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Winter News

The Northern TTAP is proud to pilot the New Mexico Early Learning System. Through the www.nmels.org website you will all be able to register online for Northern TTAP classes. There are other benefits as well. Have you ever lost a certificate? Forgotten the location of your training? You will now be able to look it up at www.nmels.org. And those pesky certificates? They are all there too, including many FOCUS trainings you may have taken in the past! Just login and print what you need, when you need it. Of course, if you want more support feel free to contact the:

Early Childhood Services Center
ecscdata@unm.edu
 1-855-NMDATA1 (663-2821)



And, as always, we are still here to help and guide you as needed. We're sure, once we all get used to this new way of doing things, we will enjoy the benefits of this new system. See the next page for more information about how to register for training at www.nmels.org. Thank you for working on this pilot with us!

**If you do not yet have an email address,
now is the time to get one! It's Free!**

NewMexicoKids

Resource & Referral

Let us help you find:

- Home Visiting Programs
- Child Care
- Preschool, Head Start and NM PreK
- School Age Care
- Other Family Resources and Community Services



www.NewMexicoKids.org | 1-800-691-9067



Roxanne's Quick Tips Registering for Classes on NMELS

Cut this out and post near your center's computer

- Pick the classes you are interested in from this newsletter
 - ⇒ Make sure to note the **Name of the Class**. You will need it in order to register
- Go to www.nmels.org
- Click "**Login**" on the top left of the screen
 - ⇒ If you have already taken Health & Safety Orientation or another NMELS course:
 - Your email is your login
 - If you don't know your password, click "**Reset Password**" and follow the online directions
 - ⇒ If you have never taken a course through NMELS:
 - Make sure you have an email address. If you do not, you will need create one at www.mail.yahoo.com or another email provider
 - Click "**Register Now**"
 - Fill in the required information to create your account
- Once you are logged into NMELS, click "**Training Catalog**" on the left hand side of your screen
- Find the course title you are interested in
- Click "**Get Item**" on the class you wish to take
 - ⇒ Click "**Click here to view the available schedule dates**"
 - ⇒ Review the dates and locations that the class is offered
 - ⇒ Click "**Click here to register for this scheduled event**"
- Click "**Continue Shopping**" and repeat steps to add any other desired classes
- Once you have all your desired classes in your cart, click "**In Cart Check Out**"
 - ⇒ Confirm that each class in your cart has both the location and date you desire
 - ⇒ If a class is incorrect, click "**Remove**" and "**Continue Shopping**" to find the correct class
 - ⇒ When all of the classes are correct, click "**Finish**"
- All UNM Northern TTAP Registration and Training Policies are still in effect. You are not registered for a class until you receive a confirmation email. In our larger areas, it may take a few days to be approved.

New Mexico Early Childhood Core Competency Areas:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Growth, Development & Learning 2. Health, Safety & Nutrition 3. Family & Community Collaboration 4. Developmentally Appropriate Content | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Learning Environments & Curriculum Implementation 6. Assessment of Children & Evaluation of Programs 7. Professionalism |
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Registration is OPEN

Updated Registration and Training Policies

- All registration is now taken on www.nmels.org
- Training registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Trainings and space are limited, you are encouraged to find other opportunities.
- Registering and canceling for others is not allowed.
- There is a five person limit per program for all public trainings. Additional staff will automatically be placed on the waiting list and will be invited to attend if space allows.
- When a class is full, we will place your name on a waiting list. If we have a cancellation, the first person on the waitlist will automatically be registered for the class. A notice will be sent to you via email. If you cannot attend, you must log on to www.nmels.org to cancel.
- Confirmation emails with the training location, date, and time will be sent the week before trainings. **Be sure when registering that your number in NMELS is correct!** We will call you if there are any last minute changes.
- If you can't make a training, you must cancel your registration on www.nmels.org. Many classes have waiting lists. So, if you can't make it be kind and courteous and cancel your registration.
- Children cannot attend trainings, nor can they be left unattended in the training facility or parking lot.

Training Requirements: Please Plan Ahead

Registered HOMES

6 hours total each year

- 2 hours by your Child & Adult Care Food Program
- 2 hours on infants & toddlers if serving children under age 2

Licensed HOMES

12 hours total each year

- 6 hours in competency #1
- 3 hours in competency #2
- 2 hours on infants & toddlers within 6 months of hire if serving children under age 2
- Remaining training must be within the other 5 competencies

Licensed CENTERS

24 hours total each year

- 4 hours on infants & toddlers within 6 months of hire if serving children under age 2
- Remaining training must cover at least three competency areas within the first year and all seven in a two year period

Online**Technology for Teachers***Kathy Coombs, Northern TTAP***2/17****FRI****12-4PM****(3,7)**

Explore the many ways that computers and devices are used to enrich the work of early childhood professionals.

