

January–June 2017

PRESSING



When thinking about your recent experiences giving and/or receiving feedback:

- 1) What is something that is going well in your noble...
- 2) What is something that you'd like to get better at?



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- Resources etc



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Early Childhood Initiatives
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ADMINISTRATION LEADERSHIP

Communities of Practice

We create professional learning communities that engage administrators in learning within supportive, self-created groups. Administrators interact, test ideas, challenge their inferences and interpretations, and process new information with each other. As new ideas are analyzed and new concepts tested, participant knowledge and expertise will expand. The five dimensions of professional learning communities will structure our examinations of current problems of practice.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Community of Practice

Dates: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 16, Apr. 20 & May 18, 2017

Time: 1–3 p.m. (1/12); All other dates: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Curriculum directors

Presenter: Alicia Willett **Fee:** \$225 (all 5 dates)

Course #: 1625300544 **Register by:** 1/6/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14622>

Principals Community of Practice

Dates: Jan. 26, Apr. 6 & June 1, 2017

Time: 12–2 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators

Presenter: Diane Dugas **Fee:** \$225

Course #: 1625300297 **Register by:** 1/19/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14359>

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Regional Staff Development Council

This regional forum will address current initiatives, strategies and resources that contribute to school improvement. Connect with colleagues from other districts. Gain current information on CSDE and other state initiatives.

Dates: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Apr. 20, May 18, 2017

Time: 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Facilitator: Scott Nierendorf

Audience: Curriculum leaders, principals, staff development specialists, lead teachers

Register with fg rist@eastconn.org

Columbia Teachers College Saturday Reunion: Bus Trip to New York City

Twice annually, Columbia Teachers College opens their doors to educators, and offers the gift of learning. Join your colleagues from around the world as they descend upon Columbia University to learn about reading/writing workshop



instruction from Lucy Calkins and her senior Teachers College Reading and Writing Project leadership/staff developers. This fast-paced, awe-inspiring day begins at 9:00 a.m. with a keynote presentation in the magnificent Riverside Church, followed by over 100 mini workshops that will deepen your knowledge of the reading and writing process, enabling you to walk away with countless literacy strategies to implement immediately in your classrooms. Special sessions on creating the conditions for and leading the work of literacy are offered for administrators.

Bus Trip to Columbia Teachers College, 525 West 120th Street, New York City. In order to arrive on time, the bus will depart from the EASTCONN Conference Center parking lot at 5:15 a.m. Bring your coffee, a bag lunch and dress comfortably. The conference is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. The bus will leave immediately following the conference at 3:00 p.m. and return to the EASTCONN Conference Center. The Conference is FREE to all educators; the \$45 fee is for bus transportation to and from New York City. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the EASTCONN Conference Office at 860-455-1533.

Date: March 18, 2017

Time: 5:15 a.m.–7 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Fee: \$45 (for the cost of the bus)

Audience: Administrators, all teachers and curriculum leaders

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14633>

Making Way for Mindful Leadership – Professional Learning for Leaders

Educational leaders at all levels encounter challenges on a daily basis. A growing base of research and practical applications around mindfulness can enhance your role as a leader, and lead to greater synthesis between your professional role, personal goals and health. This series will provide participants with tools they can start using immediately to positively impact school culture and relationships. **Note: This is a repeat of the “Making Way for Mindful Leadership” fall 2016, 3-day presentation.**

- Overview of mindfulness in education and how it applies to leaders
- Creating a culture of mindfulness, including meetings and conversations
- Monitoring and managing your own mindful leadership

Dates/Time: Mar. 23, Apr. 27 & May 25, 2017, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators and teacher leaders

Facilitators: Dr. Toni Ryan and Scott Nierendorf

Fee: \$165

Register by: 3/18/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14639>

Mindful Leadership 2.0 – Applications for Your Learning Environment

For those leaders who have explored personal practices of mindfulness (or who have taken Mindful Leadership 1.0), this series creates an intentional, supported space to expand your practice and to plan. This is not an introduction to a new “leadership system” to add to the burden of already overworked people. Rather, it brings the concepts of mindfulness into practical application and school-based planning, for anyone in a leadership role, through specific exercises that address practical issues (from “Finding the Space to Lead” by Janice Marturano, which we will use as a guide). Each session will allow significant time for individual and group application of strategies discussed. **Suggested prerequisite:** *Mindful Leadership 1.0* may be taken concurrently.

- Applications of mindfulness for leaders
- Creating a detailed action plan to foster a school-based culture of mindfulness
- Develop and apply mindful leadership approaches for your school/community

Dates/Time: Mar. 23, Apr. 27 & May 25, 2017, 1–3:30 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators and teacher leaders

Facilitators: Dr. Toni Ryan and Scott Nierendorf

Fee: \$135

Register by: 3/18/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14641>

Connecticut Conference on Leading Student Centered Learning Through Effective Questioning



The Right Question Institute in partnership with EASTCONN will lead a day-long session on Best Practices in Questioning. This is an exciting opportunity to experience and learn a deceptively simple, yet profound strategy to teach students how to take charge of their own learning by asking, refining, and using their own questions to drive learning. In this active, hands on learning experience,

participants will work closely with Dan Rothstein, co-author of the best-selling Harvard Education Press book, *Make Just One Change: Teach Students to Ask Their Own Questions*. Since the book was published, over 220,000 educators worldwide have used the strategy to strengthen student voice and ignite student creativity, ownership, and engagement in diverse classrooms from preK through high school. Dan has worked in-depth with Connecticut social studies teachers to apply powerful questioning strategies to the roll out of their framework. He now returns to share this effective practice with all content areas teachers.

