Dear Early Childhood Education and Care Providers,

The Brightpoint Child Care Resource & Referral team is thrilled to bring you another training calendar full of high-quality trainings. Due to the holidays and weather, the Brightpoint CCR&R team has opted for trainings that are primarily virtual, but plan to return to providing more in-person options in the spring. Additionally, the CCR&R Spring Conference is officially in the works for May 4, 2024. Mark your calendar and be on the lookout for more information — you won’t want to miss the exciting trainings, networking opportunities, and incredible giveaways!

Are you looking for more opportunities to incorporate science in your program? Colleen McLaughlin will present Science for Babies on Thursday, January 25, 2024. Colleen will share resources, research, and ideas for using Science with children ages 0–3. The CCR&R is also excited to continue the partnership with The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC. Join Ann Caspari, a National Air and Space Museum staff member, on Tuesday March 2, 2024 for Building Structures and Ramps, to learn about creative ways to explore ramps and structures with the children in your program. Flip to pages 10 and 14 to find out more about these trainings.

Setting a foundation of social-emotional skills is connected with long term success in school and life. It can be challenging to support the youngest learners in learning these important skills. This calendar is full of many beneficial trainings focused on social-emotional learning presented through partnerships with Caregiver Connections, and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. Check out pages 10–13 to learn more!

Are you a center director or owner, or a licensed family child care provider looking to connect with other early childhood leaders? Brightpoint CCR&R offers an ongoing training series, Conversations on Quality, that focuses on leadership topics and networking. To learn more visit page 7!

Thank you for continuing to provide quality in your community! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or feedback.

Best,

Carlee S. Caspari
Child Care Resource & Referral Provider Services Supervisor
800-467-9200 EXT 112
caspari@brightpoint.org
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CPR & First Aid Reimbursement Funds
Brightpoint Child Care Resource & Referral

CPR & First Aid training can be completed face-to-face or hybrid model

Approved Entities:
- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross
- Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI)
- Ellis & Associates, Inc., Orlando, FL
- Know CPR
- National Safety Council
- Pro-Trainings, LLC
- American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI)
- American Trauma Event Management (ATEM)
- Edward Atkinson/Emergency Response Health Network
- EMS Safety Services
- MEDIC FIRST AID
- Pacific Medical Training
- R.H. Sanders and Associates/Titan CPR Associates

Steps to receive reimbursement for CPR & First Aid:
1. Schedule training
2. Keep your payment receipt
3. Attend the training
4. Receive your CPR/FA card
   - Card must state pediatric & adult CPR/FA
   - School age providers, CPR/FA should be specific to the age you serve
5. Complete the Children’s Home & Aid payment form

Funds do not cover:
- Incomplete or failed training/certification.
- Adult only FA/CPR.
- Travel to/from training.
- Out of state training.
- Purchase of CPR manikins, lungs, valves, DVDS, masks, shields, kneeling pads, gloves, or training kits.
- Cost of meals or refreshments.
- Fee for a replacement certification card.
- FA/CPR registration fee for volunteers at a child care program.
- No show and/or penalty fees.

All paperwork should be sent to Kayla Mensen via fax or email
Fax: 618-452-9136 or Email: kmensen@brightpoint.org

Click Here to Apply
Orientation Trainings

CPR & First Aid

CPR & First Aid is offered at no cost to child care providers who care for at least one child receiving Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) funding. Box lunch and bottle of water are provided. Trainings are subject to change, you will be notified by the CCR&R if changes or cancellations occur. For more information, please view policies on pages 16 & 17.

**NEW! No Show CPR & First Aid:** CPR/FA will be paid one time for any Child Care Provider, per fiscal year. Failure to attend CPR/FA or contact the Training Coordinators prior to the start time of the training will result in ineligibility for CCR&R CPR/FA trainings for the remainder of the fiscal year. Providers will be responsible for taking CPR/FA independently, with the option to complete a CPR/FA reimbursement application.

