



NYS Infant and Toddler Resource Network

December 2017

Welcome to the December 2017 issue of ECLC's Infant Toddler Newsletter. As we enjoy the holiday season, ECLC is actively preparing to jump into our 2018 new contract year with a burst of energy! As you know, our first statewide IT network gathering of the year will take place on Tuesday, January 9th at the Capital District Child Care Council. We look forward to seeing you then. An agenda and details will be coming your way soon. With best wishes to you and your loved ones for a very healthy and happy holiday!

Looking Ahead

2018 at a Glance

ECLC has great things planned to nurture and develop the collaborative spirit that seems to come so naturally to all of the Infant Toddler Specialists across the state. Working together we can continue to do great things for New York's Infants and Toddlers. To find out about the activities planned for 2018 click [here](#).



Region Highlight

Region 1: Syracuse

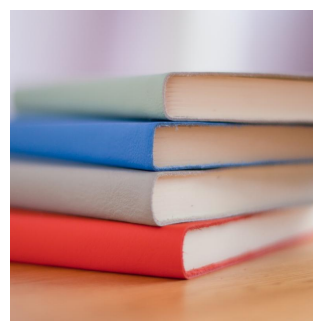
On October 9th, Child Care Solutions held an October Columbus Day Conference with the theme of Cultivating Creativity in Early Childhood Education. Over 85 providers and CCR&R staff gathered to hear a keynote speech by local radio personality and children's book author, Mark Eischen, who spoke to the process of sparking children's interest in storytelling and book writing. After the keynote, participants were able to attend three sessions of trainings, with each session offering a number of different workshop options. To read more, click [here](#).



Diverse BookFinder

Identify & Explore Multicultural Picture Books

The Diverse BookFinder is a web based database for multicultural and diverse books for children. The website allows you to search for using filters to discover a variety of picture books for children to learn about a multitude of cultures and backgrounds. In the spirit of the season we searched 'holiday' and several books came up including, *The Sound of Kwanzaa*, *Ramadan Moon*, *Grace at Christmas*, *Winter Candle*, and others. To look at this incredible source for books click [here](#).



Shared Source

Learn about your resources



Shared Source is a place for members to be able to communicate and find resources available to them. There is a group just for Infant and Toddler Specialists where we post a variety of events, fliers, and upcoming trainings that may interest you. Recently we have uploaded a PITC Price List, a Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma event taking place on December 19th, as well as the Diverse BookFinder link. To access Shared Source, click [here](#). If you don't have an account and would like to create one, contact [Renee](#) for instructions.

CLASS® Observation Training

November 1 & 2

More than a dozen specialists from across the state joined ECLC for a Toddler CLASS training in Fishkill, NY. We were pleased to have OCFS IT Contract Manager, Christy Egan, join us as well. To read more about how the training went, click [here](#).



Infant Toddler Specialties

Keep us updated with your specialties

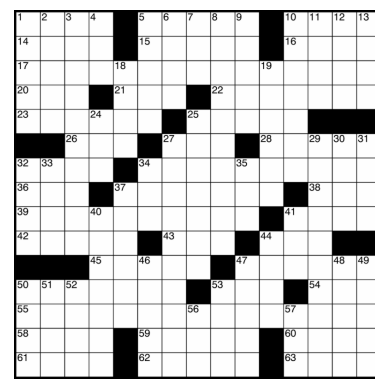
Have you sent us information about your specialties? Your response will help us expand the Infant Toddler Network Membership Resource Binder for new and current Infant Toddler Specialists. The updated resource will be available in both an electronic and paper format. As requested on our last IT call, we are creating a document with everyone's specialties and credentials for the binder. Please fill out this quick [survey](#) so we can add you to the list! To see responses from your IT colleagues from across the state, [read on](#).



Winter Fun

Winter Crossword Puzzle

Try our winter crossword puzzle. You can print it out [here](#) or solve online [here](#). We hope you enjoy this fun activity. Let us know if you are able to solve it!