Join educators from across our region and state to explore the many ways this questioning strategy is stimulating student curiosity, increasing student engagement, promoting deeper learning, and helping to build the democratic habits of mind of asking questions. Participants will leave connected to extended online resources.

Workshop fee of \$125 includes breakfast and lunch. A special registration fee of \$99 per person for districts registering teams of 3 or more. Please contact Paula Hanlon for more information or to register your team, phanlon@eastconn.org, 860-455-1589.

Date: Mar. 27, 2017

Time: 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Administrative Offices, Hampton

Presenter: Dan Rothstein, Director of The Right Question Institute (ROI) and co-author of *Make Just One Change*

Audience: Administrators, all teachers, curriculum leaders, teams of teachers, school and district leaders

Fee: \$125 per person, includes light breakfast and lunch

Course #: 1625300554

Register by: 3/20/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14632>

Learning Designs: Planning High-Quality Professional Learning

Effective professional learning has at least two goals: 1) to engender change in teacher practice that results in 2) improved student learning (Learning Forward). Planning for professional learning requires matching an array of learning designs to educators' needs as they move from developing new knowledge, to practicing new skills, to implementing change. This half-day session focuses on helping district leaders identify and plan for a range of learning designs that can lead to improved teaching and learning.

Date: May 3, 2017 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton
Rooms: Cedar & Chestnut

Presenter: Erin Powers-Bigler

Fee: \$45 per person, includes light breakfast and coffee

Audience: Curriculum leaders, administrators, PDEC
Committee members and team leaders

Course #: 1625300557 **Register by:** 4/26/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14635>

Creating a Growth Mindset for Developing Student Learning Goals

As districts continue to move from compliance to coherence when implementing educator evaluation and support systems, approaching the development of student learning goals with a growth mindset can be a key leverage tool to improve student learning. During this three-hour training, participants will learn to:

1. Identify school-wide student learning goals that have the greatest leverage to improve student learning.
2. Communicate those goals to staff and engage them in determining their collective contributions to advance student learning.
3. Implement effective goal-setting strategies that encourage collaboration and shared responsibility for positive student outcomes.

Teams of at least three educators are encouraged. This workshop is no cost to participants thanks to CSDE funding.

Date: May 11, 2017 **Time:** 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton
Rooms: Oak & Elm

Presenter: Alicia Willett

Fee: CSDE Supported (no cost to participants)

Audience: Administrators and all teachers

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14627>

DIGITAL LEARNING

Whiteboard Your Schedule with PowerSchool's Visual Scheduler

Use PowerSchool's Visual Scheduler to carry out electronic "whiteboard" scheduling, then automatically load students into the resulting Master Schedule. Learn how to configure your scheduling settings for visual drag-and-drop development of a schedule or to make adjustments to a pre-existing one.

Date: Jan. 18, 2017

Time: 12:30–3:30 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, principals, school counselors,
support staff and technology directors

Presenter: Linda Brock

Fee: \$45

Course #: 1625300157

Register by: 1/11/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14218>

Chromebooks – An Introduction

Learn how to connect your Chromebook to a wireless network, enroll your Chromebook with Google using your Gmail account and install useful applications using the Play Store.

Date: Jan. 24, 2017

Time: 2:30–4 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: All teachers

Presenter: Paul Colella

Fee: \$20

Course #: 1625300196

Register by: 1/17/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14257>

Google Apps in Education

This half-day course provides an in-depth, hands-on workshop on Google apps for education that schools use the most. It will help teachers acquire knowledge of each product in order to assist students inside and outside the classroom. The course covers Google's full range of products for teaching and learning, allowing students/teachers to work and learn together anywhere, anytime.

Date: Feb. 2, 2017

Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: All teachers

Presenter: Bethany Newton

Fee: \$25

Course #: 1625300164

Register by: 1/26/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14225>

Statistics & Analysis on the Cheap

As educators we can't get away from stats - they are everywhere. We need to understand the data we gather and the data foisted upon us. Perhaps you even need to support stats in your classroom. The big problem? The big statistics packages used at colleges and universities are incredibly expensive, and well beyond the means of most individuals and districts. This workshop will solve your stats problems using R. R is an open-source software package that can do it all exactly the way you need it. From simple calculations to deep-level analysis, if you can learn a little programming, you'll be able to save yourself a bundle of time and money.

**A Windows or MacOS laptop is required for this workshop, BYOD. The software installation will require the appropriate administrative rights to your laptop. If you are unsure, please check with your local IT support.*

Date: Feb. 7, 2017 **Time:** 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, all teachers, curriculum directors, data analysts, instructional technology specialists, staff developers and technology directors

Presenter: Christian Iamartino **Fee:** \$25

Course #: 1625300194 **Register by:** 1/31/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14255>



Making the Transition to PowerTeacher Pro

PowerSchool's new PowerTeacher Pro gradebook brings student performance to the forefront. Experience PowerTeacher Pro from a teacher's perspective, then learn to administer PowerTeacher Pro and configure traditional and standards grading. Finally, discuss how to manage a successful transition.

**Special EASTCONN Region District Rate \$80.00, reflected at time of billing.*

Date: Feb. 7, 2017 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrator teams, curriculum directors, district data specialists, principals, school counselors, teacher leaders and technology directors

Presenter: Linda Brock **Fee:** \$95

Course #: 1625300157 **Register by:** 1/11/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14218>



Minecraft: Environment Design

Minecraft provides a huge degree of freedom in goals and activities for its players, a major factor in its current success. The same creative freedom can give educators and parents the opportunity to design environments for learning, supporting beneficial constraints in activity. This session will guide participants through the process of designing multiplayer environments, and creating opportunities for rich interactions.

