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Child Care Certification

Child Care Facility Training Requirements—40 Hours

Introductory Child Care Training

- ◆ 40-clock-hour Introductory Child Care Training
- ◆ 5-clock-hour (or .5 Continuing Education Units) Early Literacy and Language Development, within one year of employment
- ◆ 10-clock-hours of Annual In-service training completed between July 1 and June 30 each year. Look inside for additional details.

Family Day Care Home—30 Hours

Family Child Care Home Operator must complete:

- ◆ 30-clock-hour Family Child Care Home training, prior to licensure
- ◆ 5-clock-hour (or .5 Continue Education Units) Early Literacy and Language Development, prior to licensure
- ◆ 10-clock-hours of Annual In-service training during licensure year
- ◆ First Aid Training, prior to licensure
- ◆ Infant and Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), prior to licensure

Look inside for additional details.

A note about our newsletter: Our newsletter, published twice a year, may be photocopied or downloaded as needed. This issue is not distributed via regular mail. Please contact Lillian Cortina by phone at 561-862-4706 or by email at cortinal@pbcc.edu if you wish your email added to our distribution list or if you wish a copy sent to you.

Visit our web site at: www.pbcc.edu/teachered/childcare.asp for a current list of classes or contact us, and we will mail you a copy of our current schedule.

Coordinator's Corner



Hi Readers:

I hope everyone is having a very wonderful 2006!

Curriculum Changes

A few changes are coming our way for the people who will be taking the 40-hour center based or 30-hour family child care home training in the future. The Department of Children and Families is in the process of revising and updating the curriculum. The total number of training hours will remain the same, but how the hours are allocated will change. Below are the upcoming changes:

Please note that this only affects those who have not taken the training yet.

Child Care Facility Personnel Part I - 30 Hours	Family Child Care Home 30 Hours
6 Hours - Child Growth and Development	
6 Hours - Behavioral Observation and Screening	
8 Hours - Health, Safety, and Nutrition	
4 Hours Child Abuse and Neglect	
6 Hours - Child Care Facility Rules, Regulations and Best Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and Regulations • Confidentiality • Documentation • Working with Families 	6 Hours - Family Child Care Home Rules, Regulation, and Best Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and Regulations • Confidentiality • Record Keeping • Business Practices • Working with Families
Part II - 10 Hours	
One of the following: 10-Hour Preschool Practices Or 10-Hour Infant Toddler Or 10-Hour School Age Or 10-Hour Special Needs Or Two of the following: Basic Guidance and Discipline (5 hours / online) And Early Literacy for Children Age Birth to Three (5 hours / online)	

These changes are being made in order to reflect the mission statement of DCF - children are the health, safety, and well-being of children while in care through licensing and regulatory activities. The good news is that now there will be education exemptions for family child care providers and if a provider

wants to switch from working in a center to opening family child care business, that person only has to take the center-based rules and regulations course.

Please note that if you have not taken or passed the competency exams before the new curriculum comes out (early August (Fall Term) for PBCC), please do so before January 1, 2007 as at that time the exam questions will reflect material only contained in the new curriculum.

Individuals who have completed the 30-hour Facility/Family can become dual certified by completing the 6-Hour Rules and Regulations in the other environment. Anyone who has completed one track or the other will be granted credit for the appropriate sections and will only need to complete the 6-Hour Rules and Regulations to meet the requirements for the other environment. If an individual is certified for Family Child Care Home and wants to become certified for Facilities, he/she must also take the Part II 10-hour component.

DCF Database - www.myflorida.com/childcare/training

Please remember that if you have taken the state-mandated courses over a few years ago, and it is not on the database system, you may request that it be put on the database system by faxing your certificates to 850-922-9156. Include your personal information on the request. If you can't find your certificates and need us to do the research, please call me at 561-862-4707.

Online Courses

DCF currently has free online courses which may be taken in place of the 10-hour DAPs as well as for in-service credits. To replace the 10-hour DAP, you would also have to take the competency exam for each one. Since each of these is 5 hours so you would need to take two of these courses.

- Basic Guidance and Discipline
- Early Literacy for Children Birth to Three
- Computer Technology for Child Care Professionals (exam coming soon)
- Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors (exam coming soon)

To take these courses, go to www.myflorida.com/childcare/training and click on online courses.

DCF Website

At the above website, you will find very useful information on training and training requirements, training forms, training exemptions, staff credential requirements, director's credential, school age certification, and CDAE as well as a link to VPK.

Since we now only publish the Training Tribune twice a year, if there is any other important news that comes out, I'll send it out in a flyer.

Please remember to call me any time if you have questions. My number is 561-862-4707 or you can email me at adrianl@pbcc.edu.

Have a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,

Lucia Adrian

Program Manager / Training Coordinator

DCF Child Care Training Contract

Palm Beach Community College

Director's Credential

Legislation was passed in Florida that requires child care and education program directors / administrators to have a credential as part of the minimum licensing standard by January 1, 2004.

Palm Beach Community College offers the Child Care Center Management course that will meet the educational coursework requirement for the Foundational Level of the Director Credential. This is a 45-hour competency based course covering three major content areas: Administrative, Legal Issues, and Child Care and Education Programming. Upon successful completion of this course and meeting all educational and experiential requirements for the Foundational Level, the student can apply to the Department of Children and Families for the credential. The contact person is Carrie Cole at 1-866-320-9710.

The Florida Child Care and Education Program Administrator Credential is **not** awarded by Palm Beach Community College. Upon successful completion of the course and meeting all educational and experiential requirements, the student must apply to the Department of Children and Families for the credential.

Pursuant to section 402.305(2)(f)F.S. an individual may **not** be the director of child care facilities that has an overlap in the hours of operation, but may supervise multiple before / after school sites.

Check the PBCC website: <http://www.pbcc.edu/teachered/childcare/programs.asp>, or call 561-862-4700 for information for the foundational level coursework, known as CCCM .

A child care staff at the **Child Care Credential Unit 1-866-320-9710 (Press 1)** will answer specific questions about the Director Credential Program.



