

New Beginnings

With the start of 2004 and new rolls come the hopes of fresh beginnings and the chance to reach new heights. ETP has opened a new office in downtown Gig Harbor in order to pursue some of the goals set forth in 2003. The space is small but fits the current needs of our agency. The addition of a laminator, die cutter and copier will be completed soon and the networking groups for trainers, teachers and administration will be scheduled soon. If you find yourself interested in one of the groups please call the office and we will have a coordinator contact you.

Our hope at Educational Training Partners is that we support early childhood professionals as they strive to reach their potential. One way we do this is by offering professional training, two of which are offered at the training center this quarter. We hope that you attend these exciting workshops and take time to explore the other services ETP provides.

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What is Educational Training Partners?

Educational Training Partners, specializes in providing education, support, and guidance to organizations and individuals responsible for childcare. Utilizing contacts and resources within the early childhood and education communities, we provide services relevant to a diverse population. Our understanding of cultural philosophies and the implementation of anti-bias training techniques help you acquire the skills and resources necessary to meet the needs of all children in your care.

Services offered include:

STARS approved workshops, in-service trainings, NAEYC accreditation support, CDA training, networking groups, on-site technical assistance, parent education, curriculum resources, and a library.

Available STARS Trainings

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

January

CDA: Child Development Associates Part 2 01/12/04

(Administration) (meets every other Monday)

Part 2 of a 3-part series that supports teachers who are earning their nationally recognized CDA Certificate. Topics covered this quarter include: cognitive development, creativity, self-esteem, social development, and guidance.

Where: Chapel Hill Preschool, 7700 Skansie Ave., Gig Harbor

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Cost: \$255.00

Biting 101 01/21/04 (Guidance)

Whether it is happening now or in the past, biting is likely to occur again. This workshop covers techniques you can use to manage and prevent biting situations. We'll discuss the children involved and learn ways to support the families.

Where: ETP Office, 3100 Harborview Dr., Suite B, Gig Harbor

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00

February

Basic 20 Hour Stars Training 02/04/04 - 03/17/04

(meets every Wednesday from 02/04 to 03/17)

This intensive course meets the state requirements for the Basic 20 hour STARS Training. Join us for a fun series of workshops that teach the standards as well as new methods of working with groups of children.

Where: Little Lambs Preschool, 10511 Peacock Hill Ave NW, Gig Harbor

Times: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$150.00

Math Madness 02/24/04 (Curriculum)

Children are natural mathematicians. We'll cover math skill development and learn practical activities to offer the young children in your care.

Where: ETP Office 3100 Harborview Dr., Suite B, Gig Harbor

Times: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00

March

Interactive Storytime 03/20/04 (Curriculum)

Why simply read a story to children when they could participate instead! Learn to make singing, dancing, flannel boards, puppets, and more a regular part of your stories.

Where: Bremerton Kindercare, 7597 Concord Lane NE

Times: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00

For more information or if you're interested in hosting a workshop give us a call! 206-605-0465

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Supporting those who nurture the early years

Fun Recipes

CLOUD DOUGH

1 C. salad oil

6 C. flour

1 C. water (add just enough to bind mixture of oil and flour)

Knead mixture, adding water 1 Tbl. at a time as needed. Mixture will be OILY!

FLUBBER

Step 1: Mix 1 3/4 C. water with 2 C. of white glue and a few drops of food coloring

Step 2: Mix 1/3 C. warm water and 1 tsp. Borax detergent

Combine glue mixture with the soap mixture and stir gently. Combined mixture will begin to clump. Remove clumps with a slotted spoon and place in another bowl. Repeat step 2 until all mixture has clumped, knead clumps together. Store in a plastic bag.

Early Childhood Professionals Provide...

a needed service - We provide high quality child development programs.

specialized knowledge - We provide an understanding of how children develop skills and appropriate methods to meet their needs.

a commitment to quality - We provide developmentally appropriate programs in safe and healthy environments.

dependability - We provide consistent service.

effectiveness - We provide programs in which children develop physical, cognitive, communication and creative skills. Simultaneously, children become self-directed and self-disciplined and develop a positive self-concept.