



Basic Knowledge Curriculum Infant and Toddler (BKC IT)

BKC IT 1: Developmentally Appropriate Practice for Infants and Toddlers

Are you delivering high quality infant and toddler care in your classroom, center or family child care home? How do you know? From this workshop, you will learn the importance of developmentally appropriate practices with infants and toddlers and the 10 components related to high quality child care. You will learn how to reinforce the healthy development of infants and toddlers, through consistent routines, primary caregivers and responsive care. After this workshop, you will know what it means to provide high quality, inclusive care for our youngest children.

BKC IT 3: Preventing the Abuse and Neglect of Infants and Toddlers

Knowing how to recognize and report abuse is important but don't you also wonder how you, as a child care and early learning professional, can help protect infants and toddlers from abuse and neglect? Through this workshop, you will be presented with a strengths-based approach to partnering with families and protecting children. Prevention begins with knowing what families and program staff can do to relieve daily stressors and encourage communication. You will also leave this session knowing how policies and procedures at child care programs can be designed to protect you from false accusations.

BKC IT 4: What Infants and Toddlers are Telling Us

What have the infants or toddlers you work with told you today? Did you know that infants "talk" through crying and other non-verbal communications? While infants and toddlers cannot speak with words, they do communicate in many other ways. Learn how these cues form the foundation of language development. Learn how temperament, challenging behaviors and cultural traditions can shape how an infant or toddler will communicate. This session will also share how to discover the communication and meaning of behaviors such as biting and tantrums.

BKC IT 5: Supporting the Development and Well-Being of Infants and Toddlers

How do you affect the healthy brain development of infants and toddlers? This workshop will share the five Rs: how relationships, routines, respect, repetition, and responsive interactions influence a child's developing brain. Did you know that infants and toddlers are affected by stress too? Learn how you can support the well-being and mental health of these youngest children.