

REACH

a monthly e-newsletter for Delaware's early childhood and school age programs



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You're here for Delaware's children and families.
We're here for YOU!



**"Making a Difference"
Conference
April 13th & 14th**

Time is running out to reserve your spot at the "Making a Difference" Conference to be held on April 13th and 14th.

Provider Spotlight:
Family Child Care Programs
Round Up of our Family Child Care Stars



This year marks that tenth anniversary of Delaware Stars. To celebrate, we will spotlight you and your feedback on what you've learned and accomplished through your relationship with Stars.

Following are testimonials from some of our family child care providers along with a video marking the tenth anniversary.

Call Tara Horwitz on 302-831-6764 to sign up.

The annual conference for early childhood professionals will be at the DTCC Terry Campus in Dover.



Workshop Improving Administrators Focus

This spring, we will be offering several opportunities to participate in "Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing the Lens." This professional development event is the first of three assessment modules that are designed to support administrators' understanding of the comprehensive assessment system, and its relationship to children's learning.

Sign up at

<https://dieecpd.org/registry/calendar>

Teaching Gold Strategy Sessions Added to Calendar

DIEEC PD has added additional Implementing Teaching Strategies GOLD sessions. They are:

Saturday, May 12th
9:30-4:00 p.m.
New Castle County

"I believe children learn through play. I have learned through Delaware Stars to implement lesson plans and a curriculum which will allow the children to enjoy learning because common core standards, such as math, science, language arts, social studies are implemented in our play time."

Alisa Waples, Lisa's Lullabies Learning Center

"Being involved with Delaware Stars keeps me up to date on all of the latest early learning techniques. I implement a curriculum to get children ready for kindergarten. I also care for my children in a loving and safe environment to give them the social and emotional skills to thrive."

Marlette Lofland

"At Pooh's Place, we strive to provide and maintain a healthy and safe physical environment. We are always searching for new and different ways to implement fun, and creative ideas to improve our program. We promote cognitive, social and emotional and physical development of young children in a safe and nurturing environment. Through our "village" of resources, including Delaware Stars, we maintain a high quality program where children enjoy learning new things through our activities, resources and community involvement."

Jamie Webb, Pooh's Place



Video available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOXAAjLneSU&list=UUTJ6ZxTnL6SkxuqbUzZJ4MA>

We would love to feature you. Please contact Lin Nordmeyer, linnord@udel.edu to showcase your program in an upcoming REACH.

(University of Delaware Downtown
Center 12th 8th St Wilmington DE
19801)

Tuesday, May 8th

6:30–9:30 p.m.

Kent County

(Polytech High School, 823 Walnut Shad
Road, Woodside, DE 19980)

If you are interested in registering for
this class you can contact Tara Horwitz
at 302–831–6764.



Language Development Guide

NAEYC recently featured on its website
a quick and simple language and
development guide. It provides 12
ways to support language development
for infants and toddlers. It's user
friendly so that parents can use it too.

Click [https://www.naeyc.org/our-
work/families/support-language-
development-infants-and-toddlers](https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/support-language-development-infants-and-toddlers) for
the guide.

Mister Rogers Neighborhood Turns 50!

In 1968 Mister Rogers Neighborhood
debuted on PBS. Fred Rogers and this
program is at the forefront of talking
about emotions with young children
while encouraging creativity through
"Make Believe Land." Millions of adults
remember Mister Rogers for his
enduring commitment to caring about

Stars News

Join Us for a "Community Conversation"

The Office of Early Learning, the Delaware Institute for Excellence
in Early Childhood, Purchase of Care, and the Office of Child Care
Licensing cordially invite you to attend a Community Conversation
meeting. These events will give you an update on the work these
agencies are doing to ensure children and their families receive
high quality early education and services to support children's
growth and development and provide you with an opportunity to
ask questions.

We want to hear from you! What is working well in your program?
How can we support you differently? Your feedback is important
and we want to provide you with an opportunity to speak directly
with us on ways that we can continue to work collaboratively and
best support your programs.

Please join the following people on the dates and locations below.

- Dr. Kimberly Krzanowski, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, Delaware Department of Education
- Kristy Sheffler, Director, Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, Delaware Stars
- Belvie Herbert, Social Services Administrator, Purchase of Care, Department of Health and Social Services
- Betty Gail Timm, Administrator, Office of Child Care Licensing

For your convenience, meetings will be held in four locations
throughout our state.