**This session requires prior knowledge of the game and a Minecraft player account, or prior completion of the Minecraft: An Introduction for Educators workshop. A Windows or MacOS laptop with Minecraft pre-installed is required for this workshop, BYOD.*

Date: Feb. 28 2017 **Time:** 1–4 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, all teachers, instructional technology specialists, staff developers and technology directors

Presenter: Andy DePalma **Fee:** \$95

Course #: 1625300193 **Register by:** 2/21/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14254>

FileMakerPro— An Introduction

This is the first course in this series. Participants will learn how to build a new database by defining fields and entering data; sort database records and locate records in a database that match specific criteria; and learn to create multiple layouts in order to display database records differently to meet various needs, such as for entering new records, printing mailing labels, and more. Other topics include database design, tables, records and fields, properties of fields, lookup and relationships, value lists, relational relationships, layouts and reports, searching, import and export.

Date: Mar. 7, 2017 **Time:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Data analysts, district data specialists, instructional technology specialists, support staff and technology directors

Presenter: Tom Schenking **Fee:** \$125

Course #: 1625300184 **Register by:** 2/28/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14246>

Web Content Management

Do you have ideas for your team's website? Do you want to have a better understanding of how content is created, maintained and updated on our website? In this session, learn tips and tricks from Technology Solutions web and media services specialist for making sure your content is up-to-date and engaging. See how EASTCONN utilizes Joomla to manage the website and how it can work for you!

Date: Apr. 4, 2017

Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, all teachers, curriculum directors, staff developers, superintendents and technology directors

Presenter: Kerin Griffin

Course #: 1625300166

Register by: 3/28/17

Fee: \$25

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14227>

Swivl Camera Overview & Usage

Swivl is an iPad dock that moves (swivels) with the presenter to capture presentations while moving around the room. Learn how Swivl makes lecture capture an easy reality. In this session, you will learn how to create an account, connect a device, record, edit and package a demonstration!

Date: Apr. 18, 2017

Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: All teachers, department heads, early childhood administrators/directors, literacy coaches, staff developers and technology directors

Presenter: Kerin Griffin

Fee: \$25

Course #: 1625300167

Register by: 4/11/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14228>

The Internet is Trying to Get You: Malware Awareness

Learn how to spot viruses and malware, and how to keep your PC free from them. We will explore the many ways that viruses and malware can infiltrate your PC, sometimes without you even knowing it. You'll learn tips and techniques to keep your files safe from viruses, especially the dreaded crypto viruses that can quickly destroy all the data on your PC and possibly the network. We will also discuss backups and how to spot bogus emails so you don't become a victim of phishing!

Date: Apr. 27, 2017

Time: 3–5 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Presenter: Christian Iamartino

Audience: Administrators, data analysts, instructional technology specialists, principals, staff developers, superintendents, support staff and technology directors

Fee: \$20

Course #: 1625300181

Register by: 4/20/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14243>

Gamification: A Place to Start

This session will discuss how to introduce elements of game play into all types of activities as an approach to increasing attention and productive time on task. Not strictly limited to the classroom, gamification is an approach to introducing goals, constructive constraints, economies and tokens into all learning contexts. Although packaged games offer some interesting options, the ability to recast learning goals as game goals specific to your context supports a best-fit solution. Come play with us! This session will be comprised of a mix of instructor-led discussion and group activities. The emphasis will be on face-to-face game play.

Date: May 3, 2017

Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, all teachers, curriculum directors, instructional technology specialists, staff developers and technology directors

Presenter: Christian Iamartino

Fee: \$25

Course #: 1625300192

Register by: 4/26/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14253>

Double Robotics Overview & Usage

This video telepresence robot is an extension of the user; its Web-based control allows the user to drive an iPad on a wheeled robotic base and have live interactions with others, from anywhere in the world. Never miss a meeting, class or event with Double Robot! This session will cover basic operation of the robot and its potential for classroom or professional use.

Date: May 11, 2017

Time: 2–3:30 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, all teachers, guidance professionals, instructional technology specialists, occupational therapists, parent/teacher organization members, principals, special education directors, staff developers and technology directors

Presenter: Tom Schenking

Fee: None

Course #: 1625300183

Register by: 5/4/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14245>

EARLY CHILDHOOD

An Overview of Special Education

What is special education? What is a PPT? What is an IEP? What is an IFSP? What is the difference between part B and part C of IDEA? What is your role as a provider? The answers to these and other questions will be addressed in this training. This training will address special education, what it is, what the law says, and roles and responsibilities related to the IEP/IFSP. Participants will gain an understanding of special education that they will be able to apply to their job. This session supports the criterion 6.A.12 (NAEYC accreditation).

As a result of taking part in this workshop, participants will:

- Explore special education laws.
- Learn the roles parents, children and educators have in the process.
- Gain an understanding of the referral process.

Date: Jan. 12, 2017 **Time:** 12:30–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Early childhood administrators/directors, infant toddler teachers/assistant teachers, preK teachers and paraprofessionals

Presenter: Sheri Lambert **Fee:** \$40

Course #: 1625300427 **Register by:** 1/5/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14504>

Promoting Creativity in the Early Childhood Classroom

This workshop will focus on supporting creativity in the classroom to help children engage in and enjoy the arts. Focusing on the CT ELDS Creative Arts Domain, participants will have hands-on experiences to help create learning experiences for the children in their classrooms.