ESOL for the Child Care Worker

PBCC offers a 2-part beginning and intermediate ESOL course available in Boca Raton, Belle Glade and Lake Worth for child care personnel whose first language is not English. Participants will learn English and practice reading, writing, listening, and speaking using terminology and situations familiar to child care settings. For more information call 561-868-3270. Scholarships are available; for information call 561-868-3659.





Child Care Certification

Child care personnel must begin training by commencing coursework, obtaining an educational exemption or by **completing a competency exam** within the first 90 days of employment in the child care industry. All training must be completed one year after the date on which training began.

The Introductory Child Care Training is divided into two parts (total 40 Hours):

Child Care Facility Training Requirements

Part I—30 Hours:

- State & Local Rules and Regulations;
- Health, Safety, and Nutrition;
- Identifying and Reporting Child abuse & Neglect;
- Child Growth & Development; **and**
- Behavioral Observation and Screening

These four modules comprise the 20-Hour Introductory to Child Care Course and upon completion will give a 20-hour certificate.

Upon completion this module will give a 10-hour certificate.

Part II—10 Hours—Selection of specialized training modules:

- Infant and Toddler appropriate Practices (10 hours);
- Preschool Appropriate Practices (10 hours);
- School-Age Appropriate Practices (10 hours);
- Special Needs Appropriate Practices (10 hours);
- Basic Guidance and Discipline (5 hours web based);
- Early Literacy and Language Development (5 hours web based),
- Computer Technology for Child Care Professionals (5 hours web based).
- Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors (5 hours web based).

Upon completion these modules will give a 10-hour certificate.

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No exam available at this time.

Family Child Care Home—30 Hours

Family child care home providers are required to have a substitute on stand-by. The requirements to be met by a substitute can be found at:

www.myflorida.com/childcare/training under Licensed Family Day Care Home.

Completion of Child Care Training for Facilities and Family Professionals:

Child care professionals who completed any of the department's training courses that ended on or before December 31, 2003 received a certificate based on attendance. All child care professionals participating in any of the department's training courses that ended on or after January 1, 2004 are required to pass a competency examination before they will be credited with successful completion of the course. The Fundamentals of Child Care (for substitutes) is an attendance-based course and does not require a competency exam for completion.

Documentation of Course Completion:

Successful completion of training is documented on the Department of Children and Families Child Care Training Transcript. Individuals may obtain a copy of their Child Care Training Transcript by selecting "View My Transcript" at www.myflorida.com/childcare/training. A copy of the Child Care Training Transcript must be maintained in the personnel file.






Competency Exam Schedule



Exam Date	Day of the Week / Time	Location / Room		Exam Date	Day of the Week / Time	Location / Room
4/11/06	Tuesday 8:30 am	Boca Raton Mod 8		5/23/06	Tuesday 8:30 AM	Palm Beach Gardens BB 111
4/12/06	Wednesday 6:30 pm	Lake Worth SCC 154		5/24/06	Wednesday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101
4/21/06	Friday 8:30 am	Lake Worth AH 101		5/25/06	Thursday 6:30 PM	Boca Raton BT 202
4/22/06	Saturday 8:30 am	Boca Raton CA 103		6/3/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Belle Glade Dolly Hand Theater
4/22/06	Saturday 8:30 am	Lake Worth AH 101		6/3/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton Mod 8 & 9
4/22/06	Saturday 8:30 am	Palm Beach Gardens BB 111		6/3/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth CE 118 & 119
4/29/06	Saturday 8:30 am	Boca Raton CA 103		6/8/06	Thursday 6:30 PM	Palm Beach Gardens AA 111
4/29/06	Saturday 8:30 am	Lake Worth AH 101		6/10/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton Mod 8 & 9
5/6/06	Saturday 8:30 am	Boca Raton CA 101		6/10/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth CE 118 & 119
5/6/06	Saturday 8:30 am	Lake Worth AH 101		6/17/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Belle Glade Dolly Hand Theater
5/6/06	Saturday 8:30 am	Palm Beach Gardens BB 316		6/17/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101
5/11/06	Thursday 6:30 PM	Lake Worth AH 101		6/17/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Palm Beach Gardens BB 111
5/13/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton Mod 8 & 9		6/22/06	Thursday 6:30 PM	Lake Worth AH 101
5/13/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Palm Beach Gardens BB 111		6/24/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton Mod 8 & 9
5/20/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton Mod 8 & 9		6/29/06	Thursday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton BT 202
5/20/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101		7/1/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101

Competency Exam Schedule

Exam Date	Day of the Week / Time	Location / Room		Exam Date	Day of the Week / Time	Location / Room
7/1/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Palm Beach Gardens BB 111		7/22/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Belle Glade Dolly Hand Theater
7/8/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Belle Glade Dolly Hand Theater		7/27/06	Thursday 6:30 PM	Boca Raton BT 202
7/8/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton Mod 8 & 9		7/27/06	Thursday 6:30 PM	Lake Worth AH 101
7/8/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101		7/29/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101
7/13/06	Thursday 6:30 PM	Palm Beach Gardens AA 225		8/1/06	Tuesday 8:30 AM	Palm Beach Gardens BB 316
7/15/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101		8/5/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton Mod 8 & 9
7/19/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101		8/5/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Lake Worth AH 101
7/22/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Boca Raton Mod 8 & 9		8/5/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Palm Beach Gardens BB111
7/22/06	Saturday 8:30 AM	Palm Beach Gardens BB 111				

Please note:

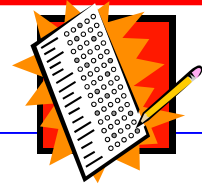
Cut-off-date for scheduling exams is ten days prior to actual exam date.

Room numbers and dates are subject to change - for more information contact

Lillian Cortina by phone at **561-862-4706** or by email at or cortinal@pbcc.edu .

