



January, February, March 2026 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Administration

1-14-26

Director's Institute

Directors, Assistant Directors, and/or delegated staff are welcome to join us for this **In Person meeting**. We will tour the Asheboro City Schools Welcome Center and Global Innovations Center! Since implementing the Welcome Center, we will see how ACS has dedicated themselves to family engagement and strengthening the school community. They offer resources, programs, and services to nurture academic growth and build resilient communities.

See more:

<https://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/Welco meCenter.aspx>

Time: 11:30am-1:30pm

Location: ACS Welcome Center, 211 W. Walker Avenue, Asheboro

Facilitator: Jennifer Smith

2-12-26

New Director's Learning Community

Do you consider yourself a 'new' director or administrator? This group was developed to connect you with others who want to explore topics relevant to administrative tasks. Join us this month to connect with others, sharing challenging and successes, and participating in a discussion about School-Age Activities and spaces. Dinner will be served.

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

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

Facilitator: Sandy Johnson

3-11-26

Director's Institute

Directors, Assistant Directors, and/or delegated staff are welcome to join us for this **Hybrid meeting**. Sharon Little, Higher Education Liaison with Early Years and the TEACH team will present virtually about the TEACH scholarship program. Lunch will be provided for those who attend in person. **Time: 12:00-1:30pm for those IN PERSON, 12:30-1:30pm for those ON ZOOM**

Location: Randolph Partnership for Children office, 349 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro

♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥

Conscious Discipline Series

We are thrilled to announce an eight-session series on Conscious Discipline! This series serves as the next step for those who have attended sessions previously and is also relevant to those who are new to Conscious Discipline. The content is video-based training with Certified Conscious Discipline instructor Jill Molli, including key points presented by Becky Bailey. As an extra bonus, giveaways will sweeten the pot at each session! We recommend participants attend every session. A light dinner will be served.

All sessions to take place at **Randolph Community College, JB & Claire Davis Training Center housed in the Continuing Education and Industrial Center**
413 Industrial Park Avenue, Asheboro
Time: 6:30-8:30pm

2-3-26

Welcome to Conscious Discipline!

3-3-26

The Foundations of Behavior and Upset

Sessions will be planned each month (except July) until the eight sessions are completed. More information will be shared on the next training calendar

Everyone

3-12-26

The Truth About Family Engagement

The buzzword seems to be 'family engagement', but what does that even mean? What can we expect of working caregivers? Busy caregivers? Tired caregivers? How do you know what you're offering is meaningful? Join us as we hear from a panel of caregivers about what family engagement means to them and have them share some of their ideas! Each panelist will speak briefly, then we will move to a Q & A session.

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Asheboro City Schools Comet Community Room, 211 W. Walker Avenue, Asheboro (located in the old motel- now the Global Innovations Center)

Panel Moderators: Kristy Umfleet/Juani Allen

2-10-26

Schemas In Children's Play

Patterns of repeated action in a child's play are called schemas. Observing these patterns, educators can learn more about a child and their interests. Participants will learn about the eight common schemas: connecting, enclosing, enveloping, orientation, positioning, rotation, trajectory, and transportation

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Facilitator: Carrie Becker, Transforming ECE

<https://transformecee.com/>



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Outdoor Learning Environments

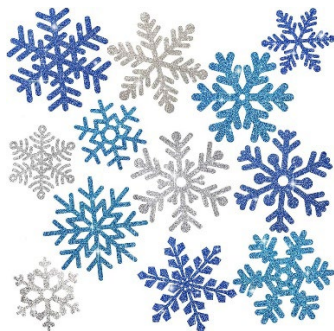
Join us for these sessions of Outdoor Connections: an emerging group of individuals interested in connecting children with nature and learning from the shared knowledge and experiences of other Randolph County Early Educators!

2-17-26

Baby It's Cold Outside!

It's cold but you don't want to miss this session! It will be stuffed with great ideas- we will explore winter sowing and participants will leave with starter kits for their Spring gardens, we will share winter outdoor play activities, and we will hear updates from the REACH recognition coordinator! **Time: 6:30-8:30pm**

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



North Carolina Rated License Project Sessions

1-29-26

Introduction to ITERS-3 (Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-3rd Version)

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

2-26-26

Introduction to ECERS-3 (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale- 3rd Version)

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

3-26-26

Introduction to the Activities Subscales of the ECERS-3 and ITERS-3

This session will provide information about the Activities subscale in the Third Editions of the Environment Rating Scales. It will include basic terms and definitions as well as detailed information about specific items and indicators. Examples of different ways programs can earn credit for various indicators will be reviewed. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

All Sessions

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Facilitator: Megan Porter

"Play is our brain's favourite way of learning."

=Diane Ackerman=

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Preschool Ages

3-31-26

Teach it! Don't Print it! Empowering Young Learners Through Hands-On Teaching

This training inspires educators to teach preschool skills through play, creativity, and hands-on experiences- without worksheets- while supporting meaningful developmentally appropriate learning. So drop the pencil and paper and come join us for this fun session!

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Randleman Community Center, Seniors Room

144 W. Academy St., Randleman

Facilitators: Heather

Semler/Brandy Martin



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Upcoming Events!

ASK Conference: Advancing Skills & Knowledge

3-1-26

We invite you to join hundreds of early childhood professionals from across North Carolina at the 52nd Annual Advancing Skills and Knowledge (ASK) Conference on **March 1, 2026!**

Registration is open now! **Register before Friday, January 10, to receive a discounted rate of \$30.** Regular registration will be \$40 starting January 11, and all registration closes on February 10, 2025.

There will be a variety of workshops, including dynamic **keynote speaker Tanya Dennis**, M.Ed., Early Childhood Education Specialist Planner and Consultant. Her keynote is titled **"Life Be Lifying! Bouncing and Bringing Back Your Best You While the World is in Mayhem!"**

To Register: Go to Early Years @ www.earlyyears.org and scroll down to 'Upcoming Events', click on the link for A.S.K. Conference



Bonus Presentation

3-19-26

TEACH Scholarship Presentation

Please join the TEACH team with Early Years as they share information about the various pathways and programs available through the TEACH program. This program can help you chase those dreams and receive an education for FREE!

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Facilitators: Sharon Little, Higher Education Liason, and the TEACH team

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Night of the Stars

5-19-26

Will you be graduating with your Credentials, Certificate, AA, BA or MA degree in December 2025 or May 2026? Is there someone in your center who needs to be recognized for this educational accomplishment? Please let Shannon McCrary know so that we can recognize them at the 2026 Night of the Stars on **Tuesday May 19, 2026!** 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 childcare program.

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*To Register for trainings:
Go to the calendar on
our website:
randolphkids.org*