

CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS



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January, February, March 2024

CHECK OUT THE NEW FORMAT SAVE THE DATES!



Be My Neighbor Day!



February 3, 2024
Dothan, Alabama



Join Alabama Public Television Education on February 3, 2024, for Be My Neighbor Day! This time, they will be at Landmark Park in Dothan for a fun day of celebrating kindness and giving back to our community! More details are coming soon, so be sure to follow Alabama Public Television Education on Facebook for updates!

Sensational Saturday March 9, 2024



We are so excited to welcome Don Monopoli from The Learning Station back to Alabama! This year we are trying something a little different. We are combining Dothan and Montgomery regions for one big workshop! It will be held at the Cattleman's Building on Highway 231 in Troy. For more details, check out March 9th on both calendars. We look forward to you joining us for a rocking good time!

RESOURCE LIBRARY

We invite you to visit our resource libraries in Dothan and Montgomery for lots of great ideas and materials to enhance your learning environment.

Each library offers a selection of books, learning materials, puppets, kits and a wide assortment of die cuts. Best of all, it is a free resource for you. We provide basic colors of construction paper for die cuts and lamination. For check out procedures and die cut orders, please contact the resource librarian in your area.

Contact information:

Dothan

Library hours are 8:30am to 11:30 am; 1:00pm-to 3:30pm
Monday through Friday (*evening appointments available*)

Resource Specialist: Michelle Woodham (334) 712-7777 ext. 224

Email: michelle.woodham@dhr.alabama.gov

Montgomery

Library hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm
Monday through Friday (*evening appointments available*)

Resource Specialist:

Lisa Kirkland (334) 270-4100 ext. 267

Email: lisa.kirkland@dhr.alabama.gov



Be sure to sign up for the library newsletters emailed each month.

Quarterly CCDF Health & Safety Classes offered via ZOOM January, February and March 2024

Family Guidance Center's Child Care Education and Training Program – Dothan will be offering the following child care training classes.

Each class will be in the following categories:

STATE CATEGORY: HSUP, **APCK AREA:** HSN, **CDA Area:** 1 and **Target Age Group/Training Level:** Basic/All

January Registration begins 12/15/23 Registration deadline 12:00 pm day before class.			
Date	Title of Class	Time	CCDF Area
1/4/24	Appropriate Precautions in Transporting Children	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm 1 hour	9
1/9/24	Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases AND Response to Emergencies Due to Food and Allergic Reactions	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	1, 4
1/16/24	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Prevention and Use of Safe Sleep Practices AND Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	2, 6
1/22/24	Administration of Medication AND Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	3, 11
1/25/24	Building and Physical Premises Safety AND Handling & Storage of Hazardous Materials	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	5, 8
1/30/24	Emergency Preparedness AND CPR/FIRST AID *Information only – NO certification	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm 2 hours	7, 10
February Registration begins 1/15/24 Registration deadline 12:00 pm day before class.			
2/1/24	Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases AND Response to Emergencies Due to Food and Allergic Reactions	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	1, 4
2/8/24	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Prevention and Use of Safe Sleep Practices AND Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	2, 6
2/12/24	Administration of Medication AND Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	3, 11
2/22/24	Building and Physical Premises Safety AND Handling & Storage of Hazardous Materials	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	5, 8
2/27/24	Emergency Preparedness AND CPR/FIRST AID *Information only – NO certification	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	7, 10
2/29/24	Appropriate Precautions in Transporting Children	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm 1 hour	9
March Registration begins 2/15/24 Registration deadline 12:00 pm day before class.			
3/5/24	Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases AND Response to Emergencies Due to Food and Allergic Reactions	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	1, 4
3/7/24	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Prevention and Use of Safe Sleep Practices AND Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	2, 6
3/11/24	Administration of Medication AND Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	3, 11
3/21/24	Building and Physical Premises Safety AND Handling & Storage of Hazardous Materials	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	5, 8
3/25/24	Emergency Preparedness AND CPR/FIRST AID *Information only – NO certification	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 2 hours	7, 10
3/28/24	Appropriate Precautions in Transporting Children	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm 1 hour	9



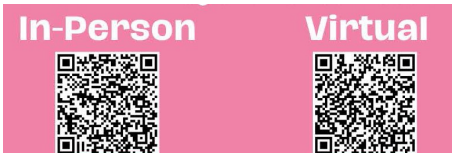
Inaugural Infant Toddler Specialist Network Conference
Connections: The Power Behind High- Quality Caregiving.
Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the Bryant Conference Center at The University of Alabama
with face-to-face and virtual options available.

