

WESTCHESTER CHAPTER OF NYAEYC
SPRING WORKSHOPS 2018

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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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