As a result of taking part in this workshop, participants will:

- Learn how to foster an appreciation for the arts in children.
- Develop increased knowledge in the Creative Arts Domain of the CT ELDS.
- Intentionally plan learning experiences using the CT ELDS Creative Arts Domain.

Date: Jan. 13, 2017 **Time:** 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Administrative Offices, Hampton

Audience: PreK teachers, paraprofessionals and teacher assistants

Presenter: Melanie Smith-Cervera **Fee:** \$45

Course #: 1625300286 **Register by:** 1/6/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14348>

Professional Learning Community: Improving Instruction for Children With Disabilities

These professional learning community sessions are an opportunity to collaborate with our peers, share our strategies, receive feedback on them and discuss specific special education topics addressed in our programs.

As a result of taking part in these sessions, participants will:

- Discuss strategies used in the classroom and the ways they may be carried out.
- Discuss a variety of topics around special education.
- Strengthen their practice through collaboration, coaching, and shared planning.
- Have repeat opportunities for collaborative discussions with peers.

Dates: Feb. 7, Apr. 4, 2017 **Time:** 2–4 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Kindergarten, PreK and special education teachers and paraprofessionals

Presenter: Sheri Lambert **Fee:** None

Course #: 1625300290 **Register by:** 9/27/16

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14352>

Working with Vulnerable Families to Foster Resilient Learners

Families experiencing vulnerabilities, such as poverty, single parenting, unemployment, relationship problems, depression, drug and alcohol use, and social isolation creates the potential risk of poor physical or mental health. What can you do to help?

As a result of taking part in this workshop, participants will:

- Engage in discussion and problem solving on how to support the well-being of families and children that may be endangered by parental or family circumstances.
- Examine relationship-based competencies that promote child well-being.
- Learn about resources in your region.

Date: Feb. 17, 2017 **Time:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Infant/toddler teachers/assistant teachers, preK and kindergarten teachers, school counselors and social workers

Presenter: Diane Gozemba **Fee:** \$95

Course #: 1625300287 **Register by:** 1/27/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14349>

Big Ideas & Essential Questions Revisited

Have you ever wished that there was a follow-up training that would help you refine and monitor your implementation of new learning? Well, this workshop is for you! The training is designed to review using big ideas and essential questions to promote higher order thinking, critique your current work using peer review, and provide guided practice on writing a unit of study on a standard you have not yet addressed. Participants will be expected to bring recent learning experience plans and artifacts, such as pictures and/or student work, that demonstrate their current use of big ideas and essential questions.

**For an additional fee, a classroom observation and one-on-one consultation with the presenter prior to the workshop is available for teachers and/or administrators.*

As a result of taking part in this workshop, participants will:

- Increase knowledge of higher order thinking and the impact that it has on their classroom.
- Utilize peer and expert support to review and receive feedback on units of study.

Date: Feb. 24, 2017 **Time:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Administrative Offices, Hampton

Audience: Curriculum coordinators, early childhood administrators/directors and early childhood teachers

Presenter: Debra Stipe **Fee:** \$95

Course #: 1625300288 **Register by:** 2/17/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14350>

Using Large Motor & Sensory Exploration to Support the Needs of All Children

Ever feel like you just don't know what to do with some of the children in your class? Sometimes what we are doing as teachers needs to change. This session will explore strategies, such as large motor and sensory exploration, to help children find success with social emotional skills in the classroom.

As a result of taking part in this workshop, participants will:

- Learn how to develop a classroom that is responsive to the needs of all children.
- Identify steps to manage conflict when it arises.
- Reflect on their own classroom environments and create a plan to make changes.

Date: Mar. 2, 2017 **Time:** 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Location: EASTCONN Administrative Offices, Hampton

Audience: PreK, kindergarten and assistant teachers

Presenter: Sheri Lambert **Fee:** \$45

Course #: 1625300289 **Register by:** 2/23/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14351>

Classroom Portfolio: What Do We Do With It Now?

You put your Classroom Portfolio together the first time you went through NAEYC accreditation. Now what do you do with it? How do you sustain the quality of the evidence? Join us as we explore ways you can make your Classroom Portfolio work for you! Learn how you can use it as a tool for your own professional development.

As a result of taking part in this workshop, participants will:

- Discuss different uses of classroom portfolios after the assessor visit.
- Explore using documentation as an effective tool for communication.

Date: Mar. 7, 2017 **Time:** 1–3 p.m.

Location: Dime Savings Bank, Norwich

Audience: Early childhood administrators/directors, infant toddler teachers/assistant teachers, paraprofessionals and preK and kindergarten teachers

Presenters: Carole Glenn, Sheri Lambert **Fee:** \$40

Course #: 1625300428 **Register by:** 2/28/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14505>



What's in Your Outdoor Classroom?

It is spring time and it's great to be outside! What should we do? Join us as we investigate the learning that can happen outdoors when we plan for it. You will leave with ideas you can put into action the next day! We will be looking at the National Association for the Education of Young Children's best practices as we design your outdoor classroom using principles of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Date: May 24, 2017 **Time:** 5–7 p.m.

Location: Norwich Public Schools, Family Resource Center

Audience: Early childhood administrators/directors, paraprofessionals and preK and kindergarten teachers

Presenters: Sheri Lambert, Carole Glenn

Fee: \$40

Course #: 1625300429 **Register by:** 5/17/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14506>

4th Annual Infant Toddler Conference

Integrating a Trauma Lens into Practice with Young Children and Their Families

Fri., Mar. 17, 2017 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton



Growing awareness of the impact of trauma and toxic stress on very young children requires a new lens for those of us working in the field of early childhood. Jane Ellison, an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist, will share her perspective on the intersection of trauma informed practice and infant mental health.

