



Communities of Practice

SEPTEMBER 2023 - MAY 2024

FREE MONTHLY TRAINING SESSIONS

Share your passion for teaching with like-minded peers. Dig deep and reflect on your teaching methods and classroom choices. Discover new perspectives as we learn from each other.

The benefits of joining a Community of Practice:

- Resource funding and study tour opportunities
- Earn up to 16 hours of ECE TRIS approved credit for free
- Connect with other Early Childhood Professionals
- Choose from 4 different COP topics.



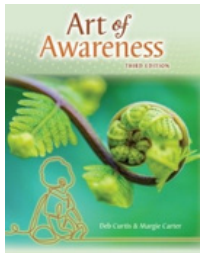
Join a Community of Practice today!



PLAY-ology: Exploring the Science of Play

Third Thursday of the month 12:30-2:30 pm (beginning 9/21) Location: Virtual Sessions on Zoom

Are you a play advocate for children? This Community of Practice is designed specifically for early childhood providers who are dedicated to supporting & enhancing children's play experiences in the classroom. This immersive & collaborative program aims to deepen participants' understanding of the science behind play & child development & will equip them with the knowledge & skills needed to create engaging & developmentally appropriate play environments. **To learn more about this track & register, please contact Liz Walker at liz-walker@4cforkids.com**



The Art of Awareness

Fourth Wednesday of the month 4:30-6:30 pm (beginning 9/27) Location: Hybrid (virtual and in person sessions)

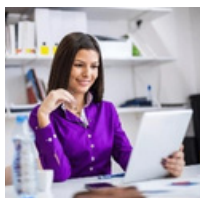
Transform your teaching & re-discover the joy in your work with children. Join this group of professionals as we study *The Art of Awareness* by Deb Curtis & Margie Carter to receive a wealth of inspiration & practice as you advance your knowledge & skills for observing in new ways. Witness children's remarkable competencies as they experience childhood. By learning the art & skill of observation, you will change your teaching for the better & become more mindful in helping children to grow & learn. **To learn more about this track & register, please contact Courtney Pearce at courtney-pearce@4cforkids.com**



Intro to Reggio Emilia Principles

Second Tuesday of the month 9:30-11:30 am (beginning 9/12) Location: Highland Presbyterian Weekday School

Use a reflective approach to examine the historical roots, guiding principles, & values from the schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy. Some ideas & practices will resonate with you & affirm your intentions to support the growth & well-being of children, families, & co-educators. Others will offer new perspectives to consider, or may even challenge you to shift some deeply held cultural & personal assumptions about education. The educators at Highland Presbyterian Church have graciously offered to host this COP & share how their program draws inspiration from the Reggio Approach & implements its philosophy into the daily lives of their classrooms. **To learn more about this track & register, please contact Lisa Branstetter at lisa-branstetter@4cforkids.com**



Director Essentials

Second Wednesday of the month 12:30-2:30 pm (beginning 9/13) Location: Virtual Sessions on Zoom

Join us each month for Director Essentials, a professional development learning circle created specifically for directors in child care. Zoom in, engage with other directors in our area & discuss topics relevant to leading & operating a child care center. We will discuss a new topic each month, such as Organizational Climate; Leading & Managing; The Power of Self Reflection & Self Awareness; Recruiting, Selecting, & Orienting Staff; & How to Lead More Engaging & Productive Meetings. **To learn more about this track, please contact Angie Kinser at angie-kinser@4cforkids.com. To register, go to our training calendar: www.4cforkids.org/training**