If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care certification process on a Palm Beach Community College campus, contact **Disability Support Advisor** (Belle Glade 561-993-1125; Boca Raton 561-862-4316; Lake Worth 561-868-3046; Palm Beach Gardens 561-207-5345) at least two weeks prior to the first class or exam date. If you have registered with the Disabilities Office, and you plan to take a competency exam, call **Lucia Adrian** at **561-862-4707** to schedule the exam.

Competency Exam



Scheduling the Competency Exams:

An individual enrolled in one of the department's training courses who has paid all course fees may register for the exam on-line from their transcript at www.myflorida.com/childcare/training. Individuals may also pre-register for an exam appointment by contacting the Child Care Services Exam Scheduling Center by calling

1-888-375-3926.

NOTE: Individuals are allowed one opportunity, if they choose, to take the exams as an exemption from enrollment in child care training courses. Individuals that do not pass an exam for the purpose of exemption will be required to enroll in that child care training course. Enrollment must take place in a state-mandated training course administered by a TCA-approved trainer. Individuals will not be allowed to retake the exam until after their course is completed. Following completion of their coursework, there is no limit to the number of times an individual can take the exams before passing them.

Individuals can check their exam results and print their certificates by accessing their transcripts from www.myflorida.com/childcare/training.

Students who take the 40-Hour DCF certification courses as of January 2004 have to pass all parts of the competency exam before registering for CDA Module I. Additional information regarding the competency exams or the CDA can be found at www.myflorida.com/childcare/training.



Please Note: Our newsletter will now be published twice a year instead of four times a year. At this time we are unable to show a listing of exams sites / days after August 5, 2006. Please contact Lillian Cortina for additional information and scheduling. You may reach me by email at cortinal@pbcc.edu or by phone at 561-862-4706.

4- Star Quality Rating System Family Child Care Homes



Recognizing Outstanding Quality Child Care
In Palm Beach County

What is it?

The 4-Star Quality Rating System (QRS) is a comprehensive, voluntary early care and education improvement and support system.

Why is it important?

The QRS will enhance the quality of child care so that children birth to five years of age will be healthy and ready to learn when they enter school.

What will it do for me?

This exciting new program will provide you with quality improvement supports such as:

- * Intensive technical assistance by highly trained Early Learning Coaches
- * Mini-grants
- * Educational incentive awards
- * Training
- * Scholarships
- * Peer-networking opportunities
- * Wages supplement

Based on improved quality, you will be eligible for quality enhancement payments

What are the "Six Pathways to Quality"?

The program involves "six Pathways to Quality." In the 4-Star QRS program you will be assessed and supported in the following areas:

- * Environment
- * Professional Development
- * Administration and Business Management
- * Parent Involvement
- * Curriculum
- * Child Development Screenings

Want to Know More?

Please Contact:

Karen Darter, Family Child Care Early Care Coordinator

Palm Beach Community College

561-868-3668 — darterk@pbcc.edu

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Educational Exemption



Educational Credential

If you have:

National Child Development Associate (CDA) **OR**

State-Approved CDA Equivalency

OR

2 year degree or higher **with** 6 college credits in Early Childhood Education / Child Growth and Development

B.A., B.S., or advanced degree in Early Childhood Education or Pre-School Education

B.A., B.S., or advanced degree in Elementary Education

B.A., B.S., or advanced degree in Exceptional Student Education

Training Module

You are exempt from:

Health, Safety, and Nutrition (4 Hours)

AND

Child Growth and Development (10 hours)

AND

Behavioral Observation and Screening (10 hours)

Infants and Toddlers Appropriate Practices

AND

Pre-School Appropriate Practices

School-Age Appropriate Practices

Special Needs Appropriate Practices

For more information, please contact:
Child Care Training Information Center (CCTIC)
Tel. 1-888-352-2842

DCF Web Site

Remember to go to the **DCF Web Site**:

www.myflorida.com/childcare/training

for training information, educational exemptions, printing certificates, training transcripts, form 5211 and other useful information.



National CDA Certificates

Child care facility employees with a **National CDA** must contact the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition on line at www.cdacouncil.org or toll free at 1-800-424-4310 and maintain an active National CDA by going through the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition's renewal process.

If you hold a **National CDA** that was obtained on or before December 31, 2003, you may contact the Council for Early Childhood Professional recognition and review their waiver process. If you are unable to renew your National CDA through this method, you must submit the Florida CDAE renewal application and all required documentation to the Department of Children and Families Child Care Program Office by **December 31, 2008**. You must then maintain an active Florida CDAE by going through the renewal process every five (5) years.

CDAE (Child Development Associate Equivalency) Renewal

In order to remain active, CDAE certificates must be renewed every 5 years. The Florida CDAE Renewal Program requires each individual holding a **Florida CDAE** to complete specific renewal requirements every 5 years relating to early childhood, child development, and the safety and care of young children. Individuals with a **Florida CDAE** credential obtained before December 31, 2003 will have until December 31, 2008 to renew. Download and complete the Florida CDAE Renewal Application, CF-FSP 5273, April 05, to renew your Florida CDAE at: <https://training01-dcf.myflorida.gov/dcf/cct/cdaecred.html>.

Include all requirements listed below and supporting documentation:

- Proof of a current First Aid certificate,
- Proof of 45 hours of professional education within the past five years,
- Proof of 80 hours work experience with young children and families (within past year),
- Proof of membership in a national, state, or local Early Childhood Professional Organization (within past year),
- Letter of recommendation regarding competence working with young children as documented by providing a written and signed letter (on letterhead) from an Early Childhood Education Professional,
- Copy of the applicant's Florida CDAE or National CDA, and
- Check for \$25 made out to the State of Florida.

**Effective August 1, 2005 the processing fee is \$25 and must be submitted in the form of a business check or money order. No personal checks will be accepted.

Mail to: Florida CDAE Renewal Program
Department of Children and Families
Child Care Program Office
1317 Winewood Blvd.—Building 6, Room 389
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700



Article of Interest



Mathematics through Play



Everyday routines and play events offer rich opportunities for teaching your children about mathematics. Integrating math into all parts of the day multiplies the learning and gives your young children an understanding that math is part of everyday life.

