

Free In-Person Trainings Coming to Alamosa County -- Register Today!



In partnership with the Colorado Department of Early Childhood, Early Milestones is leading the Community Innovation and Resilience for Care and Learning Equity (CIRCLE) Initiative. This initiative will provide nearly \$23 million in grants to child care providers and other community, education, or governmental partners pursuing innovative solutions to challenges worsened by the pandemic.



ECERS-3 Overview - Friday, May 12th at 9:00am - 12:00pm

In this three-hour overview of the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, we discuss best practices related to the protection of children's health and safety, supporting and guiding social/emotional development, and opportunities for intellectual and language stimulation and learning activities. Participants will also learn about the ECERS-3 subscales, the research and rationale for the requirements of the scale, and provide suggestions on how to meet the scale's criteria. Participants engage in hands-on activities and learning about the scoring process.

ITERS-3 Overview - Friday, May 12th at 1:00pm - 4:00pm

In this three-hour overview of the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale, we discuss best practices related to the protection of children's health and safety, supporting and guiding social/emotional development, and opportunities for intellectual and language stimulation and learning activities. Participants will also learn about the ITERS-3 subscales, the research and rationale for the requirements of the scale, and provide suggestions on how to meet the scale's criteria. Participants engage in hands-on activities and learning about the scoring process.

Non-Traditional Gender Roles in ECE - Saturday, May 13th at 9:00am - 11:00am

This training is designed to provide guidance for early childhood professionals as they support children in their exploration of non-traditional gender roles in early childcare settings. Participants will learn what gender roles mean to young children, how stereotyping can affect children, the Environment Rating Scale requirements regarding materials related to non-traditional gender roles, as well as different ways educators can support all children with the guidance of the NAEYC Code of Conduct and current research.

Math Is Here To Help - Saturday, May 13th at 12:00pm - 2:00pm

This training will help you learn how to use math in creative ways with children from birth to five years. Why math matters - Math skills are just one part of a larger web of skills that children are developing in the early years including language, physical, and social/emotional skills. Each of these skill areas is dependent on and influenced by the others. Math builds reasoning, which leads to comprehension in all areas of development. Developing a mentally organized way of thinking is critical for that comprehension to build, and to make that happen, we need to provide high-quality math education at an early age.

The Benefits of Free Play - Saturday, May 13th at 2:30pm - 4:30pm

This training is designed to enhance early childhood professionals' knowledge of free play in the use of the third editions of the Environment Rating Scales. Participants will gain an overall understanding of free play for each age group (infants, toddlers, preschoolers) in early childhood settings, how to set up their environment to allow children to get the most benefits from free play, and how to support their free play. Participants will also leave with action steps toward creating a high-quality early childhood environment that incorporates free play.

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