



ELC Provider Update June 2nd, 2010



1. From Child Health and Development

The Ages and Stages developmental screenings for June are available to be completed online! Feel free to call the Child Health and Development Department if you have any questions or concerns, extension 240.

2. Professional Development Opportunity



NAFCC Training Institute
in Partnership with Jeff Johnson
Presents
Family Child Care Professional Development



Jeff presents keynotes and workshops at over 30 events a year on two main themes: caregiver self-care and child-centered early learning. One attendee recently commented, "**Excellent, excellent speaker! Very motivating, energized presentation. Creative & captivating--I will long remember your fun and touching talk. Great Job!**" In the last three years, he has presented to thousands of caregivers in over half of the fifty US states and Ireland.

Jeff also publishes a monthly electronic newsletter distributed to over 20,000 caregivers in all 50 states and a number of other countries; writes a blog devoted to helping caregivers remember to care for themselves; and offers other support for caregivers on his websites:

www.explorationearlylearning.com and www.theplayunderground.com.

In his spare time, Jeff practices and teaches yoga, builds toys, and starts projects around his yard and house that he may or may not finish.

Jeff A. Johnson

Jeff Johnson opened Explorations Early Learning, a family child care program, in 2003 with his wife, Tasha, after spending 16 years directing a child care center and community center for a large non-profit agency. Their program focuses on emergent learning in a play-based and child-centered environment.

Professional Development Webinars - These Webinars are a must!

<p>"Promoting Messy Play"</p> <p>Thursday June 3, 2010</p> <p>5:30 pm Pacific Time 6:30 pm Mountain Time 7:30 pm Central Time 8:30 pm Eastern Time</p> <p>Young children learn best through hands-on, up-close-and-personal, in-your-face interactions with the world. The problem many adult caregivers have with such learning is that it is often messy. Kids who interact closely with their worlds often end up with their world all over their hands, face, and clothes. This session looks at why messy play is an important part of early learning, messy play ideas, and tools and tips to help caregivers make messy okay.</p>	<p>"Promoting Block Play"</p> <p>Thursday June 17, 2010</p> <p>5:30 pm Pacific Time 6:30 pm Mountain Time 7:30 pm Central Time 8:30 pm Eastern Time</p> <p>Block play not only improves small and large muscle skills, it helps refine hand-eye coordination, promotes creativity and problem solving, and builds pre literacy and pre numeracy skills children will need when they enter school. This session looks at ways to nurture, expand, and encourage block play in your program.</p>
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Each Webinar is 90 Minutes of Training

Each Webinar is \$25.00 for Members

Each Webinar is \$150.00 For Non- Members

Group Rates Available

CEU's Available for an additional fee

Business Webinar Series will count toward Accreditation Training in the Developmental Learning Activities content area.

Contact Tracy Halverson at 801-886-2322 x 226

[**To Register Click Here**](#)

Visit the training Calendar for second half of 2010 training webinars
[Click Here](#)

Additional Favorite Publications by Jeff Johnson are available at NAFCC Store Front

Do-It-Yourself Early Learning (Redleaf Press, 2006)

Finding Your Smile Again (Redleaf Press, 2007)

Everyday Early Learning (Redleaf Press, 2008)

Babies in the Rain (Redleaf Press, 2009)

Keeping Your Smile (Redleaf Press, 2010)

The Child Care Alphabet Book of Early Learning (Explorations Early Learning LLC, 2007)

The Child Care Alphabet Book of Manipulatives (Explorations Early Learning LLC, 2008)

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