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Supporting those who nurture the early years

Attention Nannies:

ETP has opened a new area of support specific to the unique needs of nannies. We offer training for nannies on guidance, fun activities for kids, and self care ideas. Check out our Web site for additional information.

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A Round of Applause:

Congratulations to Chapel Hill Preschool in Gig Harbor and St Columba's Children's Center in Kent for completing the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Accreditation process! The validation process is finished -- all they can do now is wait.

We wish you luck!

Your input

Last quarter, our newsletter topic was transitions and you sent us some great feedback. Thank you! Below are a few of your suggestions:

Magic Glasses - Decorate a pair of sunglasses with feathers, sequins and jewels and "look" for children ready to go outside. Put on your magic glasses and say, "Magic glasses, magic glass who do you see cleaning up?" and find them cleaning up.

Guided Imagery - Be creative in how you move from one spot to the next. Put on imaginary space suits piece by piece and move like and astronaut in space. Put on your springs and bounce.

Quiet Bubble Fun - Blow pretend bubbles and encourage children to catch them with their mouth and hold onto it without popping it or letting it go until they get outside. Once outside let them open their mouths and let it go. This helps keep kids quiet if you have to move through another room or by a quiet zone.

Send us your favorite field trip ideas

We are looking for fun and educational child-friendly field trip ideas. Send us your success stories: tell us where it was and what made it so wonderful. If your idea is selected for publication, we'll send you a \$10 gift certificate for an ETP training.

Send ideas to PO Box 1973 Gig Harbor WA 98335 or email info@educationaltrainingpartners.org

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We've gone international!

ETP is now available globally -- our Web site is done!

This labor of love was designed by the local marketing and design firm, Saltwater Zapf of Bremerton. Together we created an interesting and informative place for early childhood professionals, parents, nannies, trainers, and many others.

There are specific areas devoted to your individual needs. Check the site regularly for the latest hot topics, important links, resources, and training opportunities. www.educationaltrainingpartners.org

Find the following on our site:

- Archived newsletters with helpful tips
- The latest issues on our Hot Topics page
- Trainings (STARS credit)
- Parenting resources
- STARS on the Go! training info

Bookmark our site and send feedback to us at:

info@educationaltrainingpartners.org.

We want to make it a site that you love to use!

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Visit our Web site for the answers.
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Question from the field

Question:

Summer is just around the corner and my director has asked me to think about summer curriculum and field trips. I am new to teaching and don't really know where to start. Do you have any ideas?

Answer:

Spring is officially here and people are making plans for summer! Organize events now or your summertime dreams might turn into nightmares.

Plan field trips early. Survey families now and ask them for activity and field trip ideas. A quick note to them now helps you plan new adventures and return to old favorites.

Reserve space early and ask for group discounts.

One week before, send home field trip permission slips and check your emergency backpack for supplies.

Bring the fun to you! Find anyone who is willing to come to visit your program and share ideas and knowledge.

Check your local city Web site for free activities in parks and community centers.

Take your indoor curriculum outside. Design a science or garden area or develop an outdoor art studio.

Include children in the planning process. Sometimes the best ideas come from the youngest minds.

If you have a question for ETP, send us an e-mail or write a letter. We may select it for publication!

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Support, networking, and STARS credit training

STARS scholarships are accepted. Please have STARS ID number available at time of registration.

Directors forums

We are holding Directors Forums in Bremerton and Tacoma this quarter. Through small community-based forums we will discuss issues relevant to administrators and directors of early learning programs. STARS training, working effectively with families, program development, staffing support and licensing issues are requested topics.

Thursday, April 21, 12:30-2:30 p.m. - FREE

University Place Latchkey (Tacoma)

RSVP by April 19: 253-853-3499

Tuesday, April 26, 10-12 noon - FREE

Fraiche Cup

105 Washington Ave., Bremerton, WA

RSVP by April 22: 253-853-3499

Teachers forums

Upcoming Teacher Forums are happening in Bremerton and Tacoma. The goal of this group is to offer support to teachers who are working with young children. Join us for networking opportunities, activity ideas, guidance and discipline support and much more. Snacks provided.

One STARS hour is given for each forum.

Saturday, June 4 from 10-12 noon - \$10.00 fee

Fraiche Cup

105 Washington Ave., Bremerton, WA

RSVP by May 26: 253-853-3499

Saturday, June 4 from 2-4 pm

Bertolino Bros.

2421 S Union Ave., Tacoma, WA

RSVP by May 26: 253-853-3499

Child Development Associates

Our CDA Training Program is up and running in several areas. For information on what the CDA is and how to obtain this national credential, call ETP today!

Tacoma: April 25 - June 27

Silverdale: April 20 - June 29

Federal Way: May 4 - August 6

Olympia: June 14 - September 14

Basic 20-Hour STARS

Saturday, May 14 8-6 and Sat. May 21 8-6 p.m. - \$125

University Place Latchkey (Tacoma)

RSVP by April 19: 253-853-3499

STARS on the Go!

