

WESTCHESTER CHAPTER



New York Association for the
Education of Young Children

Spring Training Workshops 2018

The WESTCHESTER CHAPTER OF NYAEYC is pleased to present its
Spring Workshop Series 2018!

The Spring Workshops are a terrific opportunity for directors, staff, specialists and parents to continue their education in the early childhood field. These quality programs are designed to bring new concepts and techniques to staff, to enhance the classroom experience for the children we serve, and to provide everyone with training hours and networking opportunities. We invite you to share the workshops with the parents at your program. There are many that would appeal to them also!

Afternoon and Evening Workshops
Open to Directors, Teachers, Specialists, Staff and Parents

In an effort to go GREEN, we would like to email the Westchester Chapter of the NYAEYC (Association for the Education of Young Children) newsletter to all the centers in Westchester County instead of mailing them. If you know the email address for your center, please send it to lyndamerchant2@gmail.com. Thank you!

We hope this series of workshops will be helpful to you in your classrooms. It's always good to learn more to develop our skills, and it's great to meet colleagues from other programs.

Thank you to Sara Arnon, Mary Lou Sgro, Aimee Pryba and Sneh Modi for all their help.

Lynda Merchant, Chairperson
Westchester Chapter of the NYAEYC Spring Workshops Series 2018



December, 2017

Dear Members of the Westchester Chapter: **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

The end of the year is upon us as our first event with NYAEYC begins. The Westchester Chapter is continuing the professional development offerings you have known for so many years from WAEYC.

MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A PRINTED COPY OF THE SPRING WORKSHOPS IN THE MAIL. In the future, all Chapter information will be communicated to you via NYAEYC and posted on the Region 3 page of their website, which can be found at <http://nyaeyc.org/nyaeyc-region-3/>.

You will see on the following pages that our **SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES** has been planned with the dedicated assistance of Lynda Merchant.

Here are the instructions for REGISTRATION:

All registration questions directed to NYAEYC. Please email them to contactus@nysaeyc.org.

Cancellation notifications will be sent via email from the NYAEYC State Office.

If your workshop is cancelled, you may select another if there are openings. Please be sure to email your choices to the NYAEYC office at contactus@nysaeyc.org so that they may update your registration.

Refunds will only be made if a workshop is cancelled, and your second choice is unavailable.

For questions about workshop locations and directions, please call the site before 2 PM on the day of the workshop. Contact information for each venue can be found on the workshop listings.

For all other questions, please call Lynda Merchant at 914-478-3389.

I hope you will take this opportunity to brighten your winter days by attending one or more of the sessions.

Thank you to all the board members, past and present, who have served the Westchester members of AEYC.

Best wishes to everyone in this season of hope, joy, and peace,
Mary Lou Sgro
Westchester Leadership Chair

Questions regarding...

Registration: NYAEYC, contactus@nysaeyc.org
Directions: Call the site listed for the workshop before 2 PM
Other questions: Lynda Merchant, 914-478-3389



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Registration Form

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Contact Information (Please provide the most accurate contact in the event of a cancellation.)		
Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
School/Center		
Phone (Circle: Cell, Work)		
Email		
Details		
♦ For a listing of available workshops inclusive of dates, times, locations, and titles, please see the reverse side of this registration form. Please select which workshops you will attend.		
♦ Each workshop is \$20.		
♦ In the event of a cancellation, you will be notified via email from NYAEYC and given the options to either attend a different workshop or receive a refund.		
Payment		
Credit Card: Please register online at https://www.eventsforce.net/nysaeyc/3/register .		
Check: Please make payable to NYSAEYC, and mail completed registration form with payment to:		

NYAEYC
Attn: Westchester Workshop Series
230 Washington Avenue Ext.
Albany, NY 12203

_____ workshops X \$20.00 = _____ (Amount enclosed)

Questions: Registration: NYAEYC, 518- 867-3517
Directions: Call the site listed for the workshop before 2 PM
Other: Lynda Merchant, 914-478-3389

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Registration Form (continued)

Full workshop descriptions and detailed venue information can be found on the subsequent pages.

