

WEESSN Training Calendar 2024

Wisconsin Early Education Shared Services Network (WEESSN) provides a wide range of free trainings on topics of interest to early childhood program owners, administrators, and staff. Check out the training schedule below for the intended audience for each session. Want to get access to these valuable opportunities? Your program needs to be enrolled in [WEESSN](#). It's truly free – **no hidden catch!**

Unless noted otherwise, all sessions are conducted in English with a corresponding session in Spanish – see all WEESSN trainings [here](#). Please share with your team!

Planning Your Career in ECE: Beginnings and Beyond

Thursday, Jan. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Explore the various career pathways available to everyone, from those just joining the early childhood field to those having decades of experience and education. Learn how Wisconsin Early Childhood Association's free Career Development Counseling service can help identify the right path for your career journey.

Audience: All WEESSN Members and Staff

Instructor: *Mildred Starks, T.E.A.C.H. Career Development Counselor*

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Chair Yoga (Spanish only)

Mondays, Jan. 29 - Feb. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



WEESSN, through [Primordial Multicultural Healing Community](#), is offering a five-session chair yoga series for Spanish-speaking child care providers. Participants will perform postures and movements on a chair, as well as some standing postures, flexes, and extensions to create a connection between the physical body, mind, and emotions. The series is designed to support early educators in maintaining a good level of motion and muscle tone without forcing the body. Gaby Tavera will guide participants to care for the body with love. Registration is open throughout the course; sign up for as many sessions as you'd like.

Audience: Spanish-speaking providers

Instructor: *Gaby Tavera* **Guest facilitator:** *Sylvia Eugenia Ruiz, CMF, SEP*

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Strategic Insights: Finding Your Cost-Per-Child and Break-Even Point

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Understanding your break-even point is crucial to running a successful business. Join us as we walk through the process of calculating your cost-per child and utilizing this data to make informed decisions related to rate setting, enrollment, staffing, and balancing your budget.

Audience: Group child care administrators and family child care providers

Instructors: *WEESSN Financial Services Team: Dan Eckhardt, Kim Yehle, Jamie Culbert*

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WISER: Onboarding Staff: Creating a Positive Experience

Monday, March 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Successful onboarding, including orientation, can significantly improve employee engagement, reduce turnover in your organization, and help staff feel confident in their work with children and families. Join us to learn how to implement an onboarding system that will improve employee work ethic and ownership as well as enhance your center's culture.

Audience: Group Center Administrators

Instructors: *Nicole Schabow, WEESSN Team Coordinator, and Sue Loberger, WEESSN Tiered Membership Specialist*

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Cultivating Early Childhood Leaders of Color

Monday, March 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn the importance of having leaders of color in our early childhood programs and businesses, how to create pathways to leadership for staff members of color, and how to build supportive and inclusive spaces for people of color.

Audience: Family Child Care and Group Center Administrators

Instructors: *Dorothy Bass, WEESN Program Coach, and Dr. Tanya Johnson, WECA DEIB Co-Coordinator*

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Conscious Discipline: Ignite and Excite Training Sessions

WEESN is offering seven full-day Conscious Discipline® trainings across Wisconsin this spring. Conscious Discipline is a nationally recognized, evidence-based approach that helps providers understand and navigate the complexities of child behavior. The first 50 registrants for each event will receive a free copy of the [Conscious Discipline: Building Resilient Classrooms book](#) (one copy per person).

[Details](#)



Tasty Tuesday – Fun with Food

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us during Week of the Young Child® for Tasty Tuesday and learn about ways to have fun while enjoying healthy food with the children in your program. WEESN staff will share some of their favorite children's books about food and give away copies of each book featured as prizes throughout the hour. This event is hosted live in English with Spanish interpretation.

Audience: Family Child Care and Group Center Educators

Instructors: *Mary O'Connell and Catherine Hansen, WEESN Food System Coordinators*

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Creating a "Stay Culture": Retaining Staff and Families in Early Childhood Education

Thursday, April 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn how turnover impacts early care and education along with strategies for retaining staff and families to create and maintain a "stay culture" for business sustainability.

Audience: Family Child Care and Group Center Administrators

Instructors: *Krista Gylund and Nancy Willman, WEESN Program Coaches*

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Elevate Your Efficiency: Increase Productivity and Compliance Through Administrative Calendars

Thursday, May 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dive into the use of administrative calendars and discover the power of running your business efficiently! Explore ways to streamline daily tasks, manage key dates, and meet compliance deadlines. Don't miss this opportunity to foster a culture of productivity and accountability through calendar management.

Audience: Family Child Care and Group Center Administrators

Instructors: *Gena Kraemer, WEESN Program Coach, and Kim Yehle, WEESN Finance Specialist*

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WISER: Creating More Time: Technology's Role in Family Child Care

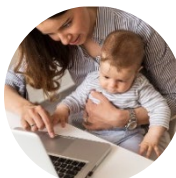
Monday, June 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Do you wish you had more hours in the day? Learn how technology can help you reclaim your time and create efficiencies in your business tasks.

Audience: Family Child Care Owners/Administrators

Instructors: *Catherine Hansen, WEESN Food Systems Coordinator and WEESN Program Coach, and Abbey Sena Reinke, WEESN Tiered Membership Specialist*

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Note: this schedule will be updated periodically as we have updated information. If you have questions, please contact [Mary O'Connell](#), WEESN Professional Development Coordinator.