

Howard County Office of Children and Families

Training Calendar



Registration and payment are required in advance for all classes

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2021

Workshops are held virtually through Webex by the Department of Community Resources and Services' Office of Children and Families, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046, unless otherwise noted.

Online registration only For questions, contact: Kristin Reel at kreel@howardcountymd.gov

January

Building Your Resilience

Mon., Jan. 11 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

D. Tobin / 3 HSN

In this workshop participants will learn how to improve resilience in their personal and professional lives. By improving resilience factors, they will be able to better cope with or recover from change, loss, adversity, and mistakes, as well as have the skills to bounce back from adverse situations.

Positive Words for Positive Actions

Thurs., Jan. 14 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

L. Moran / 3 CD

Learn how to make your child care environment more positive. Using positive language when talking to children gives them an understanding of the expectations we have. Learn how easy it is to reword your directions and other guidance techniques you can use in your child care.

Including All Children and the ADA

Tues., Jan. 19 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$30

S. Peyser / 3 SN

Including all children in your child care program can be challenging if you don't understand what you are required to do. Explore the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for early care programs, examine best inclusionary practices and learn about resources which can support you and your families.

How to Develop Critical Thinking Skills in Children

Wed., Jan. 27 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

L. Moran / 1.5 CUR 1.5 CD

In this workshop, participants will learn about early brain development and why the most important time to develop critical thinking skills is in preschool. Participants will learn what early childhood educators and care providers need to do to help students flourish academically.

February

Exploring Scientific Thinking and Inquiry with Children's Literature

Thurs., Feb. 4 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

L. Moran / 3 CUR

Literature is an ideal vehicle to help young children learn about the world and all that lives in it. This workshop explores the many ways of creating a classroom environment that stimulates scientific thinking and inquiry through preparing fun science activities based on children's literature.

Reporting Child Abuse and Preventing Bullying

Mon., Feb. 8 / 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM / \$15

K. Reel / 1 CD 2 HSN

Did you know that child care providers are mandated by law to report child maltreatment? In this training you will develop a policy for preventing and reporting child abuse as well as the signs and symptoms of bullying behaviors and victims' behaviors.

Basic Health and Safety Training

Wed., Feb. 17 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$30

S. Peyser / 3 HSN

This training provides information about health and safety topics for all child care providers to meet the requirement of the licensing regulation. Key topics include: establishing and maintaining safe and healthy environments, teaching safe practices to prevent and reduce injuries, identification and reporting of abuse or neglect and proper sanitation practices and procedures.

Helping Children Cope: Recognizing and Responding to Childhood Trauma

Tues., Feb. 23 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

L. Moran / 3 CD

When a disaster or traumatic event occurs, such as a natural disaster or violent act, whether accidental or intentional, it can be stressful for people of all ages. Children tend to react to disaster and traumatic events based on their past experiences and what they know of the current situation. Participants will learn how to help children cope with trauma and how to respond to children who have experienced trauma.

Workshop Registration and Participation Guidelines



REGISTRATION

Payment is required at the time of registration. All receipts are e-mailed to the address provided at registration. This receipt is your confirmation of your registration. Pre-registration is required for all workshops. Registration and payment must be received by 2:00 p.m. on the day prior to the workshop for all weekday workshops (by Friday for weekend workshops). Participants are required to have audio and screen viewing access to all workshops. Log-in instructions, troubleshooting tools and materials will be sent prior to the training

PAYMENT TYPES/FEES: You may register on-line only.

LATE ARRIVALS: Workshops begin at the time stated in the calendar and on your receipt. **Plan to log in 10-15 minutes early to sign in.** If you arrive after the workshop begins, you will be asked to leave and are not eligible for a certificate, credit or refund.

CERTIFICATES: Certificates will be e-mailed to participants who attend a workshop within 10 business days. All workshops are open to the public and are approved by the MSDE under training approval number CKO-156225.

CHANGE/CANCELLATION: If you cannot attend a workshop you have registered for, notify us at least 24 hours in advance to receive a credit for future use. Refunds will not be given unless the Howard County Office of Children and Families (OCF) cancels the workshop. If there are circumstances which require you to cancel, call 410-313-1442 and leave a detailed message. Messages must be left on the day of the workshop to be considered, and are handled on a case-by-case basis. OCF reserves the right to change the location or instructor of a workshop. If a workshop is canceled due to weather, instructor illness, etc., participants will be notified by 4 p.m the day of the workshop. If possible, the workshop will be rescheduled.

REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES may be requested by emailing ocftraining@howardcountymd.gov or calling 410-313-1442 (voice/relay).

WORKSHOPS DESIGNED FOR ADULTS ONLY

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Inclement Weather Cancellations

The Howard County Office of Children and Families reserves the right to cancel virtual classes due to inclement weather disruptions. Participants will be notified by 4PM the day of the workshop if a cancellation will occur.

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Core of Knowledge Key

Each training workshop listing indicates the approved Core of Knowledge area(s), which identifies specific topics of interest you may need to achieve or maintain levels within the Maryland Child Care Credential program. The Core areas are abbreviated as:

CD: Child Development **COM:** Community
PRO: Professionalism **SN:** Special Needs
HSN: Health, Safety, Nutrition **CUR:** Curriculum