During the early years of life, children play with concepts of size, number, shape, and quantity. They discover that objects exist, can be moved, and can be fitted together. As they acquire language, children begin to make statements indicating their knowledge of mathematical concepts. Their play and language form the basis for learning about math in natural ways, and one great way to integrate math involves hands-on activities and problem-solving situations that pique your children's curiosity.

For example, try constructing a math puzzle with three empty glasses. In the first glass, pour the milk up to the brim. Fill the second glass halfway, and leave the third glass empty. Then ask your children to identify which glass is empty, which is full, and which is one-half full.

Most preschool-aged children will understand the meaning of full, and will be able to identify the full glass of milk. Many young children will also understand the concepts of empty and more, but several may have trouble with half and less.

You can explore these same concepts through a grocery shopping game. Give your children plastic cups and containers of dried beans. Ask them to take three cups and to fill one cup full of beans, leave one cup empty, and fill the third cup with fewer beans than the full cup but more than the empty one. Through these repeated interactions and dialogue, your young children can learn some of the vocabulary and concepts that underlie mathematics such as

equations, fractions and the notion of zero.

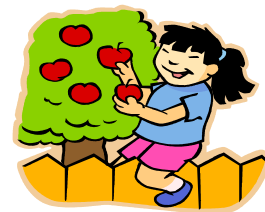
Measuring tapes or other measuring tools, whether in standard or nonstandard units, also create enjoyable learning activities. For example, your children can use them to measure blocks. They may also measure blocks using smaller blocks and then compare the results to see which block is longer or which is thicker.

Math concepts also make an appearance in many children's books, such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Young children love to count the apples or pears the caterpillar eats before getting an upset stomach.

You can also consider computers and software programs that facilitate math learning. Encourage your children to work on the computers individually or together, but an adult should always be nearby to help them if they have any questions.

You can also involve math in cooking activities. With your help, your children can measure the number of spoons and the number of cups of ingredients indicated in the recipe.

Young children who learn number concepts and other mathematical knowledge through hands-on play activities and discussions gain a broad understanding of math skills. When you think of activities for your children, focus not just on having fun but also on creating a learning environment that stimulates and nurtures their inquisitive minds. These daily routines and play activities can give them a great start on thinking about and using mathematics.



Excerpted from "Integrating Mathematics for Young Children Through Play" by Smita Guha - an article in the NAEYC journal, *Young Children*.



If you need an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in the child care training process on a Palm Beach Community College campus, contact **Disability Support Advisor** at least two weeks prior to the first class or exam date at:

If you have registered with the Disabilities Office, and you plan to take a competency exam, call **Lucia Adrian at 561-862-4707** to schedule the exam.

Belle Glade: 561-993-1125

8:00am – 8:00pm Monday – Thursday

8:00am – 12:00pm Friday

Boca Raton: 561-862-4316

7:30am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday

Lake Worth: 561-868-3046

9:00am – 6:00pm Monday – Thursday

8:00am – 4:00pm Friday

Palm Beach Gardens: 561-207-5345

7:30am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday



"The **Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education** provides a variety of supports and services to early educators in Palm Beach County. The Institute of Excellence is dedicated to increasing access to training and education opportunities for the early childhood workforce. Please visit the IE WebPages at www.pbcc.edu/ieece to find out more out us."

VPK and the Florida CDAE or National CDA

During the 2004 special session, the Florida Legislature passed the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) bill, which requires each lead prekindergarten instructor to hold, at a minimum, a current Florida CDAE or national CDA. A provider may also meet this requirement by having an Associates degree or higher with specific educational requirements and work experience. A full explanation of requirements, contact information and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting the VPK Web Site at www.vpkflorida.org.

If a Florida CDAE is not renewed prior to its expiration date, the individual may submit a renewal application for up to three years after the expiration date. Remember, after July 1, 2006, any individual with an expired Florida CDAE or National CDA will not be eligible to be the lead teacher for VPK.



Staff Credentialing Verifications

In order to meet licensing requirements, every licensed child-care facility must have one member of its child care personnel for every twenty (20) children certified with a CDA or its equivalent on a 5206 Child Care Personnel Professional Development Confirmation Form.

In order to receive the 5206, you must meet one of the following qualifications and document this information of Form 5211 (Child Care Personnel Education and Employment History Verification Form).

A. National Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential

B. Formal Educational Qualifications

1. Four-year degree or higher in early childhood/child development, family and consumer sciences (formerly home economics/child development) or elementary education with certification to teach any age birth through 6th grade

2. A.S. or A.A. degree in child development.

3. Associate degree or higher with 6 college credit hours in early childhood/child development plus 480 hours experience in a child care setting serving children ages birth through eight years of age.

4. CDA Exemption (Waiver) Certificate from a participating Community/Junior College for individuals with formal educational qualifications other than those listed in 1, 2, 3.

C. Approved CDA Equivalency Training Programs

Check with Palm Beach Community College for a list of approved CDA equivalency programs.

D. Graduate of a approved Florida School-Age Certification program.

E. Employment History Recognition Exemption

This is for individuals who want to be certified as a CDA because of their work experience. These individuals must have 10 years of work experience **between** July 1, 1980 and July 1, 1995. Provide a detailed description of work experience on Form 5211, attaching additional sheets as necessary. The applicant must also document **employment in a licensed child care facility on July 1, 1995. Attach all of the following when you submit Form 5211:**

a. Copies of notarized letters, W-2 Forms, licensing records or income tax return forms, etc. for each place of employment from July 1, 1980 to July 1, 1995, that you wish to use as credit toward your exemption.

b. Proof of employment in child care on July 1, 1995,

c. Copy of your high school diploma or G.E.D.

Please check the DCF website, www.myflorida.com/childcare/training, and click on Staff Credential Requirements for more information.