For questions, or to register please contact one of the Training Coordinators at 800-467-9200
Kayla Mensen, EXT 113 or kmensen@brightpoint.org
Meg Turnis, EXT 116 or mturnis@brightpoint.org

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Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse: Mandated Reporter

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
10:00 AM—12:00 PM
Click here to register

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
Click here to register

The purpose of this in-person training is to help all Illinois Mandated Reporters understand their critical role in protecting children by recognizing and reporting child abuse. Everyone who suspects child abuse or neglect should call the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline to make a report, but Mandated Reporters are required by law to do so. This training is also available online at www.ilgateways.com—click the blue box that says “DCFS Licensing Required Trainings”

*Required Training—must be completed every three years*

To self-report a training, follow these steps:
1. Log in to the Registry Dashboard
2. Go into the My Registry portal, then click on the Learn section
3. Click the Add New button and enter the name of the training, trainer or training agency’s name, number of contact hours, and the date completed. Then click Save.
Orientation Trainings

Open Computer Labs

License Exempt Child Care home and center providers may come and complete trainings that are required for CCAP eligibility. We will make sure all health and safety procedures will be followed during all open computer labs.

To register please call: Wendy Zawodniak: 618-249-5747 or Crystal Collins: 618-744-6697

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Are you interested in opening a Family Child Care business? If so, join us to learn more about best practices that will help you establish a successful Family Child Care business. This is a great opportunity to learn more about owning your own business and what is required to be a licensed family child care provider. Come and ask questions!

Coffee & Conversations on Child Care Assistance Program

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Do you currently accept families participating in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) or are you interested in learning more about CCAP? Bring a cup of coffee and we will answer your questions about the Child Care Assistance Program. Receive the most up to date information about the important CCAP topics such as family eligibility, Initial Activity Search (IAS) application, and completing monthly certificates.

Conversations on Quality with Directors: Creating A Culture of Accountability

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Join other Program administrators, owners, and family child care providers to explore strategies for creating a culture of staff accountability. Discover what accountability is and what it is not, discuss strategies for getting staff buy-in, and learn about formal systems for documenting accountability.
### Professional Development Trainings

#### Introduction to CDA (Child Development Associate)

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Are you an entry level Early Childhood Education and Care provider that is interested in expanding your skills and becoming DCFS Teacher or Group Home qualified? Join us for an overview of the CDA process, and learn about supports that are available to help you earn your Infant–Toddler, Preschool, or Family Child Care CDA.

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#### Higher Education Info Session

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Higher Education Navigators will cover information about the ECACE scholarship as well as the local colleges that will be participating in the consortium. If you are interested in enrolling in college courses and would like more information on how to register and apply for financial aid as well as scholarships, this is the session for you!
## Illinois Trainers Network Trainings

### Program for Infant/Toddler Care: Module 3

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**Must attend ALL sessions & complete online assessment to receive credit.**

### Learning & Development

This session explores brain development, early learning & language development, & appropriate curriculum planning for infants and toddlers. The perspective that is presented can be summed up in the following way: “All children are born wired for feelings and ready to learn” when provided nurturing relationships and a peaceful but engaging environment that supports all learners, including infants with special needs. Engaging discussion and activities support participants’ learning.

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Friday, March 1, 2024

### Introduction to Environmental Rating Scales

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**Call 800-467-9200 to register Kayla EXT 113, Meg EXT 116**

**Registration Deadline:**  
Monday, January 22, 2024

This training is for center-based programs and family child care providers. It offers an overview of the Environment Rating Scales that are user-friendly assessment tools that measure the quality of the learning environment for infants through school-age children. After completing this training, participants will be able to use the tool(s) for program self-assessment and improvement planning. This training meets the requirements for ExceleRate Illinois.

### Infant/Toddler Pyramid Model: Module 1—Understanding Social-Emotional Development

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**Registration Deadline:**  
Friday, January 5, 2024

As the first training module in the Pyramid Model Infant-Toddler Module Series, *Understanding Social-Emotional Development* will acquaint participants with the Pyramid Model, introduce important terms that will be used throughout the Pyramid Model training modules, and lay a foundation to better understand the role caregivers play in young children’s social-emotional development.

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From Surviving to Thriving: Making the Most of the Stressful Moments

**NEW!**

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Where: Virtual on Zoom
Cost: Free
Trainer: Laura Roberts
Hours: 2
CDA Content Area: 3

Do you feel like you are on damage control duty in your classroom? In this training we will discuss how to turn lemons into lemonade. To put it more clearly, we will discuss how you can use behaviors and turn them into teaching moments. We will discuss how to shift our perspective and see the best in the children we work with. We will think about stressors and how to reduce them, unmet needs and how to meet them, missing skills and how to teach them.