✓	Wksp #	Date	Time	Location	Title
	1	2/6	4-6pm	Pace University	Building Children's Listening Skills: Prerequisites for Literacy Development
	2	2/7	4-6pm	Scarsdale Synagogue: Mazel Tots ECP	How to Help Families Transition to School
	3	2/7	7-9pm	Alcott School	7 Wonders of Managing Difficult Behaviors
	4	2/8	4-6pm	Mamaroneck Community Nursery School	Creative Ways of Presenting Children's Stories
	5	2/13	4-6pm	Huguenot Nursery School	Reaching Students on the Autism Spectrum AND the Parents Who Come with Them
	6	2/15	4-6pm	JCC Harrison	Science and Art by Eric Carle
	7	2/15	7-9pm	The Country Children's Center	Strengthen the NYS Early Education Workforce through Coaching
	8	2/27	4-6pm	Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center	DAP for Infants and Toddlers: What Does That Mean?
	9	2/27	4-6pm	Heartsong, Inc.	Cultural Competency
	10	2/27	7-9pm	Alcott School	Teaching the Exceptional Child: Practical Strategies for Successful Inclusion
	11	3/1	4-6pm	Mamaroneck Community Nursery School	S.T.E.A.M. with 2's
	12	3/1	7-9pm	Reformed Church Nursery School	Teaching Self-Regulation in an Early Childhood Classroom
	13	3/6	7-9pm	Virginia Marx Children's Center	The Importance of Diversity in and Early Childhood Classroom
	14	3/7	4-6pm	Community Nursery School	Teaching Social Justice and Civil Rights with Young Children through Singing and Movement
	15	3/7	7-9pm	Alcott School	Mommy, Daddy, Caregiver, and Me: Oh, What Fun It Could Be!
	16	3/8	4-6pm	Mamaroneck Community Nursery School	Enhancing Your 2's Learning with FREE ART!
	17	3/8	7-9pm	Alcott School	Toilet Training Deconstructed: What Kids Really Need to Succeed
	18	3/13	7-9pm	Little Angel's Child Development	Science for Mixed Ages
	19	3/29	6:30- 8:30pm	Child Care Council of Westchester	What is Creativity, and How Does It Support "School Readiness"?

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1.	<p>Tuesday, February 6th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>Building Children’s Listening Skills: Prerequisites for Literacy Development</i></p> <p>The development of phonological awareness is a foundational element and precursor for emergent literacy and central to building the relationship between early skill attainment and later literacy growth in decoding, reading comprehension, or spelling. For young children, reading poetry, playing with rhymes, and the use of activities can be a starting point for learning and can increase attention. This workshop will help parents and teachers build children’s phoneme discrimination.</p> <p>Presenter: Francine Falk-Ross Site: Pace University Butcher Suite in Kessel Student Center, Bldg 13, Second Floor, Pleasantville, NY Contact: 603-862-5518 (Presenter Cell) OCFS: 1, 3</p>
2.	<p>Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>How to Help Families Transition to School</i></p> <p>This workshop gives teachers, parents, and caregivers tips and advice on how to help young children make a smooth transition into a new school year. Participants will learn what they can do to promote positive feelings about school when the new school year begins. A variety of coping skills will be discussed when separation is difficult.</p> <p>Presenter: Jocelyn Gross Site: Scarsdale Synagogue: Mazel Tots ECP, 2 Ogden Road, Scarsdale, NY Contact: 914-723-3001 OCFS: 1, 3, 4</p>
3.	<p>Wednesday, February 7th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM</p> <p><i>7 Wonders of Managing Difficult Behaviors</i></p> <p>Young children may often exhibit challenging behaviors. This training is developed to offer suggestions for managing such behaviors within the classroom and to help the day go smoother. Time is allotted for individual scenarios to be presented and discussed in order to gain maximum understanding of all 7 wonders.</p> <p>Presenter: Vicki Messina Site: Alcott School, 27 Crane Road, Scarsdale, NY Contact: 914- 472-4404 OCFS: 1, 3</p>
4.	<p>Thursday, February 8th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>Creative Ways of Presenting Children’s Stories</i></p> <p>In this workshop, you will be an active participant in the retelling of children’s stories. We will use a variety of materials and techniques including the flannel board, instruments, and call and response. You will leave with a packet of ideas to use in your classroom and an understanding of how these support language and literacy learning standards.</p> <p>Presenter: Mary Ann Becker Site: Mamaroneck Community Nursery School, 501 Tompkins Avenue, Mamaroneck NY Contact: 914-381-2655 OCFS: 1, 3</p>
5.	<p>Tuesday, February 13th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>Reaching Students on the Autism Spectrum AND the Parents Who Come With Them</i></p> <p>More students on the autism spectrum are coming into your general and special ed. classrooms than ever before, and effective collaboration with their parents is critical to their success. This powerful session contrasts the acute academic challenges facing parents and caregivers. Participants take away meaningful strategies for bridging gaps in communication and clearing a path for effective collaboration between school and home. Together, parents and professionals become a vital force in bringing out the best in the children we share.</p> <p>Presenter: Barbara Boroson Site: Huguenot Nursery School, 901 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY Contact: 914-738-6346 OCFS: 1, 3, 4</p>

