers of children 2-1/2 to 5). Learn how scoring works, the subtle requirements around accessibility, and the not-so-obvious pitfalls that you will want to avoid. This class will begin with a brief review of the basics, and move quickly toward more technical aspects of the tools. If you own a yellow ECERS spiral, please bring it to class. Instructor: Connie Dougherty	4/26/17	6:30 – 9:00 pm

The following classes are scheduled for **ABERDEEN** (scroll down for other locations)

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Annual Carousel Conference	This annual conference in Aberdeen provides 6 STARS hours! Watch for registration to open in early March.	4/22/17	7:30 am - 3:45 pm
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Director Series: A Great Place to Work - Creating a Healthy Organizational Climate	This is a 4-part series for center directors, meeting 12-2 p.m. on March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9. (8 STARS hours upon completion of all 4 required sessions.) Administrators often have an impression that things are going well or not so well at their center, but they lack specific information on which areas of the program contribute to those impressions. This series looks closely at how ten dimensions of climate help shape the quality of work life for staff. Through thought-provoking questions and activities, you'll learn how to assess the climate of your program, consider the unique role perspective plays in shaping work attitudes and behavior, and how to implement specific strategies to create a great place to work. This \$80 class is offered to directors at Early Achiever sites for \$40, due to regional grant funding through Early Achievers. Don't delay! Please call to register. Instructor: Ann Chihan	3/10/17 4/14/17 5/12/17 6/9/17	12:30 – 2:30 pm (or come at 12 pm with your brown bag lunch for informal discussion)
OPAEYC Conference	Look for our classes at the Olympic Peninsula Association for the Education of Young Children conference!	3/11/17	