Simple Objects, Significant Lessons: Spoons

Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

Where: Virtual on Zoom
Cost: Free
Trainer: Aimee Hart
Hours: 2
CDA Content Area: 3, 5

Participants will be able to use simple objects to expand on children’s learning and development. We will do this by using items that children already have an everyday interest in, such as spoons. Using these simple objects will help support their cognitive and social emotional development. **Participants who complete this training will receive the book, Spoon, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal**

Getting Comfortable With Risky Play

Thursday, January 25, 2024
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

Where: Virtual on Zoom
Cost: Free
Trainer: Jeff Johnson
Hours: 2
CDA Content Area: 2

While research is clear on the value of children taking reasonable risks as they play and explore the world, many adults need to be more comfortable with such play and exploration. This session, offered by early learning trainer, podcaster, author, advocate, and former toymaker, Jeff Johnson, gives adults a chance to gain a deeper understanding of risky play’s value, reflect on their feelings about such play, and see how risk-taking supports learning. Attendees will: reflect on their feelings and experiences with risky play, understand what children learn from risk-taking, and become familiar with types of risky play.

Science for Babies

Thursday, January 25, 2024
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

Where: Virtual on Zoom
Cost: Free
Trainer: Colleen McLaughlin
Hours: 2
CDA Content Area: 2, 8

Babies and young children are born scientists. They are curious and love to observe. Come learn how to foster this natural talent. We will discuss life science, physical science, and Earth-space science ideas for use with children ages 6-36 months.
## Allergies

**Where:** Virtual on Zoom  
**Cost:** Free  
**Trainer:** Katie Valencia, RN  
**Hours:** 2  
**CDA Content Area:** 1  

What happens when your body attacks something that is safe? Learn about common allergies, the symptoms, and how to treat. Never fear, anaphylaxis won’t be near!

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**  
6:00 PM—8:00 PM  
[Click here to register](#)

## Empowering Parents to Boost Their Child’s Early Literacy

**Where:** Virtual on Zoom  
**Cost:** Free  
**Trainer:** Metro East Literacy  
**Hours:** 2  
**CDA Content Area:** 2, 4  

Come & learn about the Five Pillars of Family Literacy through videos and engaging discussions. These pillars address the home-based inputs that contribute to a child’s reading success. This unique training will focus on the WHY behind the necessity for early literacy development rather than specific literacy techniques.

**Wednesday, February 1, 2024**  
6:00 PM—8:00 PM  
[Click here to register](#)

## Circle of Security Parenting™ & Caregiving—Abbreviated—for FCC: Increasing Positive Attachment in Child Care

**Where:** Virtual on Zoom  
**Cost:** Free  
**Trainer:** Christy Stark  
**Hours:** 8  
**CDA Content Area:** 3  

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
[Click here to register for all sessions](#)  

**Limited to 10 participants - first come, first served**  
**MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS TO RECEIVE STIPEND**

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## Building A Road to Resilience

**Where:** Virtual on Zoom  
**Cost:** Free  
**Trainer:** Rachel Chruszcyk  
**Hours:** 2  
**CDA Content Area:** 3

Participants in this training will delve into the fundamental concept of resilience, examining its intricate link to trauma, and how such experiences impact the ability to bounce back. Through a self-assessment of resilience traits, attendees gain valuable insights into their personal strengths. The program concludes by equipping individuals with five key strategies to enhance inner resilience, and empowering them to navigate challenges with greater adaptability.

**Where:** Virtual on Zoom  
**Cost:** Free  
**Trainer:** Anni Reinking  
**Hours:** 2  
**CDA Content Area:** 6

As a leader in early childhood, it is important to know the tenets of coaching and how coaching can help transform an environment. In this workshop, we will focus on the tenets of coaching through the lens of equity and justice in order to transform early childhood environments that are built on inclusion for all rather than exclusion of some. You will leave this training with actionable coaching strategies to help guide early childhood environments through an equity and justice lens.