**Completed forms are to be sent to:
Child Care Training Information
Center (CCTIC)**

**2807 Remington Green Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308**

Tel. 1-888-352-2842 * fax 850-922-9156

Email:

CCTIC@thechildrensforum.com



Early Literacy



NOTE: All child care personnel employed on or before December 31, 2004 shall complete 5-clock-hours or .5 documented continuing education unit (CEU) of training in early literacy and language development of children from birth to 5 years of age, as documented on the certificate of course completion, classroom transcript, or diploma; by June 30, 2005. All child care personnel hired on or after January 1, 2005, shall complete this training within 12 months of date of employment. Literacy training must be a single class or course that is no less than five (5) hours in duration. In order to meet this requirement, child care personnel must select a training course from the Department of Children and Families' list of approved literacy training programs, which can be accessed by going to www.myflorida.com/childcare/training.

On-Line Courses

The “**Early Literacy for Children Age Birth to Three**,” “**Basic Guidance and Discipline**” “**Computer Technology for Child Care Professionals**,” and “**Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors**” on-line training (5-hours) courses are now available at no cost. Currently these classes fulfill in-service requirements, but available exams for these on-line courses in combination with the course work meet the 10-hour Part II child care requirements. These courses may be accessed by going to www.myflorida.com/childcare/training and clicking on “on-line training.”

Competency Exams are now available for “Early Literacy for Children Age Birth to Three” and “Basic Guidance and Discipline” On-line Courses!

Do I have to take the competency exams?

No. The competency exams are OPTIONAL if you have completed the “Early Literacy for Children Age birth to Three” course for in-service credit to meet the statutory requirement for 5 hours of mandated literacy training.

Why take a competency exam?

These 5-hour courses may be combined to satisfy the 10-clock-hours of Part II training required for child care facility personnel, which requires competency exams.

How do I register for a competency exam?

Before you can register for an exam, you must complete the online training. Then go to your Child Care Training Transcript at www.myflorida.com/childcare/traning. At the top of your transcript, choose “[Click here to register for a competency exam!](#)” You must register for a competency exam at least 10 days before taking an exam at a local exam site.



Opportunities to Earn Course Credits/Hours for Prior Learning

PBCC PSAV Clock Hour to Credit Course Equivalency

Students who have taken and passed courses in certain PSAV programs at PBCC or with the Palm Beach County School District may apply for granting of credit by following this process:

Initiator: Student

Process: The student who has completed the eligible PSAV coursework must apply for granting of credit by contacting Luisa Hernandez at 561-862-4719 or hernandl@pbcc.edu

PBCC Office(s) Responsible for Processing:

PBCC Campus or District Registrar

Fees: None

Eligibility: Any student who has successfully completed the PSAV coursework:

Proviso(s): Student must:

- Have completed and been awarded passing grades in anyone of the CDA Programs with Palm Beach Community College.
- Verification of a completed Child Development Associate (CDA).
- Be admitted to the program to which the credit will apply.
- Have already earned at least 25% of the program credits, including general education.

Currently—PBCC college credits apply to Early Childhood Education Program (AS/AAS 3 credits for each):

EEC 2710/Conflict Resolution

EEC 2731/Health, Safety and Nutrition

EEC 1601/Observation and Assessment

Please Note:

Effective fall term 2007-1 the above mentioned college credits will be changed to:

EEC 2731/Health, Safety and Nutrition

EEC 2271/Teaching Children with Special needs

CHD 1220/Child Development, Infancy/Preschool

Check the Palm Beach County School District's Web Site for additional information regarding their CDA Program at <http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us>.





It's Here!!

The Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Palm Beach Community College

Historic Building, 812 Fern Street

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

The Palm Beach County Early Childhood Registry

Our Mission

is

to support a comprehensive approach to **career development and quality** in the field of early childhood education for the childcare workforce in Palm Beach County.

At the core of the Palm Beach County Early Childhood Registry is our database, which provides the means to document and **recognize achievement** in education, training, and professional development for individuals.

For

Early Childhood Professionals

Practitioners!

Trainers!

Directors!

Please contact the Registry today to request an application packet

Beth Hennessey, Registry Coordinator

(561) 868-3671 fax (561) 868-7042

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SEEK Scholarship: Update

The Professional Development Team welcomes our new SEEK Career Coaches Nohora Corregan, Zachary Scuderi, Christina Valdes and Registry Coordinator Beth Hennessey

Please contact us for assistance as you apply for SEEK Scholarships, select courses, and/or consider your career opportunities.

Career Coaches:

Nohora Corregan	561-868-3659	corregan@pbcc.edu
Laura McCadden	561-868-3998	mccaddel@pbcc.edu
Penny Markovitz	561-868-3997	markovip@pbcc.edu
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Patricia Ortiz-Gutierrez (Bilingual - Spanish)	561-868-3674	ortizgp@pbcc.edu
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Christina Valdes	561-868-3828	valdes@pbcc.edu

Registry Coordinator:

Beth Hennessey 561-868-3671 hennesb@pbcc.edu

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For more information about the SEEK Scholarship, please go to the website:

<http://www.pbcc.edu/ieece/scholarships>

En el Instituto para Excelencia, las Consejeras de Carrera/ Coordinadoras de Becas, proveen a los proveedores de cuidado infantil con la informacion necesaria para expandir sus oportunidades de desarrollo profesional. Assistimos en la planeacion de su carrera, teniendo en cuenta los objetivos individuales, intereses, record de entrenamiento y planes profesionales. Las becas SEEK son para personal de centros de educacion infantil, personal de las escuelas del Condado de Palm Beach, que tengan un acuerdo de pago (Rate Agreement) con Family Central, Inc. El proposito principal de este programa es mejorar la calidad de la educacion infantil y el medio ambiente para los niños a traves del desarrollo profesional de las profesoras. Para mas informacion visite nuestra direccion en : <http://www.pbcc.edu/ieece/scholarships>

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Early Care and Education**
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West Palm Beach, Florida 33401
Fax: 561-868-7032, 561-868-7042





WANTED...

- * **Large and small businesses desiring a bigger bottom line**
- * **Local business owners looking to provide a remedy for some of the many challenges facing Florida's economy**
- * **Visionary business leaders looking to gain a competitive edge in today's labor market**

The Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP) can help.

WHAT?

Employers who participate in the CCEP program contribute to help employees reduce the costs for quality child care.

