

# Early Childhood and SA Professional Development

June—Sept 2010

## Are you interested in improving classroom quality in your program?

*Resources for Better Living Inc is introducing a series of workshops designed to help programs learn how to use the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale. Designed for preschool, kindergarten, and child care classrooms serving children 2 1/2 through 5 years of age. Early childhood programs can use the ECERS-R to develop a blueprint for planning and carrying out both immediate and long-range program improvements.*

**ECERS-R 101**  
**An introduction to the ECERS-R**

During this session, participants will develop a basic understanding of the ECERS-R and learn:

- \*How to “read” the ECERS-R
- \*How to score the ECERS-R
- \*Key “need to know” terms
- \*Strategies for improving score

**ECERS-R 201**  
**An indepth look at 4 ECERS-R subscales: Space & Furnishings, Personal Care, Interaction, Parents & Staff**

**ECERS-R 202**  
**An indepth look at 3 ECERS-R subscales: Language-Reasoning, Activities, and Program Structure**

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**NOTE:** You do not have to attend all sessions in this series. However, ECERS-R 101 is a prerequisite and **MUST** be taken before attending either ECERS-R 201 or 202. Each session in this series is six hours.

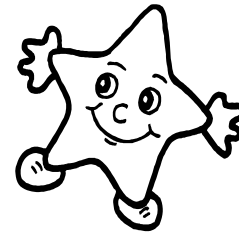
**WHAT is ECERS?** - The Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (revised) is a research-based tool designed to help early childhood programs to improve program quality.

**WHY is it important?** - Research has linked high ECERS-R ratings to improved child outcomes. This widely used program quality assessment instrument can be used by center directors for supervision and program improvement and by teaching staff for self-assessment that leads to classroom improvement.

**WHO should attend?** - Teachers, assistant teachers, directors, and assistant directors of preschool, kindergarten and child care classrooms serving children 2 1/2 through 5 years of age.

**WHEN/WHERE?** - ECERS –R 101 will be **August 14, 2010** at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church, Louisville KY (across from Assumption HS). ECERS 201 and 202 will be scheduled in the Fall. See detailed information on page 2.

**TRAINER**—Nikki Patton Rowe



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June 5

**Orientation** (KY Curriculum as mandated for new staff by KRS.199.894)  
 CDA 1 & 8 \$40 9 AM—3:30 PM For: New staff Training Level 1  
 Presenter: Linda T. Bratton  
 Location: **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville  
 Exit 17, approx. 1 1/2 miles from Gene Snyder Freeway

June 19

**Routines & Strategies for Smooth Transitions**  
 CDA 1, 3 \$20 9 AM - Noon For: Ages 3—5 years Training Level 3  
 Presenter: Gale Barnes  
 Location: **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville  
 Exit 17, approx. 1 1/2 miles from Gene Snyder Freeway

This workshop discusses how to provide a consistent routine in the childcare or preschool day, why routines are important, and how to move smoothly from routine or activity to another

June 19

**Exploring Science**  
 CDA 2 \$20 1—4 PM For: Ages 3—5 years Training Level 2  
 Presenter: Felicia Alfred  
 Location: **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville  
 Exit 17, approx. 1 1/2 miles from Gene Snyder Freeway


Come explore the fun side of science. Learn about ramps and messy mixtures. Teachers will learn how to put WOW into their Science activities.

June 26  
Oldham Co

**Quality Infant & Toddler Programming**  
 CDA 1, 5 \$20 9:30 AM—12:30 PM For: 0- 2 yrs/D/AD Training Level 3  
 Presenter: Julie Leezer  
 Location: Oldham County Public Library, 308 Yager Ave, **LaGrange KY**

Participants will gain knowledge on key indicators that are evident in quality early care and education programs. Through active learning, presenter will provide participants with resources that define quality. Presenter and participants will partner to develop action plans to quality programming.

June 26  
Oldham Co

**The Importance of MUSIC in the Preschool Classroom:**   
**Mind, Body, Spirit, Voice**  
 CDA 1, 3 \$25 1—4 PM For: Ages 3—5 years Training Level 3  
 Presenter: Laura H. Chipe, D.M.A.  
 Location: Oldham County Public Library, 308 Yager Ave, **LaGrange KY**

This workshop will address the whole child (in you)! Participants will learn songs that stretch the intellect; songs to move with and to illustrate with physical expression. Hands-on instrumental experiences will set these songs in your mind, your body, your spirit and your voice.