You can now get STARS approved trainings in the comfort of your own home and workplace. ETP offers two and four hour STARS approved trainings you can complete at your own pace. Choose your interest topics and order the training box from us. We will deliver it to your doorstep and you can work on it when you have time. Once the assignments are completed, return it to ETP for review. We'll send your STARS certificate of completion within two weeks. Topics to choose from include guidance and discipline, transitions, environments, child development, curriculum ideas, working with parents, administration, and lots more. Call us to get started.

3 easy steps:

1. Select your training topic from our list of trainings
2. Determine the number of hours you want to earn
3. Contact our training coordinator at 253-853-3499 or email your request to: info@educationaltrainingpartners.org

Pricing for STARS on the Go!

2 hour training packet \$30

4 hour training packet \$55

6 hour training packet \$75

8 hour training packet \$90

10 hour training packet \$100

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Trainers Forum

We welcome all current and future trainers to this meeting of the minds. The goals are to connect with one another, share ideas, stories and struggles. Bring a friend and join us.

Tuesday, May 17, 10-12 noon - FREE

ETP office: 3100 Harborview Dr. Suite B, Gig Harbor

RSVP by May 6: 253-853-3499



Culture Matters Conference

Educational Training Partners partnered with the Division of Child Care and Early Learning, the Yakama Tribe, Yakima Valley Child Care Resources to hold a conference in Yakima, WA that celebrated the work of early childhood professionals who honor diversity and teach children to respect others.

Motivational speaker, DJ Eagle Bear Vanas, renewed the spirits of attendees and a panel presentation of providers shared examples and offered practical advice on working with diverse families. The panel was moderated by Amber Havens of ETP and Cynthia Juarez of DCCEL. It was an honor for ETP to work with such a professional and dedicated group of people.

Thank you to everyone involved.

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Your input (continued...)

Magic Wand - Create a magic wand by decorating a 12" stick with ribbon, sequins, bells, or whatever delights you. Wave it over the children at mealtime to cast the quiet spell or have a child walk with you at the transition to clean up and point it into each area to signal 5 minutes until clean up.

Follow the Leader - Simply walking to the playground can be difficult, right? Lead your group through a twisting and turning follow the leader path. Remind them to watch you carefully and follow what you do. Without using words see if they can follow your arm, leg or whole body movements all the way outside and through the path you choose.

Schedule of the Day - Post a picture schedule up at eye level for the children so they can see what comes next. Create a long poster that lines the photos of each activity up from left to right or you can create a circular pattern to represent the daily activities in clock format.

Magic Dust - For children who have a hard time falling asleep or become afraid at naptime, pretend to sprinkle magic dust on them, thus protecting them from monsters and making them very sleepy. Follow with a kiss from the fairies - use a tiny stamp in the shape of lips or a tiny drop of water.

Why choose ETP?

Why are people selecting Educational Training Partners for their training needs?

There are lots of opportunities for you to get quality training and further your professional development elsewhere, so why choose us? Through our years of service, we have learned that local, community-based organizations offer elements that larger institutions cannot. These lessons translate into benefits for you:

Quality

It's difficult to take time away from your life and family to commit to professional development, so one of our goals to make your time spent with us fun and useful. When you leave one of our workshops you know your time was well spent. More importantly, you can use what you learned. Our trainers are highly qualified professionals from their respective areas of expertise and have worked with providers for many years. Their knowledge and passion for young children is a distinctive element that fills our classes time and again.

Warm service

Getting you training that fits your needs is important to us, so we make it as easy as possible. When you call or connect with us, you are met with friendly support that helps you decide what is best for your learning style, professional goals and personal lifestyle. Your experience with ETP is certain to be welcoming and productive.

Ongoing support

Long after your class is over, ETP is here to assist with your next steps by connecting you to local colleges, networking groups, and other organizations. We enjoy watching people grow and travel along their professional path. That's why we have so many former students keeping in touch. Many even join us later as trainers and partners to help others along their journey.

Flexible

Your time is often unpredictable and your finances may be as well. ETP organizes trainings around the location, hours and days that fit your group. Flexible start time, payment plans and a wide variety of programs are offered to meet the needs of organizations and individuals.

Connect with other professional organizations

ETP does not do this alone. We work together with local resource and referral agencies, the Washington Association for the Education of Young Children (WAEYC), The Division of Child Care and Early Learning (DCCEL), TEACH and the Council for Early Childhood Recognition (CDA), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and others allowing us to offer the latest information, quality workshop content and networking opportunities just for you.

The next time you think about signing up for training, think of the value you get by working with ETP. You aren't just a face in a classroom; you are a professional seeking development, new skills, and an enriching experience.