Funding is provided through local, state and federal contributions.

Employees whose children you may be providing scholarships for may also be eligible for funding under CCEP.

THERE IS NO WAITING LIST for CCEP.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?????

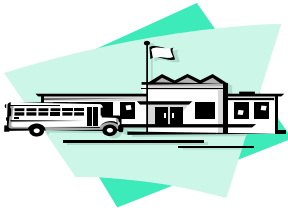
It means that instead of providing free child care for your employees, you may be able to get reimbursed for some of that cost!!!!

WHY?

Employers who participate usually report increased employee recruitment, productivity, morale and decreased employee absenteeism and tardiness.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Call Family Central, Inc at 561-514-3303 for a presentation or packet of information describing the CCEP program in detail.



Community News

Legislative Update

House Bill 1-A—Early Learning:

Creates **VPK** program and addresses governance, student eligibility, parental choice/program options, critical activities and timelines. The **Department of Education** is responsible for standards, assessment and curricula, as well as, professional development and articulation. The **Agency for Workforce Innovation** will manage the day-to-day operations (eligibility, provider profiles, payments), as well as, staff the Early Learning Advisory committee and continue coordination of the Early Learning Coalitions (formerly school readiness). The **Department of Children and Families** will continue to be responsible for the licensure of child care programs, verify faith-based exemptions, verify CDA/CDAE credentials, and recognize Gold Seal. All departments are directed to work together to build one existing systems and minimize duplication.

Note: signed by Governor Bush on January 2, 2005.

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PRIME TIME SCHOLARSHIPS

NO MORE DEADLINES

Please submit applications at least 3 weeks in advance of class, workshop or conference

1. ELIGIBILITY:

Only management and frontline professionals working with children (**K-12**), employed in after school programs are eligible.

2. AWARDS

30 and 10 hour Child Care Certification Courses.

Other relevant college or university course work.

Other local training/education opportunities that promote quality after school care and management, such as grant writing workshops, conflict resolution seminars, and training in staff management (Conferences directly related to school-age and after school).

For more information, please contact Nicole Ramsay at (561)-659-4993 or by email: nicole@primetimepbc.org

Community News

Gold Seal Quality Care Program



There are a total of 14 department-approved accrediting agencies for the Gold Seal Quality Care Program:

- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS)
- Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment (APPLE)
- Council on Accreditation (COA)
- Montessori School Accreditation Commission (MSAC)
- National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs (NAC)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)
- National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)
- National School-Age Care Alliance (NSACA)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Florida Committee
- United Methodist Association of Preschools (UMAP)
- National Accreditation Council for Early Childhood Professional Personnel and Programs (NACECPPP)

For additional information, please visit www.myflorida.com/childcare.



Director Credential/CDAE Credential Employment Bulletin Board

If you have a Staff Credential Verification confirmation (CF-FSP 5206) for a National CDA, formal education qualifications, or a CDA Equivalency, you will be able to view advertisements for positions requiring those credentials. If you have a Florida Director Credential, you will be able to view advertisements for director positions. Click on the "Advertisements" link from your transcript displayed on the DCF Web Site:

<http://www.myflorida.com/childcare>.

Community News

News from your Palm Beach County Health Department

The immunizations/records training provided by the Palm Beach County Health Department for child care facility operators, is also available for family day care operators. Facilities which provide school aged child care only, are not required to complete this training, but may use it to complete the annual 10 hour in-service requirement. Class sizes are limited and participants must register in advance. Providers should contact the Department West Palm Beach office at 561-355-3018 to register to attend the class.

The Palm Beach County Child Care Advisory Council (CCAC) has started reviewing proposed changes to the Palm Beach County Rules and Regulations Governing Family Day Care. The CCAC will continue this review as time allows at its regularly scheduled meetings.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Child Care Advisory Council Members,
Applicants for Child Care Facility License/Certificate,
Family Day Care Providers, and other Interested Parties



SUBJECT: Child Care Advisory Council (CCAC) 2006 meeting schedule and deadline for applicants submitting child care facility application packets to area offices

DATE OF CCAC MEETING	DATE PACKETS DUE IN AREA OFFICE
January 11, 2006, Wednesday	December 28 2005
February 8, 2006, Wednesday	January 25, 2006
March 8, 2006, Wednesday	February 22, 2006
April 12, 2006, Wednesday	March 29, 2006
May 10, 2006, Wednesday	April 26, 2006
June 14, 2006, Wednesday	May 31, 2006
July 12, 2006, Wednesday	June 28, 2006
August 9, 2006, Wednesday	July 26, 2006
September 13, 2006, Wednesday	August 30, 2006
October 11, 2006, Wednesday	September 27, 2006
November 8, 2006, Wednesday	October 25, 2006
December 12, 2006, Tuesday	November 28, 2006

The Child Care Advisory Council shall advise the Board of County Commissioners and make recommendations as to the issuance and revocation of license and as to rules and regulations necessary to protect the health and safety of persons in child care facilities, child boarding homes or family day care facilities --- pursuant to Chapter 59-1698, Special Acts, Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapter 77-620, Special Acts, Laws of Florida.

CCAC meetings are Public Meetings and are held at 9.00 a.m. at 901 Evernia Street, West Palm Beach, in the Auditorium -- Room 110, unless otherwise published to be held elsewhere.

