GEER PINT-SIZED PD In-Person

The Governor's Education Emergency Relief (GEER) Fund a program from the OEC in partnership with NEAT, the RESC Alliance, and All Our Kin, is pleased to present the in-person Pint-Sized PD professional learning calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. The GEER in-person Pint-Sized PD professional learning sessions are intended to provide early childhood program providers and staff with the opportunity to learn how to best leverage, or use, technology to support instruction, communicate with families, and allow for authentic learning.

These free professional learning sessions are held throughout the state of Connecticut and are open to all early childhood care educators. Please review GEER's in-person Pint-Sized PD offerings and register to attend each session of your choosing. For questions and/or additional information, please contact Lisa Seales, lseales@aces.org.

Creating & Using Digital "All About Me" Books

Date/Location	Friday, January 19, 2024 12:30pm-3:30pm	EASTCONN 376 Hartford Turnpike Hampton, CT
Description	Facilitator: Terry Surprenant This in-person session will support preschool/kindergarten teachers and early child care administrators in learning about tech tools that can be used in the creation and sharing of All About Me books. They will explore the creation of these books as a way to get to know each child and their families. They will discuss using these books to assist with child assessment and as an engaging way to share info with families.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/bddmbs8z	

Meaningful Communication for Family Engagement

Date/Location	Monday, January 29, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm	ACES 205 Skiff Street Hamden, CT
	Facilitator: Lisa Seales, Kim Cellini & Rosie Giannetti	
Description	This session will allow participants to gain a deeper understanding on best practices in communicating digitally with families. This session will focus on strategies to engage families, while keeping them informed, as well as encourage families to participate in their child's academic and social journey.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/36amaa62	

Using Recorded Videos to Promote & Assess Oral Language Development
in the Preschool Classroom

Date/Location	Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm	CREC 111 Charter Oak Avenue Hartford, CT
	Facilitator: Natasha Robinson, Traci Protz, & Angela Ciampi	
Description	This session will provide participants with practical strategies for using recorded videos to create a more engaging and interactive learning environment for preschoolers as well as foster an understanding of how recorded videos can serve as a valuable assessment tool to track and measure preschoolers' progress in oral language development.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/2mhjdbxd	

How Technology Can Enhance Newsletters in
Early Childhood Programs

Date/Location	Wednesday, March 20, 2024 1:00pm-4:00pm	LEARN 44 Hatchetts Hill Road Old Lyme, CT
	Facilitator: Kelly Davis	
Description	This is session will offer attendees an opportunity to learn how to create and enhance newsletters using technology.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/msf7ns23	

Using Digital Literacy to Enhance & Support Learning in
Early Childhood Programs

Date/Location	Thursday, March 21, 2024 1:00pm-4:00pm	CES 40 Lindeman Drive Trumbull, CT
	Facilitator: Kerrie Harrigan	
Description	In this session, we will define what digital literacy is and how we can support children to building foundational skills for media use. We will also reflect on how technology can be used to enhance learning experiences in early childhood classrooms, in a way that will support children to be critical thinkers and active and reflective learners.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/3b57c89c	

Using Technology for Meaningful Parent Conference Communication for Infants, Toddlers, & Preschool Age Children

Date/Location	Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm Facilitator: Natasha Robinson, Traci Protz, & Angela Ciampi	CREC 111 Charter Oak Avenue Hartford, CT
Description	In this session, participants will discuss the best practices for leveraging technology to establish and maintain consistent communication channels, enabling parents to stay informed and involved in their child's early educational journey.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/ms7ez9th	

PLC Meet-Up

Date/Location	Monday, May 6, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm Facilitator: Lisa Seales, Kim Cellini & Rosie Giannetti	ACES 205 Skiff Street Hamden, CT
Description	In this session, participants will share discussion around common problems of practice and illicit ideas from the peer group to improve outcomes for their programs.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/yc46dusw	

Ensuring High Quality Practices When Using Tech Tools
in the Early Childhood Classroom

Date/Location	Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:00pm-4:00pm	EastCONN 376 Hartford Turnpike Hampton, CT
	Facilitator: Terry Surprenant	
Description	Experts caution us to limit young children's screen time. There are many uses of tech tools that support active exploration and peer interaction without contributing to the passive use of technology. Participants will learn developmentally appropriate strategies to support learning goals.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/3tbced8u	

Policies Around Technology

Date/Location	Thursday, August 1, 2024 12:00pm-3:00pm	ACES 205 Skiff Street Hamden, CT
	Facilitator: Lisa Seales, Kim Cellini & Rosie Giannetti	
Description	Policies Around Technology is a comprehensive and interactive session that equips educators and caregivers with the knowledge and tools to create and implement effective technology policies in early childhood settings.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/3p98f8w5	

Using Technology to Support Differentiated Learning

Date/Location	Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:00pm-4:00pm	CES 40 Lindeman Drive Trumbull, CT
Description	Facilitator: Kerrie Harrigan Implementing differentiated instruction allows teachers to support all children on their learning journey. Differentiated instruction requires planning and intentionality. In this session, we will explore how technology can be used to support children to be able to access learning opportunity throughout each part of their day.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/5varfrv2	

Power Up Literacy: Technology-Enhanced Learning in the Early Childhood Classroom

Date/Location	Thursday, September 26, 2024 1:00pm-4:00pm	LEARN 44 Hatchetts Hill Road Old Lyme, CT
Description	Facilitator: Kelly Davis In this session participants will learn how to integrate technology appropriate through literature. This will include resources and a sharing and discussion how technology can be used with children (& families) around program goals for literacy.	
Registration	https://tinyurl.com/mva4zzk4	