



• NEW HANOVER COUNTY •

Smart Start Early Care and Education Training Calendar April - June 2024

Registration fees: \$3 per credit hour (except CPR)

Registration is required: <https://www.newhanoverkids.org>

Workshop Topic Key:

IT: Infant/Toddler **PRE:** Preschool **FCC:** Family Child Care **SE:** Social Emotional

Workshop Color Code:

Blue: in person at Smart Start

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April 1– June 30 Back to Basics! Self-Paced 2.5 cr. hr.

Whether you are a new teacher or a seasoned pro, this course is for you! This course is full of important tips and tricks of the trade that will prove to be vital in any successful classroom. Participants will work at their own pace to complete the course while discovering new approaches to all things early childhood educators do best. Expand your toolbox in areas of social emotional development, getting your environment ready and more. Registration for this course closes on Wednesday, June 26 @ 5pm **Cost: \$9**

April 1– June 30 Social Emotional Learning in the Early Childhood Setting SE Self-Paced 3.0 cr. hr.

Social emotional development is vital for a child's success in life, and it begins at birth. This course will provide participants with information on supporting social emotional development in infants through preschoolers as well as how to plan activities that align with NC Foundations. Strategies to teach skills, set up your classroom for success, and more will be shared throughout this course. Registration for this course closes on Wednesday, June 26 @ 5pm **Cost: \$9**

Sat., April 20 CPR & First Aid 9:00am-12:00pm 0.0 cr. hr. L. Glaspie

This training teaches early childhood educators and others how to respond to and manage illness and injuries in a child or infant during the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Class size is limited. **Cost: \$40**

Sat., April 20 ITS SIDS 9:30-11:30am 2.0 cr. hr. K. Smith

An overview of SIDS, identification of SIDS risk factors, and descriptions of ways to reduce the risk of SIDS in child care will be shared. Participation in this training meets ITS-SIDS training requirements. Anyone who works in an infant room is required to attend this training.

Thurs., April 25 Pick Up That Stick! Adventure Play in FCC FCC 6:30-8:30pm 2.0 cr. hr. N. Pond

Waving sticks in the air, rough & tumble play, superhero play – these are all common themes in early childhood but are sometimes a source of concern for teachers and caregivers. Learn the reasons and benefits behind this type of play and gain skills to facilitate these activities among different ages. *For Family Child Care and Centers in a Residence only.*

Wed., May 1 Rain, Rain, Let's Go Play! 6:30-8:30pm 2.0 cr. hr. R. Albrecht

Rainy days can make it harder for children to get their energy out. This workshop focuses on the importance of letting the kids move and hone their gross motor skills, even when it's raining outside. We'll discuss the importance of gross motor skills and why letting children move aid in that development. Teachers will have the opportunity to play games, sing movement songs, and plan activities that are suitable for ages 2 and up.

Mon., May 13 The Power of Loose Parts PRE 6:30-8:30pm 2.0 cr. hr. N. Pond

Your preschool classroom is stocked with just the right kind of books, blocks, and dramatic play props; now let's take a look at the power of loose parts. In this workshop, participants will learn about setting up provocation centers for exploration, even for classrooms on a budget. The benefits of these "extra centers" will be explored and ideas for using repurposed and natural materials will be shared. *This workshop is designed specifically for preschool teachers.*



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Wed., May 15 ITS SIDS 6:30-8:30pm 2.0 cr. hr. K. Puzon

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Sat., May 18 CPR & First Aid 9:00am-12:00pm 0.0 cr. hr. L. Glaspie

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Wed., May 22 The Power of Language & Tone of Voice **SE 6:30-8:00pm 1.5 cr. hr. N. Campisano**

“No!” “Stop!” “Don’t do that!” Do you find yourself using these phrases a lot in your classroom? One thing **YOU** can control is your language and tone of voice— they are powerful tools for early educators. They can create calm or create challenges. In this training, you will learn the difference between various tones of voice, and how to positively shift word choice to effectively communicate with the children in your classroom.

Wed., June 5 & 12 FLIP IT! **PRE 6:30-9:00pm 5.0 cr. hr. N. Campisano & K. Puzon**

Do you want to get to the root cause of behaviors in your classroom to really be able to address them? FLIP IT! (Feelings, Limits, Inquiries, Prompts) gives you the strategies and tools to do that— *to use with every child in your classroom*. This training teaches participants the four supportive steps of FLIP IT! that are designed to help young children (ages 3-8) learn about their feelings, gain self-control, and reduce challenging behavior. *This is a 2-part series. Participants must attend both nights to receive credit. This workshop is designed specifically for preschool teachers.* **Cost: \$15**

Thurs., June 6 Playground Safety 9:00am-1:00pm 4.0 cr. hr. R. Albrecht & N. Pond

Participation in this class meets playground safety training requirements. DCDEE rules and safety tips for outdoor play are included. **Cost: \$12**

Mon., June 10 Summer Teaching– Had Me a Blast! 6:30-8:30pm 2.0 cr. hr. R. Albrecht

Summer months in a childcare setting can bring its own set of challenges— developing weekly themes, creating a ‘summer camp’ feel, water play, and field trips, to name a few. Learning doesn’t have to stop while doing those fun activities. This workshop focuses on ways you can continue to teach math, literacy, and science skills— even on Water Day! We will discuss ways to implement your summer fun ideas into your classroom, as well as create an activity plan.

Tues., June 25 Social Emotional Development in Preschoolers **SE 6:30-8:00pm 1.5 cr. hr. K. Puzon**

Want to learn how to get preschoolers ready for kindergarten? It’s more than just knowing colors, shapes and numbers. There are specific social and emotional milestones a child must develop during the preschool years. These milestones are THE most important because they are the foundation of so many other skills. This workshop will help you become familiar with these milestones and how we can help our preschoolers develop them.