Integrating a Trauma Lens into Practice with Young Children and Their Families with Jane R. Ellison, LMFT, IMH-E®

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers are impacted by trauma and toxic stress. This workshop will explore how we can use a trauma informed lens to support young children and their families in various types of early childhood programs. The workshop will provide concrete strategies and resources, and will include case examples and hands-on learning opportunities.

About the presenter:

Jane R. Ellison, LMFT, IMH-E® is a community leader in early childhood mental health. She has more than thirty years experience working with young children and their families, including clinical work in private practice, parent education in Early Childhood Family Education, home visiting, family literacy, child abuse and neglect prevention programs and a domestic violence shelter. Ms. Ellison holds licensure in parent education, early childhood education, and Marriage and Family Therapy, a certificate in infant and early childhood mental health from the University of Minnesota and holds Clinical Level IV Infant Mental Health Endorsement through MAIECMH.

Improving the Future for Children of Incarcerated Dads

Attachment theory provides a framework for exploring and explaining parent-child relationships and the impact of early relationships on child and adult development. This session focuses on our evolving understanding of attachment theory related to father-child relationships during the early childhood years, especially those who may be absent from the home.

About the presenter:

Glen Palm is a Professor Emeritus, Child and Family Studies at St. Cloud State University where he joined the faculty from 1983-2013. He taught courses on Child Development, Family Involvement and Parent Education and coordinated the Parent Education Licensure Program at St. Cloud State. He has worked as a parent educator in the community for 30+ years and from 1995-2008 coordinated The Dad's Project, a local initiative of the Early Childhood Family Education program in St. Cloud that focuses on supporting father/male involvement in the lives of young children. He continues to teach a parenting class for inmates at the Minnesota Correctional Facility at St. Cloud.

Serving Families with Complex Needs: Individual & Aggregate Data

This training will focus on how agencies can use family assessments to better plan for crises and improve outcomes at the individual/family level for families with complex service needs. At the agency level, we explore how aggregate data can inform the pursuit of financial resources to meet these needs. We will also discuss how intra-agency and community collaborations can increase the safety of staff and families, and how professional resources can and should be used when needed.

Audience: For Infant Toddler program teachers and paraprofessionals and Birth-to-Three providers; administrators in infant/toddler programs; related services staff(OTs/PTs/SLPs) working with infant/toddlers

Presenters: **Diane Gozemba**, MS. ED, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives
Ciara Collins, MA, Marriage and Family Therapist
Ashlyn Ellsworth, MSW, Family Services Coordinator

Fee: \$95

Course #: 1625300303

Register by: 3/8/17

Register:

<http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14365>

EASTCONN Councils

EASTCONN Arts Learning Council

EASTCONN's Arts Learning Council provides a forum for area arts teachers to come together and work collaboratively to promote creativity and link learning through the arts as a mechanism to engage all students. Teachers from the following disciplines: art, music, and drama, are invited to participate. The focus will be how to integrate your discipline into your school's curriculum and how to enhance programming by connecting to arts organizations in your community. Connecticut State Department of Education guest speakers, who will share information on current education developments, will be announced.

Date/Time: Apr. 19, 2017, 3–4:30 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Art, drama and music teachers

Facilitator: Diane Gozemba **Fee:** None

Course #: 1625300096 **Register by:** 4/11/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14152>

EASTCONN English Language Arts Council

EASTCONN's English Language Arts Council provides a forum for educators to come together around emerging trends and practices in ELA. Join us to share best practices and engage in new learning and innovative thinking around ELA/Literacy instruction.

Dates/Time: Feb. 9, May 11, 2017, 1–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Administrative Offices, Hampton

Audience: K-12 ELA teachers, literacy coaches, curriculum leaders and administrators

Facilitator: Erin Powers-Bigler **Fee:** None

Register:

Course #: 1625300054 **Register by:** 2/8/17

Feb. 9: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14054>

Course #: 1625300055 **Register by:** 5/10/17

May 11: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14056>

EASTCONN Math Council

EASTCONN's Math Council provides a forum for area math teachers to come together around emerging trends and practices in mathematics. Practitioners share best practices and EASTCONN staff provide current information on curriculum, assessment and effective instruction. Often featured are Connecticut State Department of Education guest speakers, who share information on current education trends and developments. Participants will network, connect and share best practices.

Dates/Time: Jan. 19, Mar. 2, May 4, 2017, 1–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Curriculum directors, department heads, elementary teachers and mathematics teachers

Facilitator: Diane Dugas **Fee:** None

Register:

Course #: 1625300035 **Register by:** 1/17/17

Jan. 19: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14010>

Course #: 1625300036 **Register by:** 3/1/17

Mar. 2: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14011>

Course #: 1625300037 **Register by:** 5/3/17

May 4: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14012>

EASTCONN Science Council

EASTCONN's Science Council provides area science teachers, and anyone interested in science, with a forum for sharing and learning about emerging trends and practices in science. Practitioners share best practices and EASTCONN staff provide current information on curriculum, assessment, effective instruction and updates to the NGSS transition. Outside education and science experts attend regularly to share important information. Join us for this Council and build a network of science educators from across the region.

