

February 2015



Institute for Early Learning

Professional Development and Training in Early Care and Education

Registration for February 2015 classes begins January 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.



The Institute for Early Learning facilitates professional development of individuals working with young children through responsive educational opportunities related to early care and learning.

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Cancellations
A recorded message will be available at 703-324-3044 if a class has been cancelled due to an emergency situation or inclement weather.

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- **Online** www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc
 - **Automated Phone** 703-324-4018
 - **Fax** 703-803-0116
 - **Mail** Office for Children
12011 Government Center Pkwy.
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- Child care professionals may register:

Registration ID	First Name	Last Name
Home Address	City	ZIP code
Phone	Email	
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1379-02 Kitchen Science for Preschoolers

Explore science discoveries that can be made using common kitchen ingredients. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Mondays, February 2 and 9

7 – 9 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS208**

1483-02 The Music and Movement Connection

Discuss what research indicates about the importance of combining movement with music in early learning environments. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Tuesdays, February 3 and 10

7 – 9 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS211**

1584-01 Technology in Early Learning

Explore meaningful ways to utilize technology in an early learning environment. Participants are welcome to bring their own mobile devices. (CDA Areas 2, 3, 4)

Tuesdays, February 3, 10 and 17

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Three 2-hour classes for 6 hours of credit

Location: **JML**

1574-01 Young Children with Autism

Learn how autism can affect young children and explore strategies for inclusion in an early learning environment. (CDA Areas 2, 3, 7)

Tuesdays, February 3 and 24

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **RestRL**

1586-01 Cognitive Development in Young Children

Explore the way the brain works and how it learns. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19 and March 5, 12, 19

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Six 2-hour classes for 12 hours credit

Location: **PEN734**

1575-01 Learning About Nature: Mammals

Learn about the importance of mammals in the Northern Virginia region and ways to help young children value natural habitats. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Saturday, February 7

9 a.m. – noon

One 3-hour class for 3 hours credit

Location: **HONC**

1574-02 Young Children with Autism

Learn how autism can affect young children and explore strategies for inclusion in an early learning environment. (CDA Areas 2, 3, 7)

Mondays, February 9 and 23

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **ChTRL**

1576-01 Creating Engaging Environments

Examine organizational strategies and materials that inspire children to explore and become engaged in problem-solving activities and learning opportunities. (CDA Areas 1, 2, 3)

Tuesdays, February 10 and 17

7 – 9 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS213**

Family Child Care Business Classes

Family child care providers may enroll in six additional Family Child Care Business classes throughout the year.

1814-02 USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program Orientation

Discover how the USDA Food Program will benefit your family child care business. This workshop is only for providers who are not part of the USDA Food Program. (CDA Area 5)

Tuesday, February 3

7 – 9 p.m.

A Fairfax County child care specialist will provide a certificate for 2 hours credit after the provider joins the food program.

Location: **PEN1034**

1854-01 Keeping Children Healthy

Keeping children healthy is a priority for parents and caregivers. Learn about the importance of daily health assessments, immunizations, washing hands, and other health considerations to prevent the spread of disease in your child care business. (CDA Area 1)

Tuesday, February 10

7 – 9 p.m.

One 2-hour class for 2 hours credit

Location: **PEN206**

1577-01 Providing Emotional Support for Young Children

Learn how to establish a positive learning climate that creates a sense of trust and security for young learners. (CDA Area 3)

Thursdays, February 12 and 19

7 – 9 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS211**

1578-01 Helping Children Manage Stress

Learn to recognize the signs of stress in young children and explore a developmental approach to helping reduce stress. (CDA Areas 3, 7)

Thursdays, February 12 and 26

7 – 9 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS213**

1560-02 Yoga with Young Children

Explore yoga poses for young children that improve strength, balance and coordination. Please dress comfortably and bring a floor mat or a large towel with you. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Tuesday, February 17

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

One 2-hour class for 2 hours credit

Location: **PEN734**

1559-01 Young Children as Engineers

Discover how young children are natural engineers by exploring ways to engage them in hands-on construction experiences while encouraging them to use materials in new ways. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Tuesdays, February 17 and 24

7 – 9 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS211**

1581-01 Mind In The Making

Learn about the executive functions of the brain and the seven essential life skills every child needs. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Thursdays, February 19, 26 and March 5, 12

1 – 4 p.m.

Four 3-hour classes for 12 hours credit

Location: **MS211**

1579-01 Wolf Trap: Spectacular Venacular

Learn ways to enrich vocabulary in early learning programs using Arts strategies. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Saturday, February 21

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

One 3-hour class for 3 hours credit

Location: **CEWT**

1580-01 Understanding Natural Temperaments

Explore the innate characteristics of young children and learn how to help them succeed using their natural strengths. Please bring a bag lunch and a beverage with you. (CDA Area 3)

Saturday, February 21

10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (with a half-hour lunch break)

One 3-hour class for 3 hours credit

Location: **RestRL**

1521-02 More Kitchen Science for Preschoolers

Enhance hands-on science discoveries for young children by providing extended learning opportunities using simple kitchen ingredients. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Mondays, February 23 and March 2

7 – 9 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS208**

1565-03 Helping Children Cope with Childhood Fears

Discover ways to use a variety of early childhood story books to help children understand and cope with typical childhood fears. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Wednesdays, February 25 and March 4

7 – 9 p.m.

Two 2-hour classes for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS211**

1585-01 Wordless Picture Books

Discover the learning opportunities wordless picture books provide to emerging readers. (CDA Area 2)

Thursday, February 26

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

One 2-hour class for 2 hours of credit

Location: **GMRL**

1573-01 School-Age: Explore the Natural World with Art

Explore connections between science and art for school-aged children while learning art-making strategies that promote inquiry, careful observation, and an understanding of pattern and systems in the natural world. Please bring a bag lunch and a beverage with you. (CDA Areas 2, 3)

Saturday, February 28

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (with a half-hour lunch break)

One 4-hour class for 4 hours credit

Location: **MS211**

1582-01 Early Writing

Learn about the developmental stages of early writing and explore activities that build confidence and promote skill development. (CDA Area 2)

Saturday, February 28

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

One 3-hour class for 3 hours credit

Location: **MS213**

Class Location Key

The number following the location key is the room.

CEWT	Center for Education at Wolf Trap 1635 Trap Road, Vienna VA 22182
ChTRL	Chantilly Regional Library 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly 20151
GMRL	George Mason Regional Library 7001 Little River Tnpk., Annandale, VA 22003
HONC	Hidden Oaks Nature Center 7701 Royce Street, Annandale 22003
JML	John Marshall Library 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310
MS	Resource Center at Main Street 10201 Main Street, Fairfax 22030
PEN	Pennino Building 12011 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax 22035
RestRL	Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston 20190

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