6. Thursday, February 15th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Science and Art by Eric Carle
Educators have been using these books as a jumping off point for art projects as well as science exploration for many years, and this workshop will help teachers focus on how the books span both disciplines. The workshop will review: how to inspire scientific thinking in the Pre K classroom, do specific activities that explore earth and space, living things and physical properties of the world as well as activities that introduce the color, shape, and methods that produce the art found in the Eric Carle books.

Presenter Monica Levy
Site JCC Harrison, 130 Union Avenue, Harrison NY
Contact 914-835-2850 Ext. 109
OCFS 1, 3

7. Thursday, February 15th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Strengthen the NYS Early Education Workforce through Coaching
In this workshop, participants will learn the benefit of coaching and why it's the most effective way to bring out the best in Early Childhood teachers. Participants will compare coaching versus training and gain information on how to become a NYS Credentialed Coach.

Presenter Carmelina Myers, NYS Credentialed Coach
Site The Country Children's Center, 862 Kitchawan Road, Ossining, NY
Contact 914-242-0520 Ext. 205
OCFS 3

8. Tuesday, February 27th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
DAP for Infants and Toddlers: What Does That Mean?
What is developmentally appropriate practice look like for infants and toddlers? Explore how to plan and how to offer new experiences, ideas, and activities for the young children in your care.

Presenter Debbie Silver, Childcare Resources of Rockland, Inc.
Site Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center, 25 North Broadway, Irvington, NY
Contact 914-591-4104
OCFS 1, 3

9. Tuesday, February 27th from 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Cultural Competency
In this workshop, we will be discussing the importance of learning about the whole child's culture and their history. We will discuss why educators should understand their own biases in order to begin understanding and respect their families'. We will use mini-lecture, videos, small workgroups and personal stories.

Presenter Dasetta Gray and Rasheema Brightley, Sabree Education Services
Site Heartsong, Inc., 277 Martine Ave, White Plains, NY
Contact 914-358-5613
OCFS 1, 3

10. Tuesday, February 27th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Teaching the Exceptional Child: Practical Strategies for Successful Inclusion
All children can learn and grow when conditions are designed to meet their needs. In this interactive workshop, I will discuss the most prevalent learning challenges in our early childhood classrooms and provide teachers with a 3-pronged system for addressing them. Participants will leave with 50 practical strategies that they can apply to teaching students with special needs and a renewed mindset about accepting diverse learners into their classrooms.

Presenter Jennifer Geskie
Site Alcott School, 27 Crane Road, Scarsdale, NY
Contact 914-472-4404
OCFS 1, 3

