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



December 2018



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



Updates From T.E.A.C.H.

T.E.A.C.H. is excited to share some new program updates effective immediately.

First, T.E.A.C.H. will now award each scholar a travel stipend of \$150, up from \$75. Additionally, the bonus from T.E.A.C.H. upon successful completion of your contract will

Provider Spotlight: The Children's Secret Garden

A Center Dedicated to Providing Quality Child Care to ALL Children



It's no secret that this Star Level 5 program is committed to quality. "Secret Garden is a beacon on the hill. This program has taken risks and embraced challenges to provide quality

be \$500 and either a \$200 or 2% increase from the sponsoring center (unless you are a FCC or Center owner).

Finally, T.E.A.C.H. again has permission to pay for the courses needed for the Administrator credential. For the first time, they also have permission to pay for the courses needed for the C&A credential.

Registration for Spring semester has begun, now is the time to apply for scholarships. Please contact deayc with questions at (302) 764-1500.



New Training Center - New Castle County

Please note that trainings are now being held at our new training center located at 501 S. College Ave. in Newark.

Sessions in New Castle County will be held at both the Hudson Center and S. College Ave. As you register, pay attention to the specific site.

child care with their eye always on the benefit to the child," said Nancy Edwards, Stars Curriculum and Assessment Technical Assistant.

Although providing quality child care is this program's unifying goal, their challenges are unique to the children they serve. The Children's Secret Garden, located in Dover, Del., is a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care program – seventy five percent of their children have medical needs that require skilled nursing.

At this program, both educators and nurses work side by side teaching and tending to the wide-ranging needs of the children in their care. Nurses are trained in child development and attend Stars trainings such as Foundations of Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold. Additionally, the educators on staff serve as a resource by providing feedback about ways to improve teaching practices.

"Nurses care for the whole child," said Marian Favors, child care director. "Our staff reflects a marriage of both education and health care."

"Everyone here is deeply committed to making inclusion their top priority. Teachers and nurses work tirelessly to minimize the struggles of the children," said Stacy Smith, who teams with Marian as a center administrator.

And for the children that are developmentally typical, "they don't bat an eye." During a typical morning at Secret Garden, a little boy in a wheelchair shares a book with a little girl sitting on the carpet while a child with diabetes gets pulled to the side during circle time for a blood check.

"The staff works to help the children find similarities between them versus differences," Smith said.

Every child enrolled – from the infants to the four- and five-year olds- is getting the same quality care and education.

"I wish we could get to a Star Level 7," Favors adds. "Stars has shown us what quality is and we keep wanting to go higher and higher."

Delaware First News



Professional Development - Staying the Course

With the holiday season upon us, it's easy to get distracted with our planning. Be determined to finish the year strong by taking one of our trainings in December.

Following is a preview of our offerings:

Every Day Math

Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing the Lens

Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice

Transitions

Introduction to the Ages & Stages Questionnaires – Developmental Screening Tools (ASQ-3 and ASQ: SE2)

Science Up: Birds and Bugs

Positive Behavior: Building on Children's Strengths

Online Application Available

The Office of Early Learning is excited to announce that the new Delaware First Online Application is now available!

The new application portal allows you to:

- create/update a personal profile
- upload documentation
- apply for a qualification online

The online platform was created to improve efficiency in application processing. By putting you in control of their qualification documents, you can start working in the field as soon as possible.

Here are some documents that will allow you to learn more about how to apply online for qualifications through Delaware First:

- [PowerPoint Presentation](https://bit.ly/2T5F6jL) at <https://bit.ly/2T5F6jL>
- [Instructions for requesting an IMS Account](https://bit.ly/2B3aGHU) at <https://bit.ly/2B3aGHU>
- [Request an IMS Account](https://pubapps.doe.k12.de.us/sso/petitionacctdpec.a.spx) at <https://pubapps.doe.k12.de.us/sso/petitionacctdpec.a.spx>
- [Access the Delaware First Online Application](https://www.doe.k12.de.us/) <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/>

The Office of Early Learning/Delaware First staff asks for your patience during the transition to online applications – there may be a slight delay in application process.

Other Important Updates to Note

- Paper Applications Missing Information: Beginning January 1, 2019, all paper applications that are missing information will no longer be held for 60 days. These applications will be returned to the applicant with a letter highlighting the missing information. The letter will provide the applicant the option to resubmit all required information via mail or apply and upload all required information through the new online system.

Sing, Dance and Stomp

Trainings by County - Printable Versions

Sometimes it's easier to plan by looking at a printed version of a schedule.

A hard copy of the calendar by county through February 2019 is available at the end of the publication.

[New Castle County Offerings](#)

[Kent County Offerings](#)

[Sussex County Offerings](#)



New Year, New Website

We're excited to announce that in January both Professional Development and Delaware Stars will have new websites.

Both have been redesigned to make your online experience with us easier and more efficient.

Stay tuned for our new look in 2019!

- Paper Applications Phase Out: In order to process applications faster we are requesting that you apply online. Paper applications will be phased out over the next year, so we strongly encourage you to apply online.

Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) News

New Website Features

Through a survey done last summer, ASQ was able to identify which aspects of the screening were the most challenging for programs. Based on the feedback, the ASQ website now includes five new resources for screening programs. The five resources which users have full and free access to are:

- Screening Navigator
- Training Portal
- FAQ Knowledge Base
- Parent Section
- Networking Directory

The ASQ page is available at

<https://www.agesandstages.com/new-features/>

Capacity Grant: Application Deadline January 25, 2019

Funding for Programs in Delaware Stars

The [Capacity Grant](https://www.cffde.org/), (<https://www.cffde.org/>) managed by Children & Families First, is intended to provide resources to enhance the quality of early learning programs and to expand the supply of child care in Delaware. The next deadline to submit an application for a Capacity Grant is January 25, 2019. You can reach the Capacity Grant Program Manager, Andrea Prettyman at aprettyman@cffde.org or call 302-233-6475 with questions.