July 10

**Orientation** (KY Curriculum as mandated for new staff by KRS.199.894)  
 CDA 1 & 8 \$45 9 AM—3:30 PM For: New staff Training Level 1  
 Presenter: Linda T. Bratton  
 Location: Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Dr, **Shively**

July 10

**Brain Development: *What EVERY Teacher needs to know***  
 CDA 8 \$20 9 AM—Noon For: All ages/D/AD Training Level 2  
 Presenter: Nicki Patton Rowe  
 Location: Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Dr, **Shively**

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**Using Literacy to Facilitate Brain Development**  
 CDA 2, 8 \$25 1—4 PM For: Ages 3—5 years Training Level 3  
 Presenter: Nicki Patton Rowe  
 Location: Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Dr, **Shively**

Participants will learn what takes place in the brain as language develops and as children learn to read. You will learn storytelling strategies to promote brain development and learning.

July 17

**Planning Units/Themes Using Recommended Practice**  
 CDA 2, 3 \$20 9 AM - Noon For: Ages 3—5 years Training Level 3  
 Presenter: Gale Barnes  
 Location: **Strathmoor Presbyterian Church**, 2201 Hawthorne Ave., across from Assumption HS, Louisville

Interactive and energy filled workshop that explores the definition of recommended practice. Participants will look at different ways to organize and plan classroom activities that are meaningful and fun for children.

July 17

**Giving Tough Feedback to Others**  
 CDA 5,6 \$20 1—4 PM For: All ages/D/AD Training Level 2  
 Presenter: Amy Vandever  
 Location: **Strathmoor Presbyterian Church**, 2201 Hawthorne Ave., across from Assumption HS, Louisville

Do you dread giving tough feedback to others? Join us to discuss the characteristics of good communication and to learn several approaches on how to share tough feedback with both parents and other staff.

July 24

**Resources and Supports for the Inclusion of Children with Special Needs**  
 CDA 6,8 \$25 9 AM - Noon For: Ages 0—5 years Training Level 3  
 Presenter: Jullie Leezer  
 Location: **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville  
 Exit 17, approx. 1 1/2 miles from Gene Snyder Freeway

Participants will gain knowledge about inclusion and review associated regulations around the inclusion of children with special needs in early care and educational settings. Learn how inclusion benefits all children. Participants will learn of resources and supports available to implement inclusion.

All trainers are certified with a  
 Kentucky EC Trainer Credential

July 24

**Creating a Positive Work Environment**

CDA 5,6      \$20      1—4 PM      For: All ages      Training Level 3  
 Presenter:      Telly Sellers, Ed.D.  
 Location:      **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville  
 Exit 17, approx. 1 1/2 miles from Gene Snyder Freeway

What are the characteristics of a positive work environment? Participants will engage in activities that demonstrate how behavior impacts the work environment. Professionalism, belief statements, and other strategies will be discussed.

July 31

**Effective Parent Conferences**

CDA 6      \$20      9 AM—Noon      For: All ages/D/AD      Training Level 2  
 Presenter:      Terri Stewart  
 Location:      The Children's Center @ YUM, 5200 Commerce Crossings, Louisville  
 (**Preston Hwy & Gene Snyder Freeway**)

Is it that time of year again? Parent/Teacher conferences can be another stressful task in a teacher's job, if they are not organized and prepared. Learn useful tips for effective conferences that build strong bonds and support the success of the children in your care.

July 31

**Ready, Set, . . .COR!**

CDA 7      \$25      1—4 PM      For: Ages 3—5 years      Training Level 3  
 Presenter:      Terri Stewart  
 Location:      The Children's Center @ YUM, 5200 Commerce Crossings, Louisville  
 (**Preston Hwy & Gene Snyder Freeway**)

Learn to successfully measure children's progress through the Child Observation Record (COR). COR is based on six child development initiatives, *social relations, creative representation, movement and music, language and literacy, and mathematics and science*, which allows you to successfully track development and plan activities for the children in your care.

Aug 7

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 Presenter:      Linda T. Bratton  
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 Assumption HS, Louisville

Aug 7

**Supporting Emerging Literacy**

CDA 1, 8      \$20      9 AM - Noon      For: Ages 0—5 years      Training Level 3  
 Presenter:      Gale Barnes  
 Location:      **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville  
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This workshop provides a background on how language develops and how the foundations for literacy are laid in these early years. Activities will focus on recommended practices that support early literacy. You will take home visual activities that are part of the newly learned finger plays.

Aug 7

**Creating Spaces for Young Children**

CDA 4      \$20      1—4 PM      For: All Ages      Training Level 3  
 Presenter:      Amy Vandever  
 Location:      **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville  
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Explore ways to take your classroom environments to the next level and increase the learning experiences for children. . .bringing it all together to make a place for exploration and play!