Workshops/Training/Conferences

Early Childhood Courses at Florida Atlantic University **SPRING 2006**

The College of Education at Florida Atlantic University welcomes you to join us by enrolling in the following early childhood education courses in Spring Semester 2006:

Graduate Courses

EDG 5931 Curriculum in Early Childhood: Theory and Practice

Important info at www.fau.edu/scheduleinfo.htm

EEC 5050 Early Childhood Education

Monday, 4:20-07:00 PM, location TBA, Boca Raton Campus

EEX 5245 Methods in Early Childhood/Exceptional Student Education

Section 001, Code 11613, Instructor: Dr. Peggy Goldstein

Tuesday, 4:20-07:00 PM, location TBA, Davie Campus

Undergraduate Courses*

EEX 4937 Positive Behavior Support in Early Childhood

Section and Code TBA, Instructor: Dr. Michelle LaRocque

Six Saturdays, exact dates, times, and location TBA

For further information, consult course schedule at

http://www.fau.edu/sched/sched_spr/default.html

EEX 4937 Designing & Implementing a Blended Curriculum for Young Children

Section and Code TBA, Instructor: Dr. Sharon Darling

Six Saturdays, exact dates, times, and location TBA

For further information, consult course schedule at

http://www.fau.edu/sched/sched_spr/default.html

***These courses are part of the proposed undergraduate degree curriculum → →**

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HOW TO REGISTER AND ENROLL

If you are not already registered at FAU, please follow the steps below to register at FAU and enroll in course(s):

Step 1: Enroll at FAU as a non-degree student**

This step consists of three components:

- completing a one-page "Non-Degree Enrollment Application" form
- completing a two-page "Non-Degree Residency Classification" form, and
- completing the FAU "Immunization Form."

These forms can be accessed online at:

http://www.fau.edu/registrar/docs/ADM_9807_NonD.ree_Enrollmen.pdf

http://www.fau.edu/registrar/docs/ADM_9825_NonD.ree_Res_Class.pdf

http://www.shs.fau.edu/Acrobat%20Files/Immunization_Form.pdf

If assistance is needed in completing the application and residency forms, please call the Office of the Registrar at 561-297-3050.

For assistance in completing the immunization form, please call FAU's Student Health Services at 561-297-0048 or 561-297-3512.

Once these forms have been completed, please bring or mail the forms to the appropriate offices listed on the top of the forms.

Once submitted, please call the Registrar's Office to inquire about the status of your application. Once your application has been processed and approved, you're ready to complete

Step 2: Enroll in course.

**** Enrolling as a non-degree student is different and separate from enrolling in a degree program. For more information about programs and application information, please read online at <http://www.coe.fau.edu/teached/default.htm>. As this process is a lengthier process and requires more documentation as part of the application packet, time may be an issue. It would be more convenient in this case to enroll as a non-degree student first and then take the time in the spring to apply to be formally admitted to a degree program if that is your intention.**

Step 2: Enroll in course

To enroll online, go to <http://oasis.fau.edu/> and follow instructions.

Should you require assistance in enrolling in the course(s), please do not hesitate to call Mr. Joe Waters or Ms. Karen Kasmer in the Office of Academic and Student Services at

561-297-3570 or consult <http://www.coe.fau.edu/OASS/default.htm>

DOE Emergent Literacy Course for VPK Instructors is Now Available Online!

The DOE Emergent Literacy Course for VPK Instructors is now available on the DCF website – www.myflorida.com/childcare/training and then click on online courses.

Listed below are questions and answers regarding the requirements for taking this course.

1. Who is required to take the DOE Emergent Literacy Course for VPK instructors?

If you are a VPK instructor with a Child Development Associate (CDA) or CDA Equivalency (CDAE), consistent with section 1002.55, (3)(c)2, Florida Statutes, and have not enrolled in or completed training in early literacy and language development that has been approved by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), you must complete this course. A listing of previously approved courses is available at the DCF website (www.myflorida.com/childcare/ – select “training requirements.”)

If you are a VPK instructor with an Associate’s degree or higher, you are not required to complete the DOE Emergent Literacy course. However, all VPK teachers are encouraged to complete the DOE Emergent Literacy course which may be used for the DCF required annual in-service hours.

2. Are VPK instructors in public school settings required to take the DOE Emergent Literacy Course?

No. Consistent with section 1002.63, Florida Statutes, *School-year prekindergarten program delivered by public schools*, does not list this course as a requirement. Therefore, VPK instructors with a CDA or CDAE (or higher), working within a public school setting are not required to take this course. However, all VPK teachers are strongly encouraged to participate.

3. When must the DOE Emergent Literacy Course for VPK instructors be completed?

There is no specific timeframe in the law. However, this DOE Emergent Literacy Course may be used to meet five hours of the DCF required ten hours of annual in-service.

4. Can the DOE Emergent Literacy Course for VPK Instructors be used to renew my CDA/CDA?

Yes. This course may be used to renew a CDA or CDAE **only** if the individual earns .5 CEU for the course. Currently, DOE is making arrangements through DCF to offer CEUs for this course. In order to receive CEUs, an individual must complete the course, the course evaluation and a competency exam.

5. What are the available options to complete the DOE Emergent Literacy Course?

To address the various learning styles of individuals, the Department will ensure that the course is available in a variety of formats.

Currently, the course is offered in a convenient user-friendly on-line version that is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at www.myflorida.com/childcare. Participants completing this course must take an assessment and score 80 percent or higher in order to be eligible to receive the five hour in-service credits. DOE is collaborating with DCF to ensure that participants who successfully complete this course may also be eligible to receive five hours of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) if they successfully pass a high stakes assessment.

Preparations are being made to offer this course in a hardcopy instructional manual with the accompanying DVD and also through instructor-led sessions throughout the state. Updates will be provided on the DOE website to announce when these training options will be available.

Workshops/Training/Conferences



15th National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development

"Connecting with Standards"

Sunday, June 4—Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk Hotels

San Antonio, Texas

<http://www.naeyc.org/conferences/institute.asp>

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Atlanta, GA
Annual Conference & Expo 2006
National Association for the Education of Young Children November 8 - 11

Atlanta, GA

Telephone: 800-214-5092 or 708-486-0726

Fax: 708-344-4444

Email: <http://www.naeyc.org/conferences>

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Please check out our website and visit the Seminars and Workshop area.

Resource Depot offers Specialty Workshops on how to enhance curriculum and creativity by reusing and recycling materials and “Open-ended” workshops which encourage the use of imagination and problem solving skills.

Palm Beach Community College



Montessori Teacher Training Program...

will be accepting students fall term for the early childhood level program. Students who successfully complete all components of the program (credit and non-credit portions) are eligible to receive an internationally recognized certificate from the American Montessori Society. For information contact: Susan Haines by email: hainess@pbcc.edu or by phone: 561-868-3355.