Dates/Time: Feb. 8, Apr. 26, 2017, 1–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, curriculum directors, elementary and science teachers

Facilitator: Stacey Watson **Fee:** None

Register:

Course #: 1625300063 **Register by:** 2/7/17

Feb. 8: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14070>

Course #: 1625300064 **Register by:** 4/25/17

April 26: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14075>

EASTCONN Social Studies Council

EASTCONN's Social Studies Council provides a forum for educators to come together around emerging trends and practices in the social studies. Join us to share best social studies practices and engage in new thinking around social studies instruction. Learn about the instructional shifts and inquiry process identified in the CT Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Framework, C3 Framework and the CT Core Standards. For more information about the Social Studies Council, please contact Alicia Willett at awillett@eastconn.org.

Dates/Time: Feb. 23, May 4, 2017, 1–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, curriculum leaders, history and social studies teachers

Facilitator: Alicia Willett **Fee:** None

Register:

Course #: 1625300047 **Register by:** 2/22/17

Feb. 23: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14037>

Course #: 1625300048 **Register by:** 5/3/17

May 4: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14038>

EASTCONN Technology Council

The Technology Council provides a forum for district technology coordinators, technology integration specialists and teachers interested in using technology to enhance teaching and learning. Learn the latest information on state and federal technology initiatives with an opportunity to share resources and information with educators across the region.

Dates/Time: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, 2017, 3:30–5 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Facilitator: Andy DePalma **Fee:** None

Audience: All teachers, data analysts, instructional technology specialists and technology directors

Register:

Jan. 19: Course #: 162530082 **Register by:** 1/18/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14135>

Feb. 16: Course #: 162530083 **Register by:** 2/15/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14137>

Mar. 16: Course #: 162530084 **Register by:** 3/15/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14138>

Apr. 20: Course #: 162530085 **Register by:** 4/19/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14139>

May 18: Course #: 162530086 **Register by:** 5/17/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14140>

REGISTER ONLINE

If you have questions regarding registration, or have difficulty using the online form, call 860-455-1533, or e-mail conferenceoffice@eastconn.org.

English Language Learners

English Language Learners (ELL) Consortium Round Table

EASTCONN's Title III Consortium Round Table provides a forum for area ELL educators to come together around emerging trends and practices in ELL. Practitioners share best practices and EASTCONN staff provide current information on curriculum, assessment, effective instruction and the latest developments from the state and federal levels pertaining to the Title III Grant.

Date/Time: Feb. 1, 2017 (snow date: 2/15), 9–11 a.m.

Course #: 16253000528 **Register by:** 1/31/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14606>

Date/Time: May 24, 2017, 9–11 a.m.

Course #: 16253000529 **Register by:** 5/23/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14607>

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: English Language Learner teachers

Facilitator: Alicia Willett **Fee:** None

MATH

Planning For & Teaching Mathematicians through the Workshop Model

Participants will be immersed in the workshop model approach by experiencing its components in action, including using mental math during mini lessons, rotating in stations, engaging in “juicy tasks”, and sharing through discourse and reflection.

This Community of Practice will meet 3 times throughout the school year. The sessions will deepen knowledge of the fundamental tenets that are universal in effective mathematics teaching and are applicable for any classroom model of instruction.

Participants will receive a copy of Wendy Ward Hoffer's *Minds on Mathematics* and a variety of practical resources for teaching mathematics.

Dates: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 24, 2017

Time: 8:30–11 a.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Elementary and mathematics teachers

Presenter: Tracey Purcell, Math Education Specialist

Fee: \$250 **Course #:** 1625300041

Register by: 1/13/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14028>

SCIENCE / STEM

Mobile STEM Lab Teacher Training

Are you interested in having the EASTCONN Mobile STEM lab come visit your school? Sign up now for this unique training experience. You will learn everything you need to know to work with your students on the lab; including Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) connections, curriculum, and links to Common Core.

Audience: Administrators, principals and science teachers

Presenter: Stacey Watson **Fee:** FREE

• Elementary (Grades 3-4)

Focus: Health Curriculum, Erosion and Deposition, Ecosystems, Survival (identifying what is living versus non-living), Watersheds/Water Systems

Date: Jan. 23, 2017 **Time:** 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Course #: 1625300467 **Register by:** 1/16/17

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14544>

• Middle School

Focus: Health Curriculum, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Introduction to Robotics, Watershed, Heredity and Adaptations, Wildlife Sampling

Date: Jan. 24, 2017 **Time:** 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Course #: 1625300468 **Register by:** 1/17/17

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/course/view/id/14545>

Incorporating the Engineering Design Process in the Science Classroom

Participants will learn how to integrate the engineering design process into the science classroom with a focus on NGSS strategies. In addition, participants will walk away with engineering ideas and activities to implement in their classroom.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, curriculum directors, elementary and science teachers and science team leaders

Presenter: Stacey Watson **Fee:** \$95

Date: Feb. 13, 2017 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Course #: 1625300069 **Register by:** 2/6/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14083>

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Curriculum Alignment

Participants will review the Next Generation Science Standards curriculum shifts. In addition, participants will be given techniques that will allow them to evaluate current science curriculum for NGSS alignment. Participants will be expected to bring their district's curriculum outline or curriculum map as well as any current science curriculum documents.

