

TRUSTARTS EDUCATION

Early Learning Through the Arts Training Workshops

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and its Western Pennsylvania Wolf Trap program offer a variety of hands-on, participatory professional development workshops throughout the year, specially designed for early childhood practitioners. Sessions in dance and movement, music, dramatic play, and visual arts are taught by professional teaching artists. Emphasis is on developmentally appropriate practice for children ages 3-5, options are available for workshops addressing infants and toddlers.

Professional Development Workshop Details



These workshops are available at your center for on-site training.

Cost for 3-hour on-site workshop: \$450 for on-site training up to 30 participants and includes handouts. Additional fee for travel outside of Allegheny County. Funding may be available.

Workshops can be adjusted for time as well as customized to specific content area.

Please contact Julissa Bermea, Manager of Early Childhood Programs, at bermea@trustarts.org or 412-456-2695 to schedule.

All workshops align with Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood.

PQAS and Act 48 Credit available.

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Music

JUMP OFF THE PAGE! with Music and Movement

Presenter: Margaret Hooton, BA

Early childhood music educator Margaret Hooton will demonstrate a developmental approach to engage the whole child in the joy of literature and the arts. Participants will learn to apply the basics of pitch, beat, singing in tune, and movement to circle time activities. Simple props will be used to enhance engagement in picture books.

MAKING MUSIC WITH INFANTS & TODDLERS

Presenter: Margaret Hooton, BA

This active workshop will offer practical information on how to make infant/toddler rooms more playful and exciting by including music and movement throughout the day. We will learn the basics of using steady beat, chants, rhymes, simple melodies, and movement to reinforce growth in all developmental domains.

OPEN WIDE THE CIRCLE! Musical Games for Early Learning Fun

Presenter: Margaret Hooton, BA

Musical games can provide so many rich benefits to children's social and cognitive development! This interactive workshop will model how educators and integrate musical games in their early childhood classrooms to support their students at various levels of play. During this engaging workshop, educators will participate in a variety of musical games, including parallel play games, circle, and line games. There will be plenty of fingerplays, too! Educators will be able to identify connections to early literacy and math

Dance/Movement

DANCING OUR WAY THROUGH STEM

Presenter: Joanna Abel

Providing children opportunities to explore creative movement can spark so many natural connections to STEM concepts. During this interactive workshop, educators will participate in a variety of dance focused strategies that will deepen understanding in science math, ingenuity, and other fundamental STEM concepts. Participants will have the opportunity to demonstrate their own creative movement techniques that can support student's STEM learning.

PROMOTING SELF-AWARENESS THROUGH DANCE

Presenter: Taylor Couch, MA

Dance offers children a way to explore their environment, engage with peers, and express their unique selves. During this workshop you will learn dance strategies that will foster all these experiences by promoting children's self-awareness. You will learn ways to bring these ideas into your center to create a classroom of students with strong self-control and body-awareness!

DANCE, RHYTHM, AND CONSENSUS BUILDING IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM

Presenter: Celeta Hickman, BA

Young children learn best through active involvement. During this interactive workshop, participants will recognize movement as means of helping children physically experience emergent math and literacy concepts. Practitioners will explore the basic elements of movement and be able to design active, fun experiences that reinforce basic skills and keep children moving and learning every day.

Dance/Movement

JOYFUL TRANSITIONING FOR TODDLERS WITH MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Presenter: Celeta Hickman, BA

Transitioning into a classroom for the first time can be a big challenge for young toddlers. Ease the transition and even make it joyful by using music and movement! In this workshop you'll experience a variety of soothing songs and rhythmic movements that can be incorporated into your daily practice to support children's social emotional development.

Visual Arts

MAKING TOYS FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

Presenter: Joann Kielar, MFA

Use a variety of recycle materials, (