Supporting Infant Development**(Infant & Toddler Hours)***Kathy Coombs, Northern TTAP***3/24****FRI****12-4PM****(1,4,5)**

Early childhood educators can have a great impact on infants. Learn ways to enhance your classroom environments and practices to promote infant growth, development, and learning.

Cibola County**Powerful Interactions***Diane Zimmerer, Northern TTAP***2/25****SAT****9AM-1PM****(1,5)**

See page 7 for a full description of this class.

How are Children Learning through Play?*Maria Quintana, Northern TTAP***3/14****TUES****6PM-8PM****(1,4)**

See page 6 for a full description of this class.

Colfax County**Supporting Kids Healing from Trauma for the Early Childhood Professional**

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*Kathy Coombs, Northern TTAP***2/4****SAT****9AM-1PM****(2,3,7)**

Deepen your understanding of how trauma impacts children. Learn what you can do to support them in their learning and on their path to healing.

Los Alamos County**Full Participation of Each Child***Josie Salas, Northern TTAP***2/10 & 2/11****FRI & SAT****6-8PM, 9-1PM****(1,3,4,5)**

See page 7 for a full description of this class.

Quality Early Childhood Programs for All*Kathy Coombs, Northern TTAP***3/4****SAT****9AM-4PM****(3,4,5,7)**

See page 7 for a full description of this class.

McKinley County**How are Children Learning through Play?***Diane Zimmerer, Northern TTAP***1/12****THURS****6PM-8PM****(1,4)**

See page 6 for a full description of this class.

Exploring the Foundations*Diane Zimmerer, Northern TTAP***3/11****SAT****9AM-11AM****(1,3,4,5,6)**

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Rio Arriba County**How are Children Learning through Play?***Kathy Coombs, Northern TTAP***2/25****SAT****9AM-11AM****(1,4)**

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Reminder!

If you can't make a class, log onto www.nmels.org and cancel your registration.
www.nmels.org>login>my dashboard>my courses>course name>drop this course

*San Juan County***Story Telling***Maria Quintana, Northern TTAP***1/21****SAT****9AM-1PM****(1,4)**

Rediscover your inner child with storytelling. See how storytelling leads to exploration, adventure, and learning for young children.

Conflict Resolution through Peaceful Interventions*Diane Zimmerer, Northern TTAP***2/21 & 2/23****TUES & THURS****6PM-8PM****(1,4,7)**

Sometimes children just don't get along. Come learn methods to reduce conflicts in your classroom through peaceful measures.

Health & Safety Orientation*Diane Zimmerer, Northern TTAP***3/15****WED****6PM-9PM****(2)**

See page 7 for a full description of this class.

Making Learning Visible for Infants and Toddlers**(Infant & Toddler Hours)***Taylor Etchemendy***3/18****SAT****9AM-1PM****(1,5,6)**

Let's examine the idea of infants and toddlers as citizens. How does documentation affect the image of a child amongst peers, at school, at home, and within the larger community?

*San Miguel County***Powerful Interactions***Kathy Coombs, Northern TTAP***1/28****SAT****9AM-1PM****(1,5)**

See page 7 for a full description of this class.

*Santa Fe County - Classes open to all in the North Central Region***How are Children Learning through Play?***Josie Salas, Northern TTAP***1/10****TUES****6PM-8PM****(1,4)**

See page 6 for a full description of this class.

Exploring the Foundations*Leigh Fernandez, Northern TTAP***2/7****TUES****6PM-8PM****(1,3,4,5,6)**

See page 6 for a full description of this class.

Let's Talk*Helen Forte***2/11****SAT****9AM-1PM****(3,7)**

Communication is the key to building successful relationships between staff, families, and community. Learn how to strengthen your program through open communication and shared goals.

Powerful Interactions*Leigh Fernandez, Northern TTAP***3/7 & 3/9****TUES & THURS****6PM-8PM****(1,5)**

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*Taos County***Powerful Interactions***Kathy Coombs, Northern TTAP***3/25****SAT****9AM-1PM****(1,5)**

See page 7 for a full description of this class.