Date: Mar. 13, 2017

Time: 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, curriculum directors, elementary and science teachers and science team leaders

Presenter: Stacey Watson

Fee: \$95

Course #: 1625300545

Register by: 3/6/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14623>

Developing Assessments & Rubrics for the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

Participants will be introduced to the Next Generation Science Standards and provided suggestions for developing, implementing and monitoring assessments.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, curriculum directors, elementary and science teachers and science team leaders

Presenter: Stacey Watson

Fee: \$95

Date/Time: Feb. 15, 2017, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Course #: 162532374

Register by: 2/8/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14082>

Introduction to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): For Teachers K-12

Participants will receive an introduction to the Next Generation Science Standards, focusing on all three dimensions. In addition, participants will identify strategies to incorporate more science into the classroom.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: K-12 teachers, curriculum directors, science teachers and science team leaders

Presenter: Stacey Watson

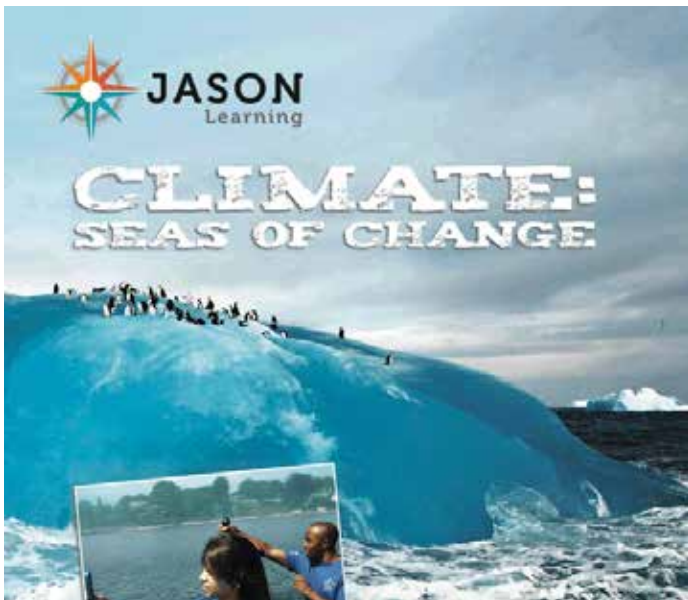
Fee: \$95

Date/Time: May 23, 2017, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Course #: 1625300572

Register by: 5/12/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14650>



JASON Learning: Deconstructing Performance Expectations for a NGSS Classroom (all levels)

Participants will explore the Next Generation Science Standards in depth and participate in discussions and analyses of how educators can begin to implement 3-dimensional learning. Participants will be introduced to new lesson planning tools and strategies to begin embracing NGSS pedagogy, whether it's with existing lessons or with new materials and resources.

Using activities from JASON's Climate: Seas of Change, participants will unpack a performance expectation (MS- ESS2-6), specifically looking at how climate is created, climate modifiers, and the relationship between wind patterns and ocean circulation. Using JASON resources to explore what 3-dimensional learning looks like, this experience is intended to empower educators to apply and adapt these tools and strategies to meet the needs of their school's curricula and classroom settings.

Although not required, we highly recommend that educators participate in the Next-Gen Science CT Short Course (visit ngss.ccat.us/ for details) prior to attending a JASON workshop. Other prior PD focused on NGSS, and familiarity with the EQuIP rubric, is also helpful. Participants are encouraged to attend as a team of 2 or more from the same school or district.

Date: Mar. 21, 2017 (snow date: 3/28)

Time: 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, curriculum directors, science teachers and science team leaders

Presenter: Amy O'Neal **Fee:** \$25

Register:

<http://www.jason.org/jason-learning-for-connecticut-comprehensive-stem-programming-for-connecticut-students>

SPECIALS



NATIONAL CORE ARTS STANDARDS

Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theater and Visual Arts CSDE National Core Arts Standards Rollout

The Connecticut State Department of Education supports arts learning through education focused on the whole child to promote artistically literate citizens well equipped with the creativity, communication, and critical thinking skills needed to live rich, meaningful lives.

The CSDE recommends local districts adopt the online platform and tools as presented on the National Core Arts Standards Web site located at <http://www.nationalartsstandards.org>. As educators build programming around these standards, it is important for all stakeholders in Connecticut to consider the following:

The National Coalition of Core Arts Standards carefully crafted eleven common anchor standards that are the same for each of the five arts disciplines. Each artistic discipline has foundational knowledge and skills integrated throughout these standards. Each of the eleven standards has varied weight or importance in each arts discipline; therefore it is important for districts to consider this when writing curriculum in each discipline.

Learn how to integrate these standards into your practice at this free session. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Feb. 8, 2017

Time: 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton

Audience: Art, dance, drama and music teachers

Presenter: Michael Ances, President, Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA)

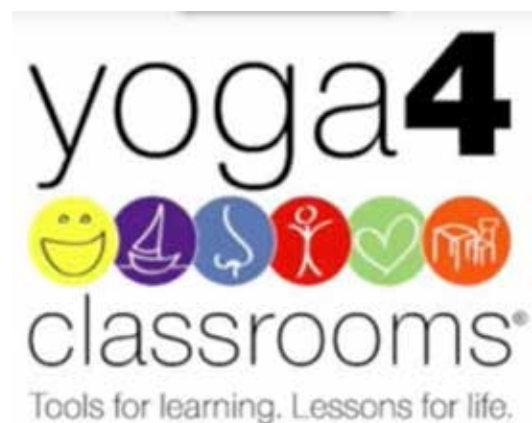
Fee: FREE

Course #: 1625300095

Register by: 2/2/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14151>

NOTE: March 10th is a regional Professional Development day!