11.	<p>Thursday, March 1st from 4:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>S.T.E.A.M. with 2's</p> <p>Twos have a natural curiosity about the world around them. This is an interactive workshop for teachers of toddlers that will explore how to bring all the elements of STEAM into their classrooms. It will include a discussion on what STEAM is as well as providing fun, engaging activities that will allow teachers to tap into this natural curiosity that toddlers have for the world around them.</p> <p>Presenter Charlie Abney, MS Special Education, MS ECE</p> <p>Co-Presenter Lori Hoffman, Toddler Teacher</p> <p>Site Mamaroneck Community Nursery School Toddler Center 122 Fenimore Road, Mamaroneck, NY</p> <p>Contact 914-777-1860</p> <p>OCFS 1, 3</p>
12.	<p>Thursday, March 1st from 7:00 – 9:00 PM</p> <p>Teaching Self-Regulation in an Early Childhood Classroom</p> <p>We will discuss definitions and behavioral manifestations of children with Regulatory Processing Disorders. Participants will learn evidence based methods and strategies that optimize learning through increased self-regulation. We will use video footage and case examples to illustrate concepts and welcome participants to bring their own examples as well.</p> <p>Presenter Tevon Troja, M.Ed ECE, M Ed Special Education Birth to 2</p> <p>Co-Presenter Ellen Wolfson, LCSW, Child Development Consultant</p> <p>Site Reformed Church Nursery School, 6 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville, NY</p> <p>Contact 914-329-8973</p> <p>OCFS 1, 3</p>
13.	<p>Tuesday, March 6th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM</p> <p>The Importance of Diversity in an Early Childhood Classroom</p> <p>This workshop will explore the importance of diversity for young children and activities and techniques to present this concept in an early childhood classroom.</p> <p>Presenter David Del Campo, CCRR Childcare Resources of Rockland</p> <p>Site Virginia Marx Children's Center at Westchester Community College 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY</p> <p>Contact 914-606-6644</p> <p>OCFS 1, 3</p>
14.	<p>Wednesday, March 7th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Teaching Social Justice and Civil Rights with Young Children through Singing and Movement</p> <p>In this interactive workshop, participants explore how to engage young children in social justice and civil rights issues in age-appropriate ways through songs, books, and movement activities. We focus on how to present these issues in a positive and engaging framework and how to include the large school community in the conversation.</p> <p>Presenter Susan Harris</p> <p>Site Community Nursery School, 343 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY</p> <p>Contact 914- 693-9072</p> <p>OCFS 1, 3</p>
15.	<p>Wednesday, March 7th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM</p> <p>Mommy, Daddy, Caregiver and Me: Oh, What Fun It Could Be!</p> <p>This program is based on the unique characteristics and development needs of the toddler and 2 year old child and how to provide a warm environment where children are encouraged to touch, explore, and experience a variety of materials and activities for physical, social and language development. The aim is to provide a first group experience where caregivers can interact with one another and also with each other in a fun, nurturing setting. This workshop also includes working with special needs children with the use of PUPPETS. You may record this session.</p> <p>Presenter Nancy Tepper</p> <p>Site Alcott School, Crane Road, Scarsdale</p> <p>Contact 914-472-4404</p> <p>OCFS 1, 3</p>

16. Thursday, March 8th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Enhancing Your 2's Learning with FREE ART!
This is an interactive workshop for teachers of children 18 months to 3 years. We will explore the skills that your twos can learn through FUN developmentally appropriate ART activities. Using child-centered ART activities, you will learn how to develop and support critical thinking, creativity, and the immersing skills of your young students.

Presenter Roe Angilletta, Twos Teacher
Site Mamaroneck Community Nursery School Toddler Center
122 Fenimore Road, Mamaroneck, NY
Contact 914-777-1860
OCFS 1, 3

17. Thursday, March 8th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Toilet Training Deconstructed: What Kids Really Need to Succeed
The author of "The Practical Guide to Toilet Training Your Child with Low Muscle Tone" gives participants her unique perspective on potty training. Learn how you can start training earlier than you ever imagined, and how to address defiance, fears, and low motivation.

Presenter Cathy Collyer, OTR, LMT
Site Alcott School, 27 Crane Road, Scarsdale, NY
Contact 914-472-4404
OCFS 1, 3

18. Tuesday, March 13th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Science for Mixed Ages
We will use common kitchen items to do experiments, use nature items, and even show how class pets can be a learning experience for children.

Presenter Angela Bayer-Persico, M.Ed
Site Little Angel's Child Development, 83 Alta Avenue, Yonkers, NY
Contact 718-704-8455
OCFS 1, 3

19. Thursday, March 29th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM (*Note time change)
What is Creativity, and How Does it Support "School Readiness"?
Co-Sponsored by the Child Care Council of Westchester
What is creativity, and is it important for School Readiness? Creative children are better prepared for kindergarten, and we can prove it! Creativity is much more than making a "pretty project". Explore what a creative classroom looks like – it is more than glue and glitter. Discover what you need to do to foster creativity while helping children develop in every way. Come prepared to create and explore! Your children and their future teachers will thank you.

Presenter Dana Doyle, Professional Development Coordinator, Child Care Council of Westchester
Site Child Care Council of Westchester, 313 Central Park Avenue, Suite 4, Scarsdale, NY
Contact 914-761-3456
OCFS 1, 3