**Where:** Virtual on Zoom  
**Cost:** Free  
**Trainer:** Nicole Warren  
**Hours:** 2  
**CDA Content Area:** 3, 8

In *Introduction to Conscious Discipline*, participants will receive an overview of Dr. Becky Bailey’s innovative program, and engage in activities and discussion around the Brain States, I Love You Rituals, and Conscious Discipline techniques that can be used in the classroom. Conscious Discipline focuses on social-emotional learning, effective discipline, and self-regulation techniques. It is a curriculum developed to support caregivers and parents with children exhibiting challenging behaviors.

**Where:** Virtual on Zoom  
**Cost:** Free  
**Trainer:** Tammy Wrobbel  
**Hours:** 2  
**CDA Content Area:** 8

Need new ways to teach children that learn differently? Receive an overview of activity simplification and support strategies for teachers who care for children with disabilities. In this two-hour offering, you will explore ways to change learning activities and offer different supports in order to support your youngest diverse learners.

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Creating Sensory Environments for Children

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Join Dr. Sane, a Doctor of Occupational Therapy, for an overview of our sensory systems and how they impact a child’s ability for self-calming and self-organization. Various ways of creating safe sensory spaces as therapeutic environments will be discussed. There will be time for discussions and opportunity to apply the information presented to the children in your care.

Baby Doll Circle Time for Family Child Care

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Join us for this special, hands-on training cohort to learn how to implement Conscious Discipline’s Baby Doll Circle Time! The goal of Baby Doll Circle Time is to enhance the quality of the relationship between caregivers and children by strengthening attachment, attunement, and social play.

“This revolutionary approach facilitates every child experiencing the connection he requires to thrive. In this way, Baby Doll Circle Time reduces stress and increases giggles, facilitating optimal development for children and optimal job satisfaction for caregivers.”

– Becky A. Bailey, Ph.D. & Elizabeth Montero-Cefalo, M.S. Ed., Conscious Discipline

All participants will receive a baby doll and a copy of the Baby Doll Circle Time curriculum upon completion of both sessions.

Limited to 6 participants – first come, first served
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Outdoor Play: HURRAY!

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

Where: Virtual on Zoom
Cost: Free
Trainer: Angela Wildermuth
Hours: 2
CDA Content Area: 1, 2

Bring some fresh inspiration to your outdoor play area this spring. Along with tips on utilizing your space and providing engaging materials, learn strategies for allowing outdoor play to unfold naturally, as well as tips for managing conflicts that arise related to roughhousing, mess & soiled clothes, and environmental destruction. Hurray for outdoor play!

Simple Objects, Significant Lessons: Chopsticks

Thursday, March 7, 2024
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

Where: Virtual on Zoom
Cost: Free
Trainer: Aimee Hart
Hours: 2
CDA Content Area: 3, 5

In this training, providers will learn how to create individual planning for all children while encouraging positive group play & healthy social-emotional engagement. Providers will learn effective observations, creative lesson planning, and individual planning for social interactions in group planning. **Participants who complete this training will receive the book, Chopsticks, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal**

Building Structures & Ramps

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Where: Virtual on Zoom
Cost: Free
Trainer: Ann Caspari
Hours: 2
CDA Content Area: 2

This hands-on training will provide educators of young children with the scientific background and knowledge needed to build confidence in developing teaching and learning explorations of physical forces and how they act on structures and ramps that young children build in early childhood classrooms. The professional development will be targeted to children ages 2–5, but will have information applicable to younger and older children.

Picture Book Party: Educating Through an Educational Equity Lens

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

Where: Virtual on Zoom
Cost: Free
Trainer: Jocelynn Hubbard
Hours: 2
CDA Content Area: 2, 8

In this 2-hour workshop, teachers grapple with several definitions of educational equity and begin creating their equity statement using the Framework for Sustainable Change. Using this equity statement as the foundation, teachers will learn simple strategies to use as they use picture books to give and gain perspective.
WHICH TRAININGS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE FUTURE?

Take our Training Needs Survey to share your feedback!

If you are a full- or part-time care provider in a center or home-based program, then we want to hear your voice.