This conference is a special opportunity to focus on the uniqueness of the infant-toddler period and to connect with colleagues who share your commitment to babies and their families. The conference theme – Connections: The power behind high-quality caregiving – speaks to the critical role of relationships in supporting children’s current and future well-being. You will learn with colleagues, hear from experts, and consider questions and ideas about topics such as (1) the importance of early relationships, (2) teaching children with special support needs, (3) the science behind early movement and development, and (4) relationship-based strategies and practices for building strong parent partnerships.

If you wish to register by phone or have questions please contact registration services at 205-348-3000.



Use your phone’s camera to scan the appropriate registration QR code.



ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION’S EARLY CHILDHOOD ONLINE WINTER 2024 TRAINING COURSES

Registration for winter facilitated classes opens

Monday, December 11, 2023 @ <https://aptv.org/education/learn-online/>
Facilitated winter online courses begin on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Scan the QR code to access information regarding APT's winter facilitated course registration.

Winter 2024 Training Titles

- AELG Online (Alabama Early Learning Guidelines)
- CDA Credential: An Introduction
- Kindergarten Readiness: Approaches to Play for Preschoolers
- STEM for the Preschool Classroom
- Exploring Literacy Development with PBS KIDS!



APT's On-Demand Course Catalog

On-demand 2-hour trainings are always available on our website: aptlearnonline.org .
Scan the QR code below to access APT’s on-demand training catalog.



For more APT training opportunities see the Dothan and Montgomery training calendars .

COLDS, FLU AND GERMS, OH MY!

It is that time of year when we are spending more time indoors. Winter germs are spreading faster than a cough or sneeze! Flu, Covid-19, colds, and so many other childhood illnesses are affecting homes and centers. This presents you with the opportunity to enforce and educate about the importance of handwashing, cleaning, sanitizing and overall good health practices. The best way to beat those nasty germs is to wash your hands. Keep a close watch over areas that the children are playing or working in during the day. Make sure to give those areas a little extra attention when cleaning. If a child is showing symptoms of illness, be sure to alert parents/caregiver so that they can keep an eye on those symptoms as well. Be sure that you have a sick policy in place. Also, if you have a case of something contagious, be sure to post a sign in a general area making everyone aware of it. Avoid placing in one classroom or area. Be generic. We have one confirmed case of the chicken pox. This alerts everyone to take extra precaution and more aware of what symptoms look for in their children. Plus, it does not single anyone out. The Center for Disease Control is a great resource for question and information. The following link is to the CDC’s handwashing portion of the website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/handwashing-school.html>





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REMEMBER

NEW LOOK FOR CALENDARS

RED = Montgomery office **IN PERSON** classes **GREEN** = **ZOOM** classes
BLUE = Dothan office **IN PERSON** classes *****Look at OFFICE to register**
****CCDF classes are now located in the newsletter portion instead of the pullout class list**

**👁👁 Please see the calendar insert 👁👁
 for the following:**

- Registration procedures
- Especially for Director classes
- Trainings in person and via ZOOM

Our office will be closed on the following dates:

January 1, 2024
 January 15, 2024
 February 19, 2024



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

T.E.A.C.H. ALABAMA EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A project of Alabama Partnership for Children, helps early learning professionals increase their level of education and effectiveness in the classroom by making the educational process more attainable and affordable
 For more information, contact Michelle Raybon, 334-271-0304.

LEADERSHIP IN CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarships are funded by the Department of Human Resources. For additional information, contact Virginia Frazer, Leadership in Child Care Scholarship program assistant, at (334) 293-4552 or by email at virginia.frazer@accs.edu.

For information about the Child Development Associate credential, visit <https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/>

