



## January, February, March 2025 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS



### Administration

**1-9-25**

#### Director's Institute

Directors, Assistant Directors, and/or delegated staff are welcome to join us for this virtual meeting. We will discuss changes to the 'Director's Institute' for the upcoming year. Partnership staff will share updates on Environmental Rating Scales, training calendars, and more!

**Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

**Location: Zoom**

**3-5-25**

#### Director's Institute

Directors, Assistant Directors, and/or delegated staff are welcome to join us for time to network and connect with others. We will provide lunch and spend time sharing ideas with one another!

**Time: 12:30-1:30pm**

**Location: Randolph Partnership for Children Office, 349 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro**

### Outdoor Learning Environments

*Join us for these sessions of Outdoor Connections: an emerging group of individuals interested in connecting children with nature and learning from the shared knowledge and experiences of other Randolph County Early Educators!*

**1-23-25**

#### BRRR...It's COLD!

Area Early Educators will share their thoughts and ideas on Winter and the outdoors. We will kick off the evening with a tour of the Outdoor Learning Environments at The Growing Place. We will then engage in a rich discussion centered around Winter Play. There will also be a Make-It-And-Take-It where we create 'Story Stones'. When you can't get outdoors- bring outdoors into the classroom!

**Time: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Location: The Growing Place, 133 N. Church Street Asheboro**

**3-20-25**

#### Don't Miss It! Curating Curiosity!

Signs of Spring are emerging...During this session, we will focus on supporting, enhancing, and developing a child's sense of curiosity through nature play and observations. We will make a Weather Observation Board and a Cloud Matching Game for our outdoor classrooms. Join us as we share ideas and develop new tools to take back to foster increased curiosity in our outdoor classrooms.

**Time: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Location: Precious Memories, 309 E. Salisbury Street Asheboro**

### Conscious Conversations

**2-6-25**

#### The Power of Unity

Participants will explore ways to create a caring community within the classroom. Building a 'school family' means every child and family has a sense of belonging. We will reflect on using the skill of Encouragement to implement ways to be helpful, such as having meaningful jobs for the children in the classroom.

**3-6-25**

#### The Power of Attention

What you focus on, you get more of! In this session, we will explore the skill of Assertiveness to set limits and expectations, while fostering respect. There is power in Positive Intent and participants will share ways they have been successful using positive intent in the classroom with children, families, and other staff.

**Both Sessions:**

**Time: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Location: First Church of God, 7009 Weant Road Archdale**

**Facilitators: Sandy Johnson/Kristy Umfleet**

♥ **HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
**DAY** ♥



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### *Everyone*

#### **1-16-25 Partnering with Families to Address Challenging Behaviors: We're All in This Together!**

Parents and teachers must work together to address the issue when a child uses challenging behaviors at school. However, when discussing behavior problems parents often feel blamed by the teachers and teachers often feel unsupported by the parents. This session focuses on developing strategies and skills to make these conversations more productive for everyone...especially the child! Participants will learn how to set the stage for and successfully conduct these difficult conversations with parents.

**Time: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Location: Zoom**

**Facilitator: Patina Douglas**

#### **2-25-25 Facing Food Fears: Setting the Stage for Exploration and Discovery**

Ready to transform moments of resistance to moments of curiosity-fueled exploration? Participants in this session will learn best practices and implementation strategies for fostering a positive, safe environment in which children can safely explore new food. By the end of the session, participants will be equipped with practical tools and playful approaches to help students build positive food experiences and expand their palates with confidence!

**Time: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Location: Cooperative Extension Office, 1003 S. Fayetteville Street Asheville**

**Facilitators: Taylor Fields/Sophie Farlow**

### *North Carolina Rated License Project Sessions*

#### **2-11-25 Introduction to ECERS-3 (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale- 3<sup>rd</sup> Version)**

This session will introduce participants to the 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale. We will learn what is different about the newest version, and have time for Q & A.

#### **3-11-25 Introduction to ITERS-3 (Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-3<sup>rd</sup> Version)**

This session will introduce participants to the 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale. We will learn what is different about the newest version, and have time for Q & A.

**Both Sessions:**

**Time: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Location: Zoom**

**Facilitator: Megan Porter**



### *Health and Safety*

#### **1-28-25 Changing the World, One Diaper At a Time! Facilitator: Cindy Trogdon**

#### **3-25-25 Spread Kindness, Not Germs! Facilitator: Christin Coats**

Join us for these one-hour virtual sessions! We will review the appropriate steps for diapering and assisting with toileting, and for making and testing sanitizer and disinfectants. These sessions are great for new teachers but also good reminders for seasoned teachers!

**Both Sessions:  
Time: 6:30-7:30pm  
Location: Zoom**



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### *Upcoming Events!*

#### *ASK Conference: Advancing Skills & Knowledge*

**3-1-25**

We invite you to join hundreds of early childhood professionals from across North Carolina at the **virtual 52nd Annual Advancing Skills and Knowledge (A.S.K.) Conference**. They have designated all workshops as one of the nine subject areas required by NC licensing standards. All workshops impacting teacher classroom practice are aligned with the North Carolina Foundations for Early Learning Development Standards (NC FELD)

This year, the annual conference will be held on **Saturday, March 1st**. There are a variety of workshops, including a dynamic keynote speaker, **Tanya Dennis!**

**Early bird registration** is **\$30.00** per attendee and ends **January 10**. After that, **registration** will cost **\$40.00** per attendee and closes on **February 10**.

**To Register:**

<https://www.earlyyearsnc.org/ask-conference/> and find the conference information under the 'Events' tab to view the agenda and features of the 2025 ASK Conference and to read all of the conference workshop descriptions. In-service credit hours will be issued for workshops attended.

#### *Night of the Stars*

Will you be graduating with your AA, BA or MA degree in December 2024 or May 2025? Is there someone in your center who needs to be recognized for an educational accomplishment? Please let Shannon McCrary know so that we can recognize them at the 2025 Night of the Stars on **Tuesday May 20, 2025!** The Night of the Stars is an annual event celebrating the Early Education workforce and those individuals who increase their education while working in a Randolph County child care program.

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*To Register for trainings:  
Go to the calendar on our  
website:  
[randolphkids.org](http://randolphkids.org)*