The results from the Training Needs Survey will guide us as we plan which trainings to offer July 2024-June 2026.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY JAN. 11, 2024 TO BE ENTERED INTO AN EXCITING GIVEAWAY
An additional giveaway will take place on April 1

CLICK HERE or scan to complete the Training Needs Survey
How to Register for Trainings: Participants must register for trainings at least three business days prior to the selected training date. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Child Care Programs can register up to 3 participants per training. Priority for CPR/First Aid and Health & Safety trainings are given to providers who are currently required to complete these trainings to meet IDHS Child Care Assistance Program requirements. New CCAP applicants that have submitted a paper application to our office or have not been paid by IDHS in the last 3 months will be placed on a waitlist. If a training is not full by the close of registration providers waitlisted will be notified by phone and allowed to attend the training.

To register for virtual trainings please use the Zoom registration links located below the training description or call or email Kayla or Meg, the Training Coordinators, for the registration link. Once you are registered, we will send you a confirmation email the day before the training with a Zoom link to join the training. We will also send you an email one to two days in advance to remind you that you are registered for an upcoming training. If you are unable to attend any training, please contact us 48 hours in advance or earlier to cancel: 800-467-9200, Kayla EXT 113 or Meg EXT 116.

Attendance Rule: A minimum of 10 participants must be registered three days prior to the training date (virtual or face-to-face) or the training will be canceled. Participants will be notified of training cancelations by email and phone.

NEW! Accessing Virtual Trainings: Virtual trainings can be accessed using a laptop, desktop computer, tablet, or cell phone. Please make sure that you have your own device when attending a virtual training. Contact Brightpoint CCR&R if you have questions or need additional support.

In-Person Trainings: Face masks are optional. Please do not have anyone else attend the training with you unless they are registered to take the training as well. If someone drove you to the training, we ask for them to wait in the car, or come back to pick you up after the training.

Late Arrivals: A fifteen-minute grace period will be given at all training sessions (virtual or face-to-face). This grace period ends 15 minutes after the advertised start time. Participants will not be allowed into the training after the 15-minute grace period has ended.

Early Departures: To receive a training certificate, participants must stay until the training is finished. If a participant leaves early, no hours or training certificate will be awarded.

Training Participation: Participants must actively engage in training to receive a certificate and training hours. Engaged is defined as participating in polls, using the chat box, sharing, and exchanging ideas, etc. Cameras must be on during virtual training unless the trainer requests for them to be turned off. To ensure participants are safe and able to engage fully during the designated training time we ask that you refrain from activities that take away from your participation. Activities such as attending another training, driving, shopping, attending sporting events, actively caring for children, or being counted in your program’s ratio will result in immediate removal from the training.

Technical Assistance: We can provide technical assistance 15 minutes before the scheduled training time. Once the training starts there is no guarantee that the facilitator/trainer will be able to help you. This is to ensure trainings start promptly on time. If you would like to set up a practice meeting before the training, please contact one of the Training Coordinators at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled training.
NEW! No-Show CPR & First Aid: CPR/FA will be paid one time for any Child Care Provider, per fiscal year (July - June). Failure to attend CPR/FA or contact the Training Coordinators prior to the start time of the training will result in ineligibility for CCR&R CPR/FA trainings for the remainder of the fiscal year. Providers will be responsible for taking CPR/FA independently, with the option to complete a CPR/FA reimbursement application. To avoid being placed on the No-Show list, please contact us 48 hours in advance or earlier to cancel if you are unable to attend training: 800-467-9200, Kayla EXT 113 or Meg EXT 116

Lunch: For any training that lasts more than 5 hours, a box lunch will be provided with a bottle of water. Participants are welcome to go back to their seats or to their car to eat lunch. Please be aware that 30 minutes is allotted for lunch and the training will resume promptly at the end of lunch.

Professional Development Certificates & Transcripts: Participants will receive a training certificate via email and will have the training hours recorded on their professional development record, on www.ilgateways.com/. A paper certificate will only be sent upon request. Participants who need a transcript or verification of their past trainings will be directed to access their IL Gateways to Opportunity Professional Development Record at www.ilgateways.com/.

Every effort is made to ensure quality presenters. Any statement, fact or opinion expressed by the presenters are their own and do not necessarily reflect the philosophy or viewpoint of the Brightpoint Child Care Resource & Referral program.

COVID-19 Policies & Procedures: There is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the CDC, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By entering the training, guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19, and the trainer disclaims all liability related thereto. Brightpoint CCR&R continues to follow universal precautions and general guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Public and/or County Health Departments. Please click here to view the CDC guidelines.

CDA Content Areas:
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