Workshops/Training/Conferences

Palm Beach County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences—University of Florida/IFAS August –December 2005

All classes held at: Palm Beach County Extension, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach Tel. 561-233-1742

Each class is limited to **40** participants.—All registrations must be received by 5:00pm the Friday before the class participant wishes to attend.—For refunds to be made, participants **must cancel prior to the class.**

Nutrition Education Training (NET)

1:00pm – 4:00pm Tuesday **March 7 & 21**

No Charge - **6 hours in-service credit**



Participants will learn how to use the NET Curriculum and develop activities for teaching nutrition to young children and their families. They will explore the relationship between nutrition and physical as well as cognitive development.

Teachers must attend both sessions to receive in-service credit.

Avoid Behavior Problems ~ Teach Self-Control

6:00pm – 8:00pm Tuesday - **March 28**

\$10.00 - **.2 CEU/2 hours in-service credit**



What is Self-control? Can all children learn it? How does this help active and not so active children? This workshop will focus on ways to teach children self-control which leads to better behavior.

Picky Eaters: What Can You Do?

6:00pm – 8:00pm Tuesday - **April 25**

\$10.00 - **.2 CEU/2hours in-service credit**



When a preschooler decides not to eat, what can you do? It is almost impossible to convince him to eat. In this workshop, participants will learn about healthy foods and receive ideas on how to get picky eaters to eat.

Maintaining Healthy Child Care Centers

6:00pm – 8:00pm Tuesday - **May 9**

\$10.00 **.2 CEU/2 hours in-service credit**



Learn how materials and maintenance of your child care center can impact the health and well-being of the children and staff. Learn easy, practical and cost-effective strategies to manage the indoor learning and outdoor play environments.

Parents: Friends or Foe?

6:00pm - 8:00pm - Tuesday - **May 30**

\$10.00 - **.2 CEU/2 hours in-service credit**



“I love working with children. It’s the parents who are the problem.” How do you feel about parents? What do parents think about child care providers? This workshop will examine the mixed feelings from both sides and provide strategies for bridging the gap. Register for June 20 to learn more in part 2 of this workshop.

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Nutrition Education Training (NET)

9:00am - 4:00pm - Saturday - **June 3**

No Charge - **6 hours in-service credit**

This is an all-day training. Description is the same as the one offered in March.

How to Get Parents on Your Team

6:00pm - 8:00pm - Tuesday - **June 20**

\$10.00 - **.2CEU/2 hours in-service credit**

Do you dread the thought of meeting with parents? Do parent meetings seem like drudgery? Learn how to plan and prepare for good and useful parent meetings. Explore what works and what doesn't with varied groups of parents.



To register, please include the completed registration from below and check/money order made payable to:

Home Economics Fund

Mail to:

**559 North Military Trail,
West Palm Beach, FL 33415-1311**

Name _____

Center _____

Daytime Phone _____

Name and Date of Training(s)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

For more information, please call Family and Consumer Sciences at 561-233-1742

Workshops/Training/Conferences

A reminder from:

AEYC of the Palm Beaches

To Save the Date for

The 4th Annual Early Childhood Conference

Saturday, April 29th, 2006

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

At the:

Palm Beach County
Convention Center
West Palm Beach

Email: aeycpbcmem@hotmail.com



Workshops/Training/Conferences

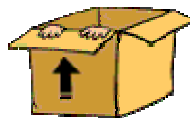
Spanish Trainings

Quest for Knowledge Inc.



Approved by the Department of Children and Families to offer the 30-hour and 10-hour courses in Spanish to child care personnel.

For further information call Maria S. Almestica at (772) 878-1080.



Available online:



The Training Source

an annual publication of the

School Readiness Quality Initiative

Florida Children's Forum

www.fpsr-qi.org

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Training Calendar

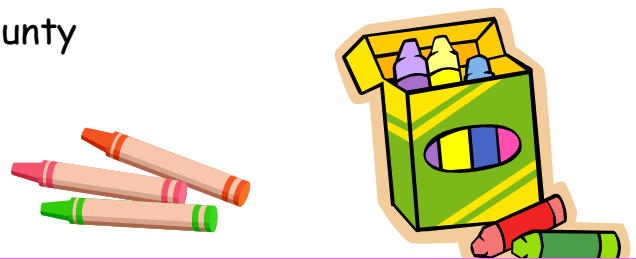
The *Training Calendar* published by Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County is available on-line at www.cscpbc.org or by calling 561-655-1010 or 800-331-1462.



Family Central, Inc. offers extensive training opportunities. Please contact Jill Hornstein either by phone at 561-514-3383 or by email at jhornstein@familycentral.org for a complete listing.

Useful Links / Email Addresses

- PBCC Institute of Excellence in Early Care & Education training page:
<http://www.pbcc.edu/IEECE/pdf/trainingschedules.pdf>
- National Child Care Information Center: <http://nccic.org>
- Child Care Bureau brochure in Spanish and English "What Providers Should Know About Child Care Assistance for Families A Targeted Effort to Reach Hispanic Families and Providers" :
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/providers/provider_access.htm
- Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA):
www.SouthernEarlyChildhood.org.
- Association for the Education of Young Children of the Palm Beaches:
aeycpbcmem@hotmail.com
- Early Childhood Research & Practice: <http://ecrp.uiuc.edu>
- National Association for the Education of Young Children:
<http://www.naeyc.org>
- Everything Preschool - Early Childhood Education Made Easy
<http://www.everythingpreschool.com>
- Workforce Innovation—Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Program :
<http://www.upkflorida.org/index.cfm>
- UNICEF— United Nations Children's Fund: <http://www.unicef.org/>
- Elizabeth Pantley's, author:
<http://www.pantley.com/elizabeth/content/ncsstpsummary.htm>
- Child Care Forms:
<https://training01-dcf.myflorida.gov/dcf/cct/forms.html>
- The School District of Palm Beach County
<http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/>





New In-Service Courses at PBCC—Look inside for information!

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Early Childhood Education

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