Yoga & Mindfulness in the Classroom: Tools to Improve Self-Regulation, Learning & Classroom Climate

Through the framework of — Noticing, Mindful Choice, Practice, Reflection, Integration — you will learn how to empower your students and yourselves with increased self-awareness, the foundation for the development of skills of self-regulation and cognitive control. You will recognize signs of imbalance, and will have the confidence and skills to effectively implement 67 yoga and mindfulness-based activities, specially chosen for their suitability for the typical classroom space and schedule. This means all activities can be done standing beside or sitting at desks, while hands and bodies remain off the floor, away from dirt, germs and chemicals. Yoga 4 Classrooms is easy for teachers, students, parents and therapists to use, and helps to create a more harmonious, learning-friendly school day.

This fun and informative workshop will relax and inspire the adults in your school community while preparing them to share the program with their students. Absolutely no yoga experience is required. In fact, participants are encouraged to wear regular, comfortable clothing and flat-soled shoes to the workshop as we'll be simulating a classroom experience.

*Continental breakfast and lunch is included. In addition, all participants will receive the Yoga 4 Classrooms Activity Card Deck to bring home with them.

To learn more about Yoga 4 Classrooms visit Yoga4Classroom.com.

Date: Mar. 10, 2017 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Administrative Offices, Hampton Rooms A & B

Audience: All teachers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, school wellness team members, and speech-language pathologists

Presenter: Emily Rosen **Fee:** \$119
Course #: 1625300203 **Register by:** 3/3/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14264>

Using Stories to Explore Creativity in the Elementary Music Classroom

Every music teacher knows the power of a good story. They engage students, promote literacy, and can be a jumping off point for students to explore their own creativity. This workshop will immerse participants in stories and how to use them to encourage musical creativity. We will look at a variety of books for the elementary grade levels and experience different musical activities that incorporate musical skills and creativity.

Participants are asked to bring a storybook to share and a laptop/tablet. We will choose 4-5 books to focus on in the afternoon session and will build and present musical activities for each of the focus books. Participants will have a copy of the activities sent to them digitally after the workshop.

Date: Mar. 10, 2017 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: UCONN, School of Fine Arts

Audience: Department heads, preK, kindergarten and elementary teachers, music teachers and teacher leaders

Presenters: Kathy Adams, Cara Bernard, Joe Abramo
Fee: \$45 **Course #:** 1625300505

Register by: 3/3/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14583>

Creating a Culture of Student Centered Learning through Questioning, Inquiry & Feedback

This session is designed to take a deeper dive into highly effective teaching strategies that support the tenants of student centered learning in the special area classrooms. A focused review of Q Questioning from the book *Make Just One Change*, as it relates to Common Core Depth of Knowledge, will be addressed. In addition, new inquiry and feedback strategies will be shared. An opportunity for a content specific Ed Camp and time to apply strategies in content specific curriculum development work will be facilitated.

Please bring your laptop.

Date: Mar. 10, 2017 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton Rooms: Cedar & Chestnut

Audience: Special area teachers (art, music, world language), curriculum leaders, family and consumer science teachers and physical education teachers

Presenter: Mary Anne Butler **Fee:** \$75
Course #: 1625300556 **Register by:** 3/3/17

Register: <http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/14634>



Coming In Summer 2017!

Reader/Writer Workshop Summer Institute



We are excited to share that EASTCONN is in the process of designing a reader/writer workshop summer institute

based on the work of Lucy Calkins & Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. The multiple-day institute will provide educators and leaders with the opportunity to learn about the foundational practices of workshop, unpack a sampling of curriculum units, learn highly effective literacy strategies and address the conditions leaders need to foster to support such a powerful and inspiring method of teaching and learning. Watch for details coming soon.

Audience: K-8 classroom teachers of language arts, special education teachers, curriculum leaders and administrators

Contact: Erin Powers-Bigler, epowers-bigler@eastconn.org

Curriculum Unit Development Institute (CUDI)



The state of Connecticut Department of Education has collaborated with the Connecticut Science Center and the Regional Education Service Centers to create CUDI. Participants will be exposed to NGSS curriculum shifts while developing units to bring back to their classroom. Participants will have access to sample units developed collaboratively during the institute for use or modification.

Audience: Curriculum writers, all grade-level teachers science leaders, administrators

“STEM on the Move” Summer Program for Students in Grades 5-9

Experience what it is like to work on a Mobile STEM lab while investigating the mysteries of:

- Energy Conservation
- Forensics
- Heredity and Adaptation
- And more

Contact: swatson@eastconn.org



Robotics for Students: Summer Program for Students in Grades 5-10

Interested in Robotics? Do you know students in grades 5-10? Students can indulge in the wonderful world of robotics while building and programming robots.

Contact: swatson@eastconn.org



CSDE Foundational Skills for Evaluators of Teachers

The newly revised CSDE Foundational Skills for Evaluators of Teachers training is designed to concentrate on the evaluator's capacity to observe and analyze teacher performance and practice inherent in the CT Common Core of Teaching (CCT) and to provide supportive, high quality feedback to teachers. The primary focus of this training is on written feedback that focuses on areas of strengths and areas of growth explicitly connected to the rubric and observable classroom practices/evidence. The training is designed to link written feedback to verbal feedback and coaching strategies. This supports not only the evaluator's ability to organize written feedback but consider how this feedback creates a platform for formal conferences that are instructionally focused, dialogic, and student-centered.

Note: Participants must bring a laptop with Microsoft Word (version 7 or later), earbuds and a copy (electronic or paper) of your district's Teacher Evaluation Plan.

Location: EASTCONN Administrative Offices, Hampton

Audience: Administrators, complimentary observers and evaluators

Presenters: Alicia Willett, Scott Nierendorf

Fee: CSDE Supported (no cost to participants)



**Have an idea to suggest
for professional development?
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