Calendar

Date	Event	Location
January 9 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Statewide IT Network Event	Capital District Child Care Council
January 10 - March 31	Regional Follow up Activities to Statewide IT Network Event	Regions 1-7
January 18	CACFP Meal Pattern Training: Breakfast Cereals Lower in Sugar	Webinar
April 10	Statewide IT Network Event	Syracuse
April 11 - May 14	Regional Follow up Activities to Statewide IT Network Event	Regions 1-7
May 15	Statewide IT Network Event	Long Island
May 16 - June 30	Regional Follow up Activities to Statewide IT Network Event	Regions 1-7
July 10	Infant Toddler Retreat	Rochester
July 11 - September 30	Regional Follow up Activities to Statewide IT Network Event	Regions 1-7
October 9	Statewide IT Network Event	Spring Valley
October 10 - December 31	Regional Follow up Activities to Statewide IT Network Event	Regions 1-7

We welcome your article and calendar submissions for future newsletters.

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The focus of our statewide networking and professional development initiatives will be built around statewide goals (as reflected in the Theory of Change from each of the 7 regions), coupled with the survey responses we've received from our membership of CCR&R's. Among the requests that we've

received through the survey are: the data entry dance; time management; meeting the demand for services; and more information around the following components: Family and Culture, Primary Caregiving, Responsive Caregiving, and Curriculum.

2018 will also bring a new structure for connecting and collaborating to the IT network. Built in to ECLC's contract deliverables are 5 statewide networking/professional development sessions, followed by individualized follow-up to each of these sessions, by region. As such, there will be an increased opportunity for regions to request personalized focus around training areas that are of specific interest to them. We anticipate that this new structure will contribute to aligning the strengths and initiatives of the IT network as a whole, while simultaneously supporting the specialists within each region.

We look forward to working with all of you in 2018 to continue to promote excellence in early care and education with equal access for all families. Thanks for all that you do to ensure that every New Yorker has access to quality, affordable child care choices that optimize the education and healthy development of infants and toddlers and promote strong families and communities.

Region Highlight

Region 1: Syracuse



Approximately 85 providers and CCR&R staff attended our annual conference held at the DoubleTree in East Syracuse on Monday, October 9th. Participants were treated to a great keynote by local radio personality and children's book author, Mark Eischen, who spoke to the process of sparking children's interest in storytelling and book writing.

After the keynote, participants were able to attend three sessions of trainings, with each session offering a number of different workshop options.

Participants could choose from any of the following categories;

Toddler Art

Puppet Power

Child Abuse and Maltreatment/Neglect

OCFS Regulations Review

Emergency Preparation

Building with Recycled Materials

Creating a Safe and Healthy Environment

The Art of Storytelling

A number of these trainings were also offered in Spanish.

Participants were also treated to a wonderful lunch where they were given time to network and win raffle prizes. There was also opportunity during the day for participants to visit the Vendor Tables that were on display - these included The Early Childhood Alliance of Onondaga County, Open Hand Theatre, Onondaga Central Library, The Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County, as well as Representatives from QualitySTARS and CSEA, and a book-signing table by Mark Eischen, and Health and Safety resources table manned by our Health Care Consultant, Tiffany Zappala.

The end of the day culminated in each participant receiving a total of 4.5 hours of OCFS training in 8 of the 9 OCFS training categories. Participants received a gift bag from Lakeshore Learning Materials, and were treated to cookies as they handed in their surveys at the end of the day.

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"The best data tells a story-and when it comes to CLASS data-that is the story of improving interactions, and ultimately, outcomes for children." ~Emily Doyle, Teachstone



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IT Specialties

Keep us updated with your specialties

Trainings created by our network of IT Specialists. Reach out to them to learn more!



