

Network News



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5/1/19

Summer Vibes

As we head into summer, we want to take a few moments to remind you of some summer safety tips. Look over the checklist below for some pointers. *The 2019 Early Childhood Conference will be presented by Abilities Network Project ACT and The Community College of Baltimore County on Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st.* This year's theme is All Children Together with a focus on inclusion. On Friday, the focus is on leadership. If you're a director, administrator, teacher leader, or someone who is interested in honing your leadership skills, sign up! Check out the training calendar to see what fascinating workshops we are offering over the next few months. *Do you need Professional Activity Units?* Come over and volunteer with us for 6 hours and earn 1 unit and/or join as a member and earn 1 unit!

~ Sara Bosley, M.Ed.

Child Resource Center Program Manager



Summer Safety

Don't forget the following summer safety tips:

- ◇ Apply sunscreen at least 30 before sun exposure!
- ◇ Wear hats and sunglasses if possible.
- ◇ Watch out for standing water on the playground—they are a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- ◇ Drink plenty of water. Kids (and grown-ups) should drink water every 15-20 minutes when it's hot outside.
- ◇ Spray kids down with a water bottle to help battle overheating and dehydration.
- ◇ Riding a bike? Wear a helmet.

WEATHER ADVISORY



Abilities Network will follow Baltimore County Schools weather closing or delay. You can check WBALTV 11 for severe weather delays. Trainings cancelled due to weather will be rescheduled. If you have concerns about whether resource center is open or training cancelations, please call (443) 900-6458.

SUMMER FUN IDEAS:

- ◆ Bring your sensory table or bins outside along with some measuring cups. Fill with water and watch the kids have fun as they improve their hand/eye coordination and fine motor skills.
- ◆ Paint kindness rocks or shells and hide them out in the neighborhood or your program.
- ◆ Who knew you could do so much with a pool noodle?
 - *Cut into smaller pieces and paint with them outside with paint or water.
 - *Cut into different sizes. Provide kids with golf tees and see what they can build.
 - *Use the noodles as obstacles in an outdoor obstacle course. Children can jump, run around, crab walk, or cartwheel over the noodles.

On Site Trainings

Did you know your teachers' training needs can be met in the comfort of your own center? We can send our highly qualified trainers to your location on evenings, weekends, during staff meetings, in-service days or nap times.

Call (443) 900-6458 today to find out about the variety of training we can offer you and your staff!

Hello
Sunshine!

NEW!

Project ACT

A graphic for 'Project ACT' featuring two red banners with the words 'Make' and '& Take' written in a 3D, beaded font. A pair of scissors is shown cutting the bottom of the 'Make' banner. A black marker is shown drawing a line on the '& Take' banner. The background is a grey wooden surface with colorful paint splatters. Below the banners, there is a blue and white checkered pattern with the text: '•Extend Learning', '•Connect Theory to Practice', and '•Team Building'. At the bottom, it says 'Add to any training!' and '410-828-7700 x1274'. A small watermark 'PosterMyWall.com' is visible at the bottom left.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

Training Sessions

Training sessions begin promptly; plan to arrive at least 15 minutes EARLY for the training. Sign-in will be allowed until 15 minutes after the start of the training; after 15 minutes you will not be permitted to join the training and this will be considered a "missed class". Refunds or credits are **not** issued for a missed class. **Due to our building's security, if you exit the building during a training, you will be unable to return. Due to our building security you may not enter the building more than 30 minutes prior to the start of a training without an appointment.** When entering, press the button marked "Abilities Network" located on the pole outside the entrance doors of the building.

A certificate will only be given for attending the entire training session/series (ex: if you leave early you will not receive a certificate). If you miss any part of a multi-part course, you will not receive a certificate. All training sessions end on time. Participants **must** ensure transportation is secured for prompt pick-up. Upon completion of the training session, the training room and/or building is locked and secured. Participants may not remain in the building. Neither Abilities Network, Child Resource Center staff nor its contractors are responsible for participants who remain outside the building once the building closes.

Training Format

Training sessions are recognized and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education – Office of Child Care (OCC). In accordance with COMAR, an assessment is given at all training sessions as required. This may be in the form of an activity, group project, homework or written test. A passing score on the assessment is required for successful completion of course and receipt of a Core of Knowledge certificate.

Certificates are sent by mail within 10 business days of the training session unless otherwise noted by the trainer. **Certificates are not awarded the same day as the training.** Complete and accurate mailing addresses are required upon registration.

Participants Only

Training sessions are designed for REGISTERED ADULTS only. Please make other arrangements for your children, so they will be safe and happy while you attend the training.

Refunds/Credits

Training sessions are non-refundable. In the event a participant wishes to cancel registration, a credit for future training may be issued. Cancellations must be received 48 hours before the scheduled start time to be eligible for a credit. The credit must be used within 6 months. Missed training sessions will not be refunded or credited (including late arrivals or leaving early). Beginning July 1 2018: There will be a processing fee of \$10 for all duplicate certificate requests. Certificates are not be mailed until payment is received.