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



December Calendar

Wishing you a Restful and Happy Holiday!

Attached [here](#) is a calendar of activities and events for you and your program for December. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to working with you in 2019.

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DIEEC Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

New Castle County

December 2018

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DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
12/03/2018 06:30 pm 12/10/2018 06:30 pm 12/17/2018 06:30 pm	Every Day Math	Intermediate CE	6.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$20.00
12/04/2018 06:30 pm 12/06/2018 06:30 pm	Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice	Intro OA	6.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$20.00
12/12/2018 06:00 pm 12/19/2018 06:00 pm	Positive Behavior: Building on Children's Strengths	Intermediate SE	6.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$20.00
12/13/2018 06:30 pm	Transitions	Intro CE	3.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$15.00

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January 2019

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DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
01/15/2019 06:00 pm 01/29/2019 06:00 pm	Science Up: Birds and Bugs	Intro CE	4.00	Delaware Museum of Natural History 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington	\$5.00
01/15/2019 06:30 pm	Supporting Sensory Learning: Infants, Toddlers, and Beyond	Intro CE	3.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$15.00
01/22/2019 06:00 pm	Healthy Together: Teaching Nutrition and Healthy Living to Preschool Children	Intermediate HS	2.00	Delaware Museum of Natural History 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington	\$5.00
01/23/2019 06:30 pm	Supporting Relationships in Mixed Age Environments	Intro SE	3.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$15.00
01/29/2019 06:30 pm 01/31/2019 06:30 pm	Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing the Lens	Intermediate OA	6.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$20.00

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New Castle County

February 2019

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DATE/TIME	TITLE	LEVEL	HOURS	LOCATION	PRICE
02/02/2019 09:00 am 02/16/2019 09:00 am	Resilience: Mapping a Journey to Promote Social and Emotional Competence(Replaces Creating Your Journey Together)	Intermediate MT	12.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$30.00
02/06/2019 05:30 pm	Seeing Science Everywhere: Seasons and Weather	Intermediate CE	3.00	Delaware Museum of Natural History 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington	\$5.00
02/06/2019 06:30 pm 02/13/2019 06:30 pm 02/20/2019 06:30 pm	Every Day Math	Intermediate CE	6.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$20.00
02/18/2019 09:00 am	Intergrating the Early Learning Foundation (ELF's) & Daily Experience	Intro CE	3.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$15.00
02/18/2019 12:30 pm	Visual Arts	Intro CE	3.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$15.00
02/20/2019 05:30 pm	Seeing Science Everywhere: Habitats and Animals	Intermediate CE	3.00	Delaware Museum of Natural History 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington	\$5.00
02/21/2019 06:30 pm 02/28/2019 06:30 pm 03/07/2019 06:30 pm	Play for Development and Learning	Intermediate CE	6.00	501 South College 501 South College Avenue, Newark	\$10.00
02/23/2019 09:30 am	Advanced Assessment for Teachers: Purposeful Planning	Advanced OA	6.00	Hudson State Service Center 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark	\$20.00

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12/10/2018 06:30 pm 12/12/2018 06:30 pm	Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing the Lens	Intermediate OA	6.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$20.00
12/18/2018 06:30 pm	Sing, Dance & Stomp	Intro CE	3.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$15.00
12/19/2018 12:00 pm	Introduction to the Ages & Stages Questionnaires- Developmental Screening Tools (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2)	Intro OA	3.00	Delaware State University 1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover	\$0.00

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01/03/2019 06:30 pm 01/08/2019 06:30 pm 01/10/2019 06:30 pm	Play for Development and Learning	Intermediate CE	6.00	The Learning Center, TLC 258 N. Rehoboth Blvd, Milford	\$10.00
01/16/2019 06:30 pm	Visual Arts	Intro CE	3.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$15.00
01/24/2019 06:30 pm 01/26/2019 09:00 am	Flip It: Flipping the Challenging Behavior	Intermediate SE	6.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$20.00

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02/02/2019 09:00 am 02/09/2019 09:00 am	Positive Behavior: Building on Children's Strengths	Intermediate SE	6.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$20.00
02/11/2019 06:30 pm 02/13/2019 06:30 pm	Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice	Intro OA	6.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$20.00
02/18/2019 09:00 am	Transitions	Intro CE	3.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$15.00
02/18/2019 12:30 pm	Sing, Dance & Stomp	Intro CE	3.00	DIEEC Dover Office- Blue Hen Mall Corp., Center, Suite 1E 655 Bay Road, Dover	\$15.00

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Sussex County

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12/01/2018 09:00 am	Every Day Math	Intermediate CE	6.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$20.00
12/03/2018 06:30 pm	Introduction to the Ages & Stages Questionnaires- Developmental Screening Tools (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2)	Intro OA	3.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$0.00
12/11/2018 06:30 pm 12/13/2018 06:30 pm	Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice	Intro OA	6.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$20.00

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01/17/2019 06:30 pm	Supporting Sensory Learning: Infants, Toddlers, and Beyond	Intro CE	3.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$15.00
01/29/2019 06:30 pm	Transitions	Intro CE	3.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$15.00

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02/05/2019 06:30 pm	Sing, Dance & Stomp	Intro CE	3.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$15.00
02/12/2019 06:30 pm	Intergrating the Early Learning Foundation (ELF's) & Daily Experience	Intro CE	3.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$15.00
02/21/2019 06:30 pm 02/23/2019 09:00 am	Flip It: Flipping the Challenging Behavior	Intermediate SE	6.00	Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford St., Georgetown	\$20.00