KEY CONCEPTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD**How are Children Learning through Play?**

This class is for educators who are new to working with young children or who are unfamiliar with the concepts and research on play based learning. This class will begin the conversation about big ideas by introducing basic concepts of how children learn through play and exploring the role of the adult in that play.

(2 Hours)

CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT***Starting the Path to Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI— Beginner)**

Educators new to the field are starting a process of learning about their profession. Continuous Quality Improvement is about learning more about the profession itself and identifying areas within the profession for growth and improvement. This session is the introduction to this process of continual growth and professional development. (2 Hours)

Exploring a System for Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI— Intermediate)

This session is designed for early childhood educators to realize their strengths and challenges in their work, explore the systems and programs across sectors along with the standards and competencies which guide staff proficiency working within them, and differentiate between personal and professional goals to guide the resources sought to support growth on their individual goals. (4 Hours)

Working the Cycle of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI— Advanced)

The last session of the CQI series is designed for educators who understand the CQI process and have a working understanding of reflective practice. In this session, participants will be asked to demonstrate a commitment to the principles of professionalism and responsibilities of people working with children and families and an understanding of community resources and referral processes. (4 Hours)

ELG/AODCP SERIES***Exploring the Foundations (ELG/AODCP—Beginner):**

For educators new to working with the Early Learning Guidelines and/or new to Authentic Observation, Documentation and Curriculum Planning. Introduction to the terms and definitions used in the New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines, the history of the ELG, and an overview of the Foundational Principles. Practice using observation as a tool for documentation, curriculum planning, and communicating with families. (2 Hours)

Putting it into Practice (ELG/AODCP—Intermediate):

For educators who are familiar with the history of the ELG and have a basic understanding of Authentic Observation. Learning will center on formulating a process cycle for Observation, Documentation and Curriculum Planning as well as beginning the reflective process. (4 hours)

Weaving it All Together (ELG/AODCP—Advanced):

For educators who have experience working with the Early Learning Guidelines, Authentic Observation, Documentation and Curriculum Planning. Participants will explore the Developmental Interaction Approach: how it relates to the NM ELG; family and community engagement; inclusive practice; and understanding of diversity and individualization. (4 hours)



** Work with your FOCUS consultant to determine which classes will be best for your staff members.*

These classes may be considered in place of the intentional teaching series.

THE 45-HOUR ENTRY LEVEL COURSE:

"The 45-Hour Entry Level Course is a basic course created to introduce participants to New Mexico's seven (7) core competency areas at the awareness level. All child care providers working in licensed child care centers and family child care homes are required to complete this course, or its equivalent, within the first six months of employment."

The Northern TTAP strongly recommends a 3 credit Early Childhood Course at an accredited institution in lieu of the 45 Hour Class, especially for those interested in pursuing FOCUS or an early childhood degree. Local colleges and online courses are available.

Farmington

2/11-3/11 Saturdays 9-5
4/22-5/20 Saturdays 9-5

Santa Fe

6/5-6/9 M-F 9-5
One Week Intensive

FULL PARTICIPATION OF EACH CHILD

This training provides you with insights, tools, and strategies to promote engagement in play, learning, and development for each young child. The training emphasizes evidence-based practices for supporting children who are culturally and linguistically diverse, and strategies for overcoming biases to build trusting and collaborative partnerships with families.

POWERFUL INTERACTIONS

Powerful Interactions, the book written by A. Dombro, J. Jablon, & C. Stetson, provides the foundation for this 4-hour training about practical and influential ways to interact with young children. Join us as we explore a number of practical insights and strategies that can help to increase our effectiveness as educators of young children.

HEALTH & SAFETY ORIENTATION

The Early Learning New Mexico Health and Safety Orientation is approximately 3 hours in length and goes through 3 modules in Health and Safety awareness. You will cover topics in the prevention of infectious disease, as well as, cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing procedures. You will look at information about emergency preparedness in several areas including weather, evacuation and medical emergencies. In the last module, you will find information on child abuse, shaken baby syndrome and best sleep practices for infants. In each of these 3 sections you will have access to information in the training including links and resources to additional materials.

QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS FOR ALL

"This course is designed as an introduction to special services and inclusion resources available to support early childhood professionals, so that every child is included in early childhood programs. Ideas for building family partnerships and information about service providers will be highlighted. A review of related laws is also included in the course."

All child care educators working in 3-STAR and 4-STAR licensed child care centers and family child care homes are required to complete this course, or its equivalent, within the first six months of employment.

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