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Child Care Resource & Referral of Midwestern Illinois

Newsletter

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Projects

Projects based on the children's interests and ideas are a way of creating extended exploration of a topic. This is different than adult-directed themes based on calendar events and pre-determined topics.

Deeper Exploration. Projects allow children to fully explore ideas and to unpack concepts.

Children's Voices. Projects allow for children's ideas, voices, and interests to be built into the curriculum in a meaningful way.

Understand Children's Ideas. With ongoing discussions and repeated play opportunities, projects allow caregivers to understand children's ideas so they can support more meaningful learning opportunities.

Research. Projects allow children to develop an understanding of how to find answers to questions through research.

Meaningful Skills. Projects allow children to developing meaningful skills while exploring the project topic, such as by drawing, reading, roleplaying, or singing.

Workforce Grant

Our office has been working with our licensed providers during our monthly meetings to keep everyone updated regarding the Smart Start Workforce Grant. While information is still being collected from the state, providers can see what where the grant stands right now to see if it would be a good fit for their program.

Up-to-date information can be found at the official Gateways website: https://www.ilgateways.com/smart-start/smart-start-workforce-grants

Likewise, any grant questions can be submitted directly to our office here: SmartStartMoline@salcommunityservices.org

Pyramid Model

Check out our Training Calendar for June Pyramid Model (Infant/Toddler) trainings:

June 5th – *Module 3: Responsive Routines, Schedules & Environments*

June 6th – *Module 4: Understanding Behavior*

June 13th – Module 5: Teaching About Feelings

June 20th – Module 6: Promoting Positive Peer Interactions

June 26th – Module 7: Individualized Teaching

June 27th – Module 8: Challenging Behavior

Training: Navigating the CCAP Application

This training will familiarize child care providers and families with the State of Illinois' Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), the program's application document, the program's required supporting documentation, and program-specific terminology. The training will also cover common errors in completing the application process, which can result in a Request for Additional Information (RAI) being issued and the application's processing being delayed.

Date: 06/18/2024 (registration deadline 06/17/2024, 8:00pm)
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Location: Zoom