*Our Mission . . . to improve the lives of children, by strengthening and supporting the people who care for them.*

Aug 14

**ECERS-R 101: (#1 of Series—a prerequisite to 201 and 202)*****An Intro to the EC Environmental Rating Scale***

CDA 4 \$45 9 AM—4 PM For: Ages 2 1/2—5 years/D/AD Training Level 3

Presenter: Nicki Patton Rowe

Location: **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy,  
Louisville, Exit 17, approx. 1 1/2 miles from Gene Snyder Freeway

Are you interested in improving classroom quality in your program? This session is the first in a series of 3 workshops designed to introduce staff to the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (revised) and to help staff develop a basic understanding of the tool. During this session participants will learn: °Indicators of high quality EC education °How to read and score the ECERS-R and °Strategies for improving score.

Aug 21  
Oldham Co***Do you Hear What I Hear? Communication Basics***

CDA 6 \$20 9:30 AM—12:30 PM For: All staff/D/AD Training Level 3

Presenter: Telly Sellars, Ed.D.

Location: Oldham County Public Library, 308 Yager Ave, **LaGrange KY**

Participants will explore communication basics and develop effective strategies for improving communication. Concepts such as non-verbal, effective listening, and multi-cultural communication will be discussed.

Aug 21  
Oldham Co***Leadership Fundamentals: Critical Thinking***

CDA 6 \$20 1—4 PM For: All staff/D/AD Training Level 3

Presenter: Telly Sellars, Ed.D.

Location: Oldham County Public Library, 308 Yager Ave, **LaGrange KY**

“Critical thinking is best understood as the ability to take charge of their own thinking” (www.accd.edu). This workshop will discuss concepts such as Rationale, Self-Awareness, Honesty, and Open-mindedness.

Aug 28

***Linking Sensory Processing and Learning***

CDA 7, 8 \$45 9 AM—4 PM For: Ages 3 years—SA/D/AD Training Level 4

Presenter: Karole Doran, OTR/L

Location: **Country Inn & Suites**, I-64 & Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville  
Exit 17, approx. 1 1/2 miles from Gene Snyder Freeway

This experiential, interactive workshop will begin with brief review of sensory systems, relation to motor skills and learning and sensory processing dysfunctions. Focus will be on using specific strategies (including music, brain-gym, developmental motor, oral-motor, visual-perceptual-motor and fine motor) to facilitate learning and self-regulation. Questions welcome.

Sept 11

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Sept 18

**Looking Through the Lens of Diversity and Achieving our Goals**

CDA 3      \$20      9 AM—Noon      For: All staff/D/AD      Training Level 2

Presenter: Terri Stewart

Location: The Children's Center @ YUM, 5200 Commerce Crossings, Louisville  
(**Preston Hwy & Gene Snyder Freeway**)

Learn how diversity awareness in your center can provide you with a new perspective that will expand your resources and make your job much easier. Understanding, accepting, and valuing diverse backgrounds will not only help us, it will help the Center we work in thrive in this ever-changing global community.

Sept 18

**Infants & Toddlers—The Go-Go Years! (Early brain development)**

CDA 7, 8      \$20      1—4 PM      For: Infant/Toddler      Training Level 1

Presenter: Terri Stewart

Location: The Children's Center @ YUM, 5200 Commerce Crossings, Louisville  
(**Preston Hwy & Gene Snyder Freeway**)

The first three years of life are a period of incredible growth in all areas of a baby's development. Learn how development unfolds at what stages, and what you can do to support and nurture optimal growth and development.

Sept 25  
Oldham Co**Exploring Science**

CDA 2      \$20      9:30 AM—12:30 PM      For: Ages 3—5 years      Training Level 2

Presenter: Felicia Alfred

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Sept 25  
Oldham Co**Sensational Learning Centers**

CDA 2      \$25      1—4 PM      For: Ages 3—5 years      Training Level 2

Presenter: Felicia Alfred

Location: Oldham County Public Library, 308 Yager Ave, **LaGrange KY**

Learn how to add a little excitement to your centers. We will explore how to set up centers, ways to use centers, types of centers and fun, exciting material to add to each center.

*"I loved everything about this workshop.  
It really got me excited about teaching  
something new everyday."*

*Megan Hall*

*"What an awesome way to spend an  
afternoon."*

*Nancy Jenkins*

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Workshops are not designed for children in attendance.  
Room temperature varies. Suggestion: bring jacket or sweater for comfort

**SPACE IS LIMITED—PLEASE REGISTER NOW so you're not disappointed!**



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