

February Training Calendar 2026

Course Title Date and Time	Cost	Description	COK	Trainer	Training Format
Developmentally Appropriate Practices: Infants and Toddlers Tuesday 2/3/2026 6:30– 9:30pm	\$5	Developmentally appropriate practices (DAP) should occur in every program for children of every age. Participants will define DAP and discover exactly what a DAP environment looks like as well as what activities to include every day.	3 CUR	Hayley Anthony	Virtual
Why Do Toddlers Bite? Thursday 2/12/2026 6:30 – 8:30pm	\$5	Why do toddlers bite and how can you control it? Participants will learn how to solve problems and develop strategies for biting in the classroom. Participants will also learn how to communicate with parents regarding biting situations.	2 CD	Teresa Smith	Virtual
Transition Techniques Wednesday 2/18/2026 6:30-9:30pm	\$5	How long can a child wait? How many transitions do you have during the day? A transition is any time a child shifts from one activity to another, some are planned and some are not. We will discuss development, social emotional skills, how long children can wait and then join forces to come up with CSEFEL based transition techniques that will be very effective in making those transitions easier and flow smoothly.	3 CD	Janera Beavers	In-Person
CPR/First Aid Wednesday 2/18/2026 5:30-9:30pm	\$90	This program includes Adult, Infant, Child CPR, and choking procedures. The class is also appropriate for all childcare providers who need to learn or review basic first aid. This course satisfies all state requirements. This is a combination CPR and First Aid class that will result in both certifications.	Two Year Certification	Carolyn Fleming	In-Person

<p>Supporting Sensory Needs in Little Learners Thursday 2/19/2026 6:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>\$5</p>	<p>This workshop helps educators recognize and respond to the sensory needs of young children through supportive strategies, calming tools, and inclusive environments. Learn how to create a classroom that promotes regulation, engagement, and success for every learner.</p>	<p>3 SN</p>	<p>Teresa Smith</p>	<p>Virtual</p>
<p>Medication Administration Day 1 Monday 2/23/2026 6:30 – 9:30pm</p> <p>Day 2 Tuesday 2/24/2026 6:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>\$70</p>	<p>This MSDE OCC approved workshop teaches childcare providers to safely administer medications, properly store them and accurately complete record keeping. This is a two-day training. To receive certification, you must attend both sessions.</p>	<p>4 HSN 2 PRO</p>	<p>Carolyn Fleming</p>	<p>Day 1- Virtual</p> <p>Day 2- In-Person</p>
<p>Teaching Problem Solving Throughout the Day Tuesday 2/24/2026 6:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>\$5</p>	<p>During this interactive training, participants will learn through group activities and video vignettes, the importance of being intentional when teaching children how to solve problems. Participants will also study the effects of understanding how to solve problems on social and emotional development and the overall effects on academic success. This training will also build participants' knowledge based on the process of the problem-solving steps and how to teach these steps to children.</p>	<p>3 CD</p>	<p>Georgia Ferentinos</p>	<p>Virtual</p>
<p>Planning for Mixed Age Groups Wednesday 2/25/2026 6:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>\$5</p>	<p>In this mixed age group workshop, childcare providers will learn how environment influences learning and how to organize the environment to ensure a safe, accessible and effective classroom which can be adapted to meet the interests and needs of all children. Providers will also identify activities to meet the needs of all age groups, abilities, and environments.</p>	<p>3 CUR</p>	<p>Abena Njeeri</p>	<p>In-Person</p>

<p>Redesign Your Circle Time Wednesday 2/25/2026 6:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>\$5</p>	<p>Through engaging discussions, hands-on activities, and thoughtful self-reflection, participants will explore developmentally appropriate best practices regarding Circle Time. How can you shift your focus to social-emotional development? Do children have to sit crisscross applesauce to learn? Do you have to do weather and calendar during Circle Time? Find out these answers and more!</p>	<p>2 CUR 1 SN</p>	<p>Janera Beavers</p>	<p>In-Person</p>
<p>Planning the Day for Infants and Toddlers Thursday 2/26/2026 6:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>\$5</p>	<p>An infant and toddler's day is full of routines and experiences. In this session, we will discuss how to implement these routines and experiences appropriately. Participants will also have an opportunity to explore and analyze daily schedules and lesson plan formats for infants and toddlers. Participants will also review and find resources to assist them in planning developmentally appropriate activities.</p>	<p>3 CUR</p>	<p>Nicole Pontoriero</p>	<p>In-Person</p>

Workshops are held virtually through WebEx by the Department of Community Resources and Services' Office of Children and Families, or in person at 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046.

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CORE OF KNOWLEDGE KEY

The Core areas are abbreviated as:
 CD: Child Development
 COM: Community
 HSN: Health, Safety and Nutrition
 CUR: Curriculum
 SN: Special Needs
 PRO: Professionalism