

# McDowell Children's Network

## Early Childhood Educators Professional Development Opportunities April- June 2021

**MTCC requires masks be worn as you come on MTCC's campus. We practice social distancing and will take limited registrants to ensure safety to everyone. Should a session be canceled due to COVID closures, you will be notified ASAP.**

### ITS-SIDS

April 8

6:00-8:00 PM

This training is DCDEE required for all licensed facility administrators and caregivers who provide care for children birth to 12 months of age. The training will cover back to sleep practices, tummy to play activities, how to respond to an unresponsive infant, and creating a safe sleep policy.

This training should be taken within 60 days of hire and renewed every three years.

**Presenter:** Wanda Wood, Early Childhood Specialist- McDowell Children's Network

**Location:** MTCC, Azalea Building (4) in Room 19

### Playground Safety

April 15

3:00-6:00 PM

Safe playgrounds are fun! This workshop will satisfy the current playground safety course requirement. Topics include guidelines for planning for outside play every day, selecting safe and age appropriate activities and equipment, doing routine and required play area inspection reporting, and providing proper supervision.

**Presenter:** Wanda Wood, Early Childhood Specialist- McDowell Children's Network

**Location:** First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Enter from Wells Fargo Parking Lot

### Directors Monthly Connection

April 15 – May 19 – June 18

#### *We Do Better Together!*

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Plan to join us as we offer monthly virtual meetings via Zoom platform.

Our goal is to provide the most current information on relevant topics within the childcare field. The meetings are offered the third Thursday of each month. A link to join us will be sent to each program the day before the event.

**Hosts:** Wanda Wood, Early Childhood Specialist- McDowell Children's Network along with Joy Griffith, McDowell Children's Network

**Location:** April 15<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup> are meetings via Zoom

*Please note – May 19<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting in person at the Universal Building on the McDowell Tech Campus.*

*More details to follow.*

### I-T CONNECT (*Infant Toddler Teachers Only*)

April 20 – May 18 – June 15

1:30 - 2:30 PM

This is a virtual connect group for the teachers of our most vulnerable citizens!

Discussion will be on topics that pertain to what you encounter each day. This could be dealing with fussy babies, managing your classroom, or communicating positively with parents.

Please send me your email to get a link to join us on the days/time listed.

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### Quarterly Family Child Care Meeting

April 19

5:30-7:00 PM

This meeting will focus on the newest guidance from NC-Strong Toolkit, DCDEE Rules and Updates, and promoting quality care within the family child care facilities.

This session will be offered face-to-face with restrictions that apply.

**Host:** Wanda Wood, Early Childhood Specialist- McDowell Children's Network

**Location-** MTCC, Azalea Building (4) in Room 19

### COVID-19 and the Developing Child

April 29

4:00-6:00 PM

In this live virtual session, participants identify factors that related to COVID-19 that are impacting young children and their development. This session will provide research and strategies for helping children overcome the challenges of COVID-19 and stay on track for development.

Please send email when registering to receive a link to join.

**Presenter-** Jenn Adams- Director of Early Learning Center at Thornwell, Clinton, SC

**Location-** Online via Zoom

### Emergency Preparedness Response Training

May 5

3:00-5:00 PM

The training will prepare participants how to respond to a disaster and/or emergency situation. You will learn how to create an EPR plan and maintain this plan on an annual basis. **Class size is limited.**

This training meets the requirements of the DCDEE Rule 10A NCAC 09 .0607 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN CHILD CARE CENTERS.

**Presenter:** Wanda Wood, Early Childhood Specialist- McDowell Children's Network

**Location-** MTCC, Azalea Building (4) in Room 19

### 1, 2, 3 Becoming Who I Am Supposed to Be!

May 19

5:30-7:30 PM

The first 3 years of a child's life are critical for laying the foundation that the rest of their life will be built upon. In this interactive session, participants will explore key developmental milestones in the areas of social/emotional, language, and cognitive domains and the vital role the caregiver plays in promoting this development. This session focuses on strategies that infant/toddler caregivers can incorporate into their daily classroom practice.

**Presenter-** Jenn Adams- Director of Early Learning Center at Thornwell, Clinton, SC

**Location-** MTCC Universal Building Conference Center in the Main Conference Room