



Additional Professional Development Workshops Recently Scheduled

When workshops scheduled do not meet the minimum number required (15 participants), we regrettably must cancel the workshop. Check out our recently added workshop schedule posted on our website as of February 1st. Workshops can be viewed in a PDF version or viewed through our online registration system by [clicking here](#).

Introduction and Implementation to the Creative Curriculum for Preschool Revisited

For participants who have completed the Introduction and Implementation to the Creative Curriculum, this workshop will provide participants looking for additional support in implementing the Creative Curriculum for Preschool. Saturday, February 28, 2009, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Bloomington, Illinois. [Click here](#) to download a registration form and register today!

Professional Development Focus Groups

Professional Development Focus Groups will be forming across the state and offered in 19 locations beginning in late February/early March. These focus groups only require an hour and half of your time and will serve as an opportunity to receive input from Administrators (Directors, Coordinators, Principals) and Teachers regarding professional development needs as well as challenges to receiving professional development. Watch our website and your mailbox for more information.

Response to Intervention (RTI) Comes to Early Childhood

Administrators (Superintendents, Principals, Directors, Coordinators) are invited to attend a three hour workshop on Recognition and Response (R&R): RTI Goes to Pre-K with Dr. Virginia Buysee and Dr. Ellen Peisner-Feinberg on March 16 in Willowbrook and March 18 in Springfield. Two workshops will be offered each day. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

I-TEACHe (Illinois' Tool for Early Childhood Educators)

I-TEACHe is an online observation and documentation tool that is compatible with most assessment systems (Work Sampling System Illinois, Creative Curriculum, High/Scope's

COR etc). If you would like more information, please contact the The Center for Technology and Learning at (224) 366-8500 and ask for Chris Bagemihl or Brian Michalski.

Resource and Referral

Need a training? Challenge finding a trainer? Give the Illinois Resource Center: Early Childhood office (IRC:EC) office a call and we'll assist you finding a trainer.

SAVE THE DATES

Great Expectations Project

Great Expectations Project is a collaborative project with the IRC:EC, Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children, and Chicago Metro Association for the Education of Young Children, funded by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) as part of ISBE's quality assurance initiative. The next Great Expectations 3-day institute is April 1, 2, & 3 in Lisle, Illinois. All recently funded Preschool for All Program Directors and their state funded prek staff/teams are ***strongly encouraged*** to attend. No costs to attend - registration and lodging is at no charge to the program. More information forthcoming.

Illinois Project Group Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2009, Bloomington

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

The **3rd Annual Illinois Trainers Network Mini-Conference** is scheduled for April 24 & 25, 2009 in Bloomington. This conference is for those looking to increase their trainer skills or learn more about becoming a trainer. Illinois Trainer's Network is sponsored by the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Network (INCCRRA). More information will come at a later date.

Sharing A Vision Statewide Early Childhood Conference, October 7-9, 2009, Lombard, Illinois. Would you like to showcase? Showcasing is an opportunity to display your professional work, results of research, or strategies at Illinois' premier Early Childhood Conference. Each Showcasing display accepted will be given one free registration to the conference. [Click here](#) for more information about the conference or Showcasing. The deadline for workshop submissions is closed.

Questions?

A colleague doesn't always know about your workshops? How can s/he get on your mailing list? Please forward this email to him/her by clicking in the upper right hand corner of this page "*send this to a friend*" to be sure they receive recently professional development news and are added to our list-serve. They will also want to call our office or email Aida Lopez at alopez@thecenterweb.org to receive an "Add to Mailing List" form by email or fax.
