



April, May, June 2022 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Administration

5-18-22

Directors' Institute: Nature Retreat

Nurture your mental and physical health with a mindfulness mini-retreat at the Randleman Deep River Nature Trail. Bringing attention to the beauty of our surroundings can bring joy, and have a lasting effect on our mood long after we rest. With the end of another challenging COVID stressed year, let's take time together to GET OUTSIDE and take in the sounds, smells and sights on a mindfulness walk. Enjoy a picnic lunch together with time for reflection and fellowship.

Time: 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Location: Randleman Deep River Nature Trail

To register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).

Everyone

4-7-22

Story Stones and Painted Rocks

Rocks can be turned into something magical with just a little paint, pictures, or stickers. Story stones and painted rocks are a great way to motivate storytelling, creative play, and conversations in the classroom and/or the outdoor learning environment...and they are fun! You don't have to be an artist for the DIY, Make & Take session – just imagination and creativity.

***If you have a favorite storybook bring it along as a guide to make your set of story stones. Sample books will also be available to get you started.**

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Location: It's a Kid's World School-Age

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).

Community of Learners influenced by The Reggio Emilia Approach and Anti-Bias Education

4-21-22

Reflection on Anti-Bias Education in Action: The Early Years

Anti-bias education places diversity and equity goals at the heart of everything we do in early childhood. We begin by affirming each child and family's social identities and cultural ways of being. Building on the strengths and knowledge children bring to the classroom, anti-bias teachers seek the active engagement of families and communities. This approach is a commitment to equity and social justice. Anti-bias teachers observe carefully, think critically, and reflect deeply. We will view and discuss the film *Anti-bias Education in Action* that features vignettes of anti-bias strategies in early childhood classrooms interspersed with teachers reflecting on their practice. The film is organized around the 4 interrelated goals of anti-bias education, which is relevant to both children and adults.

Goal 1: Identify: Demonstrate self-awareness, confidence, family pride, and positive social identities.

Goal 2: Diversity: Express comfort and joy with human diversity; accurate language for human difference; and deep, caring human connections.

Goal 3: Justice: Recognize unfairness, have language to describe unfairness, and understand that unfairness hurts.

Goal 4: Action: Demonstrate empowerment and the skills to act, with others or alone, against prejudice and/or discrimination.

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: First Baptist Church Asheboro

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).

5-19-22

Let Me Tell My Story: From Photographs to Stories

Photographs feed minds and can evoke responses, including stories of yourselves, of observations, or of imagination. Stories are powerful and offer an insight to who you are and who you want to be. Join us for this culminating session of "The Image of the Teacher" series and share your story! We will also explore ways to use photographs and dialogue to enable children to tell their own stories. (Space limited to participants who only missed one of the Reggio Series)

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: The Exchange

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).



6-23-22

Right to Equity: Where the Reggio Mindset Intersects with Anti-Bias Activism in our Early Childhood Classrooms

Using a cross section of Reggio Emilia principles and anti-bias tenets we will explore what messages does our environment send to children. We will also discuss how can our environments offer an antidote to antibias messages. An engaging and important discussion related to current social issues brings our early childhood community together to ask these questions: How can teachers work both as researchers and co-constructors of knowledge? How can the co-creation of curriculum create opportunities for countering racist influences? Join Reggio Emilia inspired educators and the initiators of T.R.E.E. (Triangle Reggio Emilia Educators) Carmen Raynor and Sadie Bauer, as we take a deeper dive into the role early educators can play into further creating an equitable classroom.

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Online via Zoom

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).





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Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts Series

4-4-22

Musical Moments: Using Music to Explore Math in Children's Literature

In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to tap into young children's love of music and stories to spark meaningful exploration of math concepts. Participants will identify math opportunities in children's books and stories, and create catchy songs, chants, to enhance math learning. Participants will also explore the use of music as a classroom management and assessment tool.

Goal: To explore virtual, hybrid, and in-person learning strategies to create songs and math experiences with any early childhood lesson or story.

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: First Church of God Archdale

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).

5-3-22

Extending the Story: Integrating the Performing Arts & Learning

Open up a young child's imagination and learning skills using performing arts strategies. Learn how to use drama, creative movement, puppetry, and music techniques to prepare early learners to experience a new book and help them gain greater comprehension of literature by extending the story. Using children's literature as a source of inspiration, you will learn how to develop strategies to integrate the performing arts into learning about their world, natural science and math while fostering emergent literacy skills, positive social behavior, and conflict management.

Goal: Early childhood educators will be able to develop lesson plans that integrate the performing arts into classroom curriculum in order to enhance comprehension and emergent literacy skills, and foster positive social behavior and critical thinking skills.

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: YMCA Asheboro

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).

Health and Wellness

5-17-22

Keep Calm and Eat Strawberries!

Let's celebrate Strawberry Month! During this ZOOM training, we will be preparing several strawberry dishes in our own kitchens and learning about some strawberry fun facts (did you know, strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside?). We'll also read some strawberry-themed children's books and take part in entertaining, strawberry-focused activities you can share with your children. All recipes, ingredients and materials will be delivered to you ahead of the training. Please join us for this Strawberry-licious interactive event!

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: Online via Zoom

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).

6-16-22

Just Today! Managing Self Care...One Day at a Time

Bringing Self-Care into our daily routine is a fun and creative way to stay balanced. Join us for a well-deserved evening where we will learn new techniques that provide you with a fresh-perspective on ways to care for yourself. During this training, you will also learn how to implement these strategies into your daily routines. Come learn how to identify your stressors and ways to overcome those stressors through self-care.

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

Location: TBA

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).



Playful Pedagogy NC ZOO Playing Out Series with Linda Kinney

5-14-22

Foundations of Play

This training focuses on the value of play and the importance of the adult in service of playing children (play work). Activities encourage deeper thinking into our role in children's play and explore open-ended creative ways to work with children outdoors. The workshop's aim is to help participants' build the knowledge, skills, motivation and confidence to enhance opportunities for exploration and play outdoors. Playful, inspired, engaged adults can make a difference.

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Location: North Carolina Zoological Park

To Register: Go to trainings on our website (www.randolphkids.org).



5-12-22

Night of the Stars

Join us on May 12th as we pay tribute to a very special group of early educators during our Night of the Stars event! This year will be unique and exciting as we dive into Storytelling! The Professional Development Committee has planned the event at AVS Catering Center. Joining us will be the amazing Dr. Bob Shackelford to share a keynote address in person! We are very excited to have him as he is one of the founders of the Early Childhood Education Program at Randolph Community College. This evening is designed to bring us all together as we celebrate each of the graduates from 2022. Please join us as we honor the graduates and give them the in-person recognition they deserve! And who knows...you may be a lucky winner of one of our amazing door prizes! You don't want to miss this event!

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: AVS Catering Center

Deadline to register: April 22, 2022



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