



NYS Infant and Toddler Resource Network

October 2017

Welcome to the October 2017 issue of ECLC's Infant Toddler Newsletter. As Infant Toddler Specialists you each hold a world of knowledge and education that contribute to the strength of our network as a whole. In this issue, you'll find an overview of the trainings and specialties that comprise YOUR individual areas of expertise. We're thrilled to be compiling this at-a-glance listing as a resource for the network and look forward to hearing about the collaborations, sharing and support that evolves as a result of your interactions around this material. If you haven't already completed ECLC's survey to share your areas of expertise with the network, please look for the link under Infant Toddler Specialties.

Enjoy the newsletter, and thanks for all that you do on behalf of New York State's Infants, Toddlers and Families!

Infant Toddler Specialties

Keep us updated with your specialties

We are expanding and reorganizing 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](#).



CLASS® Observation Training

November 1 & 2

This year's CLASS® Observation Training will take place on November 1 & 2 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM both days. There are only a few seats left! For more information, [click here](#). If you're interested in attending please contact

[Jeannie Thomma](#)



Region Highlight

Region 1: Buffalo

Region 1 is moving and shaking! Kim Puma was brought aboard in August as the Infant Toddler Specialist for the eight counties of WNY. Kim has a Bachelors Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from SUNY Fredonia. She has 20 years of experience in education including eight years of teaching 5th grade and the balance with infants and toddlers. To read more, click [here](#).



Environmental Rating Scale

FCCERS-R and ECERS-R

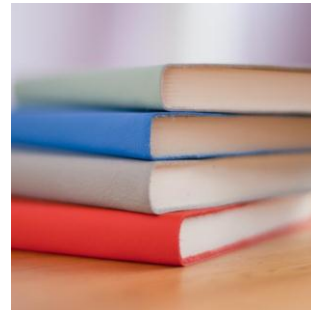
ECLC welcomed trainers Cathy Riley and Tracy Link from the Environmental Rating Scale Institute (ERSI) to teach child care providers and specialists the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale (FCCERS-R) and Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS-R). Each rating scale consisted of a two day training held in Albany. Click [here](#) to read on about the two trainings.



Recommended Books

Books you'd like to share

On our last IT call we shared books relating to Infants and Toddlers that we thought the group of specialists would like to know about. We have compiled a list of these recommendations for you. To access the list click [here](#).



CACFP Updates

How ECLC can help you reach providers



The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) has been working on creating and distributing **Provider Information Bags** for new potential participants in the program. These provider bags include items like pot holders and measuring cups as well as the updated food guidelines and a meal journal to keep everything organized. Included in the provider information bags is an invitation to attend a FREE webinar on the financial benefits of CACFP led by Tom Copeland. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar. See new meal pattern webinar training dates on our calendar!

Fall Fun

IT Word Search

Try our very first Infant Toddler word search. Click [here](#) to access the word search. We hope you enjoy this fun activity. Let us know if you are able to solve it!



Calendar

Theory of Change: To share your Theory of Change with Jeannie, contact her

to calendar a date for the fall.

Date	Event	Location
October 19	CACFP Meal Pattern Training: Breakfast Cereals Lower in Sugar	Webinar
November 1 & 2	Toddler CLASS Training	Fishkill
November 14 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Infant Toddler Specialist Network Call	Zoom
November 14 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Free CACFP Financial Benefits Webinar by Tom Copeland	Webinar
November 15	Submissions for December newsletter due to Renee	
November 16	CACFP Meal Pattern Training: Yogurts Lower in Sugar	Webinar
December 5 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Trainer's Forum	Zoom
January 18	CACFP Meal Pattern Training: Serving Milk in the CACFP	Webinar

2018 dates coming soon!

We welcome your article and calendar submissions for future newsletters.

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](#))



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	1. Behaviors 2. Environments 3. Developmentally Appropriate Practice	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	1. Infant Toddler Environments for Engagement 2. Responsive Caregiving 3. Ages and Stages Questionnaires	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	1. Environment 2. Responsive Caregiving 3. Freedom of Movement	1. Bachelor's Degree Elementary/Early Childhood Education

Kristin Macha	1. Biting (Preventative Strategies) 2. Attachment 3. Creative Training Strategies	1. PITC Modules I, II, III, IV 2. Infant CLASS 3. NYS ELTC Level 3
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Please fill out this quick [survey](#) to be added to the list!

CLASS®
Observation Training
November 1 & 2



This year's CLASS® Observation Training will take place at:

HYATT house™ Fishkill
100 Westage Business Center Drive
Fishkill NY 12524
T: 845.897.5757 ext. 612 F: 845.897.4774
www.fishkill.house.hyatt.com/

The training will be held from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM both days. You must participate in both days to receive credit for the course.

The first day of training will be overview of the CLASS instrument and an introduction to coding. On the second day it will be focused on practice coding and an overview of online reliability testing procedures. Teachstone provides all training materials, two-month Video Library access for up to 15-17 training participants, and online Reliability Testing access and automated feedback for training participants.

To register now, contact [Jeannie Thomma](#).

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Kristin Macha will remain involved in the Infant Toddler project from a coordination standpoint, but will be backing up from most training and technical assistance in order to fulfill her other duties as Child Care Resource Network's Director of Community and Family Engagement.