1. Challenging Behaviors (Dawn Daniello)
2. Culturally Responsive Caregiving (Dawn Daniello)
3. Regulations (Dawn Daniello)
4. Child Abuse/Shaken Baby (Dawn Daniello)
5. Science with Babies (Kathleen Harland)
6. Partners in Play (Kathleen Harland)
7. Engaging Environments (Kathleen Harland)
8. Ages and Stages Questionnaires (Kathleen Harland)
9. Infants, Toddlers, and Teeth, Oh My! (Kristin Macha)
10. Toilet Training (Kristin Macha)
11. Protective Urges (Kristin Macha)
12. Big Body Play (Kristin Macha)
13. Curriculum and Your Classroom (Kristin Macha)
14. Early Relationships Matter (Kristin Macha)
15. The Importance of Play (Kristin Macha)
16. Our Hot Buttons (Kristin Macha)
17. Understanding Children's Behavior (Kristin Macha)
18. Baby Signing (Emily Cleaver)
19. Nature Play for Infants and Toddlers (Emily Cleaver)
20. Yoga Stories (Emily Cleaver)

Here is the list of IT Specialists we have so far with their specialties and credentials!

Name	Specialties	Credentials
Erica Houghton	1. Breastfeeding 2. Infant/Toddler Nutrition (Encouraging Food Variety, Food Allergies, Family-style Dining, Physical Activity, Overweight/Obesity Prevention) 3. Freedom of Movement RESPECT	1. RDN 2. CDN - Certified Dietitian Nutritionist (NYS License) 3. MS - Masters Degree in Nutrition Communication and Applied Research

Dawn Daniello	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Behaviors 2. Environments 3. Developmentally Appropriate Practice 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trainers Credential 2. PITC Certified - Module 1, 2, & 3 3. Health and Safety Trainer - Family and Group Family 4. Family Development Credentialed Instructor 5. Health and Safety Trainer 0 Center Directors/SACC Directors and Legally Exempt Group Directors 6. Reliable in Family Environment Rating Scale
Kathleen Harland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infant Toddler Environments for Engagement 2. Responsive Caregiving 3. Ages and Stages Questionnaires 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA N-6 Elementary Education, BA 2. Lehman College, Bronx, NY Early Childhood Education, MS 3. Kindergarten Teacher P.S 23, The New Children's School, Bronx NY 4. Kindergarten Teacher Mary E. Dardess Elementary School Chatham, NY 5. Family Child Care Provider Ghent, NY 6. Preschool Music and Movement Classes Cartwheels For Kids East Greenbush, NY 7. Infant Caregiver Albany JCC 8. Regional Infant Toddler Specialist Credentialed Trainer Capital District Child Care Council Menands, NY
Kim Puma	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environment 2. Responsive Caregiving 3. Freedom of Movement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's Degree Elementary/Early Childhood Education
Kristin Macha	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biting (Preventative Strategies) 2. Attachment 3. Creative Training Strategies 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PITC Modules I, II, III, IV 2. Infant CLASS 3. NYS ELTC Level 3
Rose Shufelt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PITC Modules 2. CDA (All modules) 3. STEM 4. Challenging Behaviors 5. Social Emotional Development 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PITC Certified 2. Infant CLASS Certified 3. TPOT Certified 4. TPITOS Certified 5. NYS Trainer Credential 6. NYS Coaching Credential 7. Master Cadre Pyramid Model
Emily Cleaver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baby Signing 2. Literary Immersion 3. Music and Art 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BA Early Childhood Education and Development 2. Trainers Credential
Kristin Perrone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Development Associate (CDA) 2. Primary and Continuity of Care 3. Environments 4. Curriculum and Assessment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Masters in Education 2. CDA Professional Development Specialist 3. NYS Training and Technical Assistance Professional Credential 4. Program for Infant and Toddler Care - PITC Modules 1, 2, 3, 4

Please fill out this quick [survey](#) to be added to the list!

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"A baby's smile melts the heart and calms the soul."

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