April 17th – 6:00–8:00PM

Wilmington Location – TBD

May 8th – 6:00–8:00PM

Kent County Location – TBD

May 9th – 6:00–8:00PM

Georgetown Public Library

123 West Pine Street, Georgetown, DE 19947

May 22nd – 6:00–8:00PM

Delaware State Police – Troop 2

100 Lagrange Avenue, Newark, DE 19720

children through honoring their childhood with honesty and authenticity.

Like Mister Rogers mentions in the video, we thank you, the care givers, for all you do for the Delaware's children!



View the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTm_D3BmotU

Tips for Making Screen Time Valuable

The reality is that children of all ages are going to spend some time on a device or in front of a T.V. This article provides five ways screen time can benefit children and families.

SAVE THE DATE

Inaugural daeyce Aspire Conference

Mark your calendar for the first daeyce Aspire Conference to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Middletown High School.

Details are on the last page of this publication.

Keep up with our Quality Assured training sessions by following us on Facebook.

Be on the lookout for an invitation including locations and further details.

Announcing Stars Blog - "Coach's Corner"



We are excited to feature TA Meghan Pallante in "Coach's Corner," a blog that will provide you with new and different approaches to delivering quality care. Meghan will provide new content bimonthly with practical suggestions for implementing into your practice.

Meghan has been a Stars TA for five years and has a master's degree in Human Development and Family Studies. She has two small children, Eva and Roman, so she knows firsthand the importance of quality childcare.

To follow Meghan, please join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/login/>.



Mark Your Calendar - Celebrate With Us! "The Week of the Young Child" April 16th - 20th

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families.

Each day of the week has themed ideas with resources to help you execute on the NAEYC website, <https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview>. Take photos and share on social media using #woyc18.

And don't forget to follow Delaware Stars. We will be joining in on the celebration with posts.



Follow DIEEC-PD
on facebook



Children's Book Week April 30th–May 6th

We can't wait to celebrate Children's Book Week with you. Register at <https://bit.ly/2Fh0PCO> to have a guest reader from Stars come to your program and share a story with your children. Plus we will donate the book to you children.

Stay tuned for more exciting details for this special celebration.

One World, Many Stories
Children's Book Week
April 30 - May 6, 2018
Celebrating children's books and reading since 1917
to find out more go to www.childrensbookweek.org

Celebrate Children's Book Week!

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK IS THE LONGEST-RUNNING NATIONAL LITERACY INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTRY. THIS YEAR THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 99TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

DELAWARE WILL JOIN THE CELEBRATION WHICH CAN INCLUDE YOU AND YOUR PROGRAM!

How Can You Celebrate?

- REGISTER TO HAVE A GUEST READER COME TO YOUR PROGRAM AND SHARE A STORY WITH THE CHILDREN
- THE BOOK WILL BE DONATED TO YOUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

FOLLOW DELAWARE STARS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. TAG US AND USE THE OFFICIAL CBW HASHTAG: #CBW18

Don't Forget to follow us on Social Media!



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Inaugural deaeyc Aspire Conference

Saturday, June 2, 2018
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Middletown High School
120 Silver Lake Road
Middletown, DE 19709

Keynote Speakers

Carol McCloud, President, Bucket Fillers, Inc.

Carol McCloud, a.k.a. the "Bucket Lady", has captivated all ages and encouraged them to become daily bucket fillers since her first book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids*, was published in 2006.

Michael Napolitano, Founder, Rockness Music

Michael Napolitano is a father, teacher, founder and director of Preschool of Rock/Rockness Music. He performs, composes, produces and engineers all of the music for Preschool of Rock and Michael & the Rockness Monsters. Previously Michael was a contributing member of the creative team for the Blue Man Group.

Conference Highlights

- Building Positive Parent Teacher Relationships
- Stewards of Children
- Advocacy Training 101
- Program Based Financial Mgmt.
- ESL in Early Childhood Education
- Bucket Filling in the classroom
- Music & STEM
- Learning through Play
- Social Emotional Development
- Incorporating the outdoors into your classroom
- Early Education & Nutrition
- Multi-Language Exposure Benefits

Registration Opening Early April!
Questions? Contact deaeycmeetings@gmail.com

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Education of Young Children