Last year, Region 1 began efforts to increase the capacity and sustainability of the Infant Toddler grant by moving toward a train-the-trainer model. Each quarter, specialized training is offered to at least one Trainer and Technical Assistance Specialist in each of the five CCR&R's. With their heightened knowledge base, those specialists are able to perform milestone work on behalf of the Infant Toddler grant and their agencies are reimbursed at the milestone cost. This model seems to be working well and is being continued throughout the extension period.

Environmental Rating Scale

FCCERS-R and ECERS-R

Early Care and Learning Council was pleased to host Cathy Riley and Tracy Link, Environmental Rating Scale Institute (ERSI) trainers for two 2 day trainings on the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale - Revised (FCCERS-R) and Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale - Revised (ECERS-R).



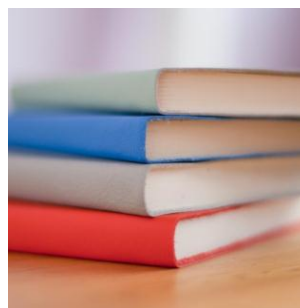
FCCERS-R is tailored to fit family child care homes, which usually enroll a variety of ages from birth to 12 years old. The scale is used to assess programs and their quality. There are 38 items to be rated on organized into seven subscales: Space and Furnishings, Personal Care Routines, Listening and Talking, Activities, Interaction, Program Structure, and Parents and Provider. The items are rated on a scale from 1 - 7, one being the lowest and seven being the highest. Providers are looking to have an average score of 5 or better to know their

center is performing and operating well. During the two days of FCCERS-R training, center directors, mentors, child care specialists and others in the child care profession came together to learn and discuss the scale and the rating process. Like FCCERS-R, ECERS-R is broken down into the same seven subscales, the difference being there are 43 items to be rated. The ECERS-R training focused on early childhood education, children ages three to five.

ECLC was happy to host 30 participants for the FCCERS-R Training and 20 participants for the ECERS-R training. It was a pleasure seeing all of the specialists, center directors, mentors as well as others who traveled from throughout the state to participate in this training.

Recommended Books

Books you'd like to share



Book	Author	Recommended by
<i>Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge</i>	Mem Fox and illustrated by Julie Viva	Dawn Daniello
<i>Ages and Stages Learning Activity books</i>	Elizabeth Twombly and Ginger Fink	Kathleen Harland
<i>Our Babies, Ourselves: How Biology and Culture Shape the Way We Parent</i>	Meredith F. Small	Rose Shufelt
<i>Elevating Child Care: A Guide to Respectful Parenting</i>	Janet Lansbury	Rose Shufelt & Colleen Farrell
<i>Loose Parts 2: Inspiring Play with Infants and Toddlers</i>	Lisa Daly and Miriam Beloglovsky	Colleen Farrell
<i>The Hundred Languages of Children: The Reggio Emilia Approach-Advanced Reflections</i>	Carolyn Edwards, Lella Gandini and George Forman	Jeannie Thomma
<i>The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog</i>	Bruce Terry and Maia Szalavitz	Rose Shufelt
<i>Good Going: Successful Potty Training for Children in Child Care</i>	Gretchen Kinnel	Rose Shufelt
<i>No Biting! Policy and Practice for Toddler Programs</i>	Gretchen Kinnel	Rose Shufelt

<i>All About the ITERS-R</i>	Debby Cryer	Kathleen Harland
<i>The Best for Babies</i>	Alice Honig	Ann Fraser
<i>Being with Babies</i>	Beverly Kovach and Denise De Ros-vosales.	Ann Fraser
<i>The Nursing Mothers' Companion</i>	Kathleen Huggins	Erica Houghton
<i>Babies in the Rain</i>	Jeff Johnson	Dawn Daniello
<i>Respecting Babies: A New Look at Magda Gerber's RIE Approach</i>	Ruth Anne Hammond	Dawn Daniello
<i>The Boy Who Would Be A Helicopter</i>	Vivian Gussin Paley	Kathleen Harland
<i>Wally's Stories</i>	Vivian Gussin Paley	Kathleen Harland
<i>Essential Touch: Meeting the Needs of Young Children</i>	Frances M. Carlson	Kristin Macha
<i>Caring for Our Children</i>	Academy of Pediatrics	Kristin Perrone
<i>Developmentally Appropriate Practices Revised Edition NAEYC</i>	Sue Bredekamp and Carol Copple	Kristin Perrone
<i>Touchpoints: Birth Through Three</i>	T. Berry Brazelton	Kristin Perrone
<i>Essentials for Working with Young Children-CDA textbook</i>	Valora Washington	Kristin Perrone
<i>The Creative Curriculum® for Infants and Toddlers, Revised Edition</i>	Amy L. Dombro, Laura J. Colker & Diane Trister Dodge	Kristin Perrone

Please email [Jeannie](#) if you have a book that you would like to share!

Word Search

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LEARNING	MOVEMENT	NAPTIME
PACIFIER	PARENTS	PLAYFULNESS
PLAYGROUND	PRETEND	PROVIDER
QUALITY	RATTLE	REFLECTIVE
RESPONSIVE	TEDDYBEAR	TODDLER

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- C.S. Lewis

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