

SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES

News for early childhood educators, caregivers, parents, and our community partners



Free On-Site Support for Centers and Family Day Homes

The Virginia Infant and Toddler Specialist Network is enrolling child care centers and family home-based child care programs for its 2019-2020 year. Our highly qualified infant and toddler specialists work alongside you to provide individualized coaching that meets the needs of your program. You and your staff will have access to on-site training and receive free resources to enhance your infant and toddler program. **Call (434) 797-8887 and ask for Becky Tickle or Leigh Laughorn to learn more.**



Smart Beginnings DP Supports Social and Emotional Learning

Smart Beginnings DP has awarded Pittsylvania County Schools an Innovation Award (\$30,600) to implement the Incredible Years for Dina Dinosaur Social Emotional and Problem-Solving Curriculum. The curriculum is an evidence-based, comprehensive program used by school counselors in the classroom to strengthen children's social, emotional and academic competencies, such as:

- ▶ understanding and communicating feelings
- ▶ using effective problem-solving strategies
- ▶ managing anger
- ▶ practicing friendship
- ▶ conversational skills
- ▶ appropriate classroom behaviors



PCS will use the funding to train eleven school guidance counselors and implement the program with K – 2nd grade students.

Join us... The 8th Annual Early Learning Symposium will take place **Saturday, September 21, 2019!**
Registration information will be released this summer.

Learn more about food funding

The USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) helps provide nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children. Whether you are a provider in your home, at a child care center, or in an afterschool care program, you will find many useful resources for serving nutritious meals and snacks. See how CACFP can make a difference in the quality of your program!

For eligibility and potential cost savings, **contact Patrick Dibert at pdibert@ccresourcesinc.org or (855) 427-2888.**



Summer Learning Tips

Design an Outdoor Classroom: Learning doesn't have to stop indoors. Bring materials from the indoors outside or use natural resources and continue learning in the warm sunshine.

Be Sun Savvy: For children 6 months and older, apply sunscreen liberally 15-30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every 2 hours to avoid sunburn.

Keep Infants out of the sun: Infants younger than 6 months should avoid direct sunlight, dress in cool clothing and wear a sun hat.

Stay Hydrated! Kids should drink fluids 30 minutes before an activity begins and take water breaks every 20 minutes during activities.

Be Safe Outdoors! Carry a first aid kit for common playground injuries. Stay alert and scan the playground frequently to make sure children are safe and accounted for.

Upcoming Trainings

Email info@smartbeginningsdp.org to register or call the number listed with each training.

May 4

INCLUSION

9am - 12pm

Campbell Co. Library

684 Village Hwy | Rustburg, VA 24588

Register by April 29.

Leigh Laughorn, 434-797-8887 ext. 307

May 4

RESPONSIVE CAREGIVING

9am - 12pm

Abundant Life World Outreach Church

955 Mt. Cross Road | Danville, VA 24540

Register by April 29.

Leigh Laughorn at 434-797-8887 ext. 307

May 9

1-2-3 Read! Refresher

6pm - 9pm

Little Light Early Learning Center

Bedford, VA 24523

Register by May 1.

Becky Tickle 434-797-8887 ext. 306

May 18

Responsive Caregiving

9am - 12pm

Spencer Penn Center

475 Spencer Penn Rd | Spencer, VA 24165

Register by May 10.

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