Class Cancellations

Training sessions are cancelled if Baltimore County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather or if they cancel weekend/evening activities due to inclement weather or other emergencies. Participants will not be notified of cancellations due to inclement weather and check local closings. Training sessions may also be cancelled due to low enrollment or other administrative reasons. You will be notified by email if a class is cancelled due to these circumstances.

To find out if training is cancelled, call 410-828-7700.

Training	Participant Name (s)	Training Title	Cost
Total Amount			\$

Register and pay online at
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EXCITING NEWS! Unlimited Training Passes available NOW!

Train to your heart's content! Once you have purchased an Unlimited Pass, you are able to attend **unlimited** in-person training sessions with Abilities Network Project ACT as you'd like throughout the year for **no additional cost**. Enrolled in the Maryland Child Care Credential Program? Get unlimited access to training to meet COK requirements to move up through credentialing levels! Starting your own Family Child Care Program? Unlimited access to training with the Unlimited Pass will save you money on your start up training requirements!

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Training Calendar

Date Location/Time	Training Name	COK Hour	Description	Cost
5/8/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Including All Children and the Americans with Disabilities Act	SN-3	This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of the requirements for ADA and inclusionary practices. Participants will leave with a better understanding of best practices and available resources. This training will meet the 3 hour training requirement for MSDE.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
5/9/19 Towson Office 6:30-8:30	EXCELS Workgroup	NA	Stay tuned for more information.	<i>Free, but registration is required</i>
5/14/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	What's in Their Backpack? The Impact of Trauma	CD-3	This engaging workshop discusses the affects and impact that trauma can have on the brain. It not only affects children in the moment, but throughout life if gone untreated. By understanding the effects of trauma on the brain, we can gain insight into children's behavior.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
5/16/19 Towson Office 6:30-8:30	EXCELS Training	PRO-2	MD Accreditation Orientation for Centers only.	<i>Free, but registration is required</i>
5/21/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Indoor & Outdoor Nature Based Learning for Infants and Toddlers	CUR-3	There is an unending list of items to see, touch, feel, hear, climb and explore in nature, contributing to learning in every early childhood domain. This training will identify Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligence "Naturalist" and ways in which Infant and Toddler programs can incorporate developmentally appropriate play based nature experiences in their indoor and outdoor environments. Participants will gain strategies for implementing natural STEAM for infants and toddlers.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
5/23/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Special Event: "No Small Matter" Viewing	PRO-2	Join us for a special screening of the documentary " No Small Matter. " Millions of American children are still not getting the care they need to succeed—or even to keep up. And while it's the poorest children who are most vulnerable, middle class families are increasingly feeling the squeeze, as the cost of quality child care soars. So why, when the importance of quality early care and education is so widely accepted, do we continue to fail so many? " No Small Matter " is a feature-length documentary film and national engagement campaign that brings public attention to this vital question by sharing powerful stories and stunning truths about the human capacity for	<i>Free! Registration is required on the Eventbrite link. Refreshments will be served.</i>

			early intelligence and the potential for quality early care and education to benefit America's social and economic future.	
5/28/19 and 5/29/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Medication Administration	HSN-6	This MSDE-designed workshop will teach providers what they need to know when administering medication to children. Learn how to give oral, topical, inhaled, and emergency medicines to infants and children; how to keep accurate records; and regulations for hygiene, safety, and measurements.	\$75 <i>Must attend both sessions to receive certificate</i>
5/30/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	The Possibility of Discovery: Using Loose Parts to Enhance Children's Learning	CD-1 CUR-1 SN-1	Participants will discover new ways to enhance children's learning by adding loose parts to their play. We will use interactive games and activities to explore open ended play and its benefits. Participants will learn how to choose and source loose parts to add to their environments. Participants will discover how play with loose parts supports children's development across domains and how this approach includes and supports children with special needs.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
6/5/19 Towson Office 6:00-8:00	Coloring Outside the Lines	CUR-2	ART is a Verb; not a NOUN! The purpose of ART is to feel, discover, imagine and create. Participants will learn how to meet the NAFCC accreditation standards regarding developmentally appropriate art materials. Strategies will be discussed regarding overcoming challenges, planning activities, and implementation of developmentally appropriate art activities for children.	\$25 nonmember \$20 member
6/10/19 and 6/11/19	Emergency and Disaster Preparedness	HSN-3 PRO-3	Develop a comprehensive plan to follow when a disaster occurs. Natural disasters, medical emergencies, technological hazards, and family and community concerns (disgruntled parents, missing children, pandemic flu) will be covered. Ensure that your plan addresses special needs, notifying parents, sheltering, resources, evacuation and other possibilities.	\$60 nonmember \$55 member <i>Must attend both sessions to receive certificate.</i>
6/12/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Outdoor Learning Opportunities: Bringing the Classroom Outdoors	CD-1 CUR-1 HSN-1	Throughout this advanced training, participants will discuss in depth the importance of outdoor play for young children. Participants will also discuss research that indicates the reasons why children are not being encouraged to play outdoors as much as in the past. Through large and small group discussion, pictures and descriptive outdoor play scenarios, participants	\$30 nonmember \$25 member

			will be exposed to many innovative ideas to bring the indoor classroom environment outdoors including such ideas as dramatic arts, visual arts, musical opportunities, nature journaling and planting a garden. Participants will also be introduced to the Preschool Outdoor Environment Measurement Scale (POEMS).	
6/13/19 Towson Office 6:30-8:30	EXCELS Workgroup	NA	Stay tuned for more information.	<i>Free, but registration is required</i>
6/18/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Basic Health and Safety	HSN-3	This workshop provides basic information about critical health and safety topics for all child care providers to meet the requirement of the proposed licensing regulation regarding training in basic health and safety areas. Key topics include: establishing and maintaining a safe and healthy environments; safe practices to prevent and reduce injuries, identification and reporting of abuse or neglect and proper sanitation practices and procedures. Completion of this training does not meet regulatory requirements for specified training in Medication Administration, CPR/First Aid, or Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
6/20/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Developmentally Appropriate Supervision	CD-3	Participant will be able to describe the term supervision based upon COMAR Regulations, NAEYC's best practices and identify strategies for both indoor and outdoor environments that allow for proper supervision at all times. Participant will determine appropriate interactions with children through active monitoring will ensure safety and maximize learning.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
6/26/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Including All Children and the Americans with Disabilities Act	SN-3	This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of the requirements for ADA and inclusionary practices. Participants will leave with a better understanding of best practices and available resources. This training will meet the 3 hour training requirement for MSDE.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
6/27/19 Towson Office 6:30-8:30	EXCELS Training	PRO-2	MD EXCELS: An Educator's Guide.	<i>Free, but registration is required</i>
7/17/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Marvelous Math	CUR-3	This training will provides early care and education professionals with hands on opportunities to learn different math strategies and activities to use in their classroom. This training is based on the Early Learning Assessment math domain.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member

7/24/19 and 7/25/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Medication Administration	HSN-6	This MSDE-designed workshop will teach providers what they need to know when administering medication to children. Learn how to give oral, topical, inhaled, and emergency medicines to infants and children; how to keep accurate records; and regulations for hygiene, safety, and measurements.	\$75 <i>Must attend both sessions to receive certificate</i>
7/29/19 Towson Office 6:30-7:00	Supporting Breastfeeding in Child Care	NA	Participants will understand regulations that support breastfeeding. This class meets the MD Child Care Administration training requirements for child care facilities and family providers.	\$10 nonmember \$5 member
7/29/19 Towson Office 7:00-9:00	SIDS, SUID and Other Sleep Related Infant Deaths	HSN-2	Participants will review what SIDS and Sleep-Related deaths are and gain a greater understanding of the role child care plays in keeping infants safe. A SIDS class is required for family child care applicants.	\$25 nonmember \$20 member
8/1/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Positive Words for Positive Actions	CD-3	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.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
8/5/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Making Meaningful Connections: Building the Foundation of the Young Brain	CD-1 PRO-1 SN-1	This interactive training will build participants knowledge around how a young child's brain develops. Participants will actively engage in "building a brain", explore the importance of developing their own capacity, and learn specific strategies and interactions that grow healthy brains. After engaging with the content of this training, participants will have a better understanding of the core components used to support the growth of all learners.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
8/7/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Including All Children and the Americans with Disabilities Act	SN-3	This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of the requirements for ADA and inclusionary practices. Participants will leave with a better understanding of best practices and available resources. This training will meet the 3 hour training requirement for MSDE.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
8/8/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Keys to Inclusion and Behavior Management	CUR-2 SN-1	This training addresses best practices in Early Childhood Education with regards to inclusion and behavior management. Through hands-on activities and experiences, teachers will explore and increase their familiarity with best practices, such as an engaging classroom arrangement, balanced visual schedules, effective transitions, how to best utilize classroom staff, using proactive language for	\$30 nonmember \$25 member

			behavior management, and the importance of teaching about emotions.	
8/13/19 Towson Office 6:30-9:30	Lego [®] ON: Building Your Preschooler One Colorful Brick at a Time	CUR-3	This competent level training will provide fun strategies for participants to implement into their programs involving Legos across all learning domains. Participants will learn that Legos are not just for building objects, but are for building essential skills that will help their children succeed. Pre-requisite knowledge and application of intentionally using play as the foundation for learning and development in all domains is required.	\$30 nonmember \$25 member
8/22/19 Towson Office 6:30-8:30	Reporting Child Abuse	HSN-2	Participants will define “mandated reporter” and “abuse” according to the State of Maryland’s definition and develop policies for preventing and reporting child abuse to be included in staff and parent handbooks. Participants will be able to identify signs and symptoms of bullying behaviors and victims’ behaviors and strategies to address bullying behavior and assist victims of bullying.	\$25 nonmember \$20 member

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10th Annual Project ACT Early Childhood Conference

WHEN: September 20th & 21st, 2019
WHERE: Community College of Baltimore County
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