

ECE Professional Training & Events Annual Calendar

2026-2027

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Professional Trainings:

ASQ-3 Developmental Screenings
Wednesday, September 23 5:30-7 pm

Difficult Conversations:
Wednesday, September 30th 2-4 pm
Tuesday, January 19th 2-4 pm

Creative Curriculum
Friday, August 14th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Conscious Discipline:
First Tuesday of the Month, October through May, 12-1 pm parents and 1-2 pm teachers

Reflective Supervision:
Applications due August, 21st
Monthly Meeting Times TBD based on feedback

DECA (Devereux Early Childhood Assessment):
Wednesday, September 16th 2-4 pm
Friday, September 25th 9-11 am
February: Date TBD

Grand and Jackson Early Childhood Council:
4th Tuesday of the Month; No meeting in December and August

Early Childhood Mental Wellness Collective
(formerly Early Childhood Mental Health Taskforce): Meets three times per year, typically on Tuesdays. Meetings are hybrid from 12-1pm; in-person attendance at Granby Library.

Annual ECE Professional Training and Events

ASQ-3 (Developmental Screenings)	This training goes over the ASQ-3, the developmental screening tool used by Grand Beginnings. Participants will learn how to use the ASQ-3 to identify developmental delays in 5 different domains, best practices for communicating results with families, referral pathways, and how to use the online version of the ASQ-3.	September In Person
Difficult Conversations	This engaging training is designed to help educators navigate difficult conversations with families. Participants will gain practical strategies to foster open communication, address challenges with empathy, and create supportive environments for children and their families.	September/ January In Person
Creative Curriculum	This training, provided by Teller Park Early Childhood Council, is designed to support educators in implementing The Creative Curriculum® with confidence. Participants will explore curriculum materials, prepare their classroom environment, learn strategies for building a strong classroom community during the first six weeks of school, and develop a plan for launching their first study. Resources and tools that support successful curriculum implementation throughout the year will also be introduced.	August Virtual
Conscious Discipline	An evidence-based, trauma-informed program that provided an array of behavior management strategies and classroom structures that teachers and parents can use to turn everyday situations into learning opportunities. It supports you in responding intentionally instead of reacting to situations. General and infant/toddler-versions offered.	Monthly Oct.-May Virtual
Reflective Supervision	Reflective Supervision Groups offer a consistent space to slow down, think about your work, and reflect with others who understand the joys and challenges of early childhood. Separate groups are available for infant/toddler teachers, preschool teachers, and directors so conversations can center on the unique experiences of each role. These groups are not about solving problems or giving advice—they are about exploring experiences with curiosity, building insight, and feeling supported. Groups remain closed throughout the semester to create the trust and safety needed for honest reflection and meaningful connection. <u>Applications are being accepted until August 21st for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. There will be another sign up in early 2027.</u>	Monthly Sept.-May Virtual
Universal DECA (Devereux Early Childhood Assessment)	This training will focus on how to input DECA data as part of implementing a Universal DECA approach in early childhood settings. The DECA is a strength-based tool used to support social and emotional development for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. It helps educators assess protective factors, identify potential areas of concern, and reflect on teacher practices to support the classroom as a whole. Participants will learn how to accurately enter data, interpret results, and use the information to inform classroom strategies and supports.	September; January/ February In Person
Grand and Jackson Early Childhood Council Meeting	Grand and Jackson Early Childhood Council Meetings: Focuses on improving the quality of early childhood services for children and families in Grand and Jackson counties. Learn more about best practices, community informed solutions, advocacy taking place locally and state-wide that can advance policy decisions that grow our early childhood system and promote resilience, as well as resources that increase the effectiveness of our early childhood professionals and strengthen our early childhood system.	Monthly, 4 th Tuesday Virtual
Early Childhood Mental Wellness Collective	Focuses on promoting the social-emotional well-being of children 0-5 years of age. Example topics include a presentations regarding Domestic Violence, Breastfeeding, Suspensions and Expulsions, Behavior or Development?, Sex Abuse Prevention, and Synergetic Play Therapy.	3 Times/Year on a Tuesday 12-1pm Hybrid

*For additional details or questions regarding events, meetings, groups or courses, please email Ashley (asstdirector@grandbeginnings.org) or check the monthly events section of our website www.grandbeginnings.org