PARTNERS IN INCLUSION

TRAINING MENU

For Providers Working with Children Ages 5-12

Welcome to Our Classroom (1.5 hours):
This workshop is all about providing a healthy social and emotional foundation for your classroom. We’ll share ideas for creating a warm, welcoming space, creating a “family” atmosphere, and fostering a sense of belonging for everyone in the class. There will also be a focus on helping teachers maintain composure and providing empathy in difficult situations.

Bringing Books to Life (1.5 hours):
We have culled the library shelves to bring you the best new, undiscovered, and classic books that are sure to become classroom favorites. We combine these stories with arts and crafts projects, music, games, and discussion questions to create a unique and meaningful experience for the children in your care. You will receive a list of books, activities, and sample craft projects to use in your program. Choose either Feelings or Celebrating Differences as the theme.

Group Management (1.5 hours):
Providers will learn how to manage activity and game times so that all children can participate and have fun. Attendees will explore the importance of planning, social skills that can be developed, and accommodations for children with special needs.

Understanding ADHD (1 hour):
This workshop will help providers gain a better understanding of the different elements of ADHD, as well as provide strategies to use to help children re-direct their creative energy.

Successful Transitions (1.5 hours):
This workshop teaches providers how to transition between activities in an appropriate way. Our trainer will also help attendees create their own list of transition activities to use in their center.

Challenging Behaviors: Make & Take (2 hours):
This workshop helps providers understand why children act the way they do. Attendees will also create materials to use in the classroom when children are displaying challenging behaviors.

Fostering Friendships (2 hours):
This workshop will provide activities for you to do with your children to encourage the formation of relationships built on trust, give and take, and respect. Participants will also learn about the developmental stages of relationships to understand what is realistic at different ages.

Building the Best Environment (2 hours):
This training uses video clips from real providers to demonstrate how to build the best classroom environment. Topics discussed include: positive communication, room arrangement, preventative strategies, successful activities, and dealing with everyday classroom challenges.
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Understanding Autism (1 hour):
This interactive training will help providers learn about the unique ways that people with autism experience the world. You will learn specific strategies for making sure that children with autism are fully included in all of your activities.

Talking with Families About Difficult Topics (2 hours):
When a child has challenging behaviors or development seems delayed, child care providers have the responsibility to give this information to families. These can be difficult conversations. In this workshop, providers will learn the skills needed to have positive, productive discussions with families.

Meeting the Challenge of Challenging Behaviors (2 hours):
This workshop will help providers understand why children act the way they do and how to help them replace challenging behaviors with positive behaviors.

Sensory Integration (2 hours):
Some challenging behaviors are caused by sensory processing challenges. Learn what this means and the activities that help children with sensory processing challenges.

Introduction to Inclusion (2 hours):
Learn about the philosophy of inclusion and how inclusion benefits children with and without disabilities. Attendees will learn practical skills that will help them fully include children of all abilities in their classrooms.

Detecting Developmental Difficulties (2 hours):
Sometimes, children’s development does not progress as expected and child care providers need to know what to look for and who to contact when this happens. This workshop will give providers the knowledge and skills to become developmental “detectives.”

Creating a Peaceful Work Environment (2 hours):
In this interactive workshop, participants will gain an understanding of their own learning and communication styles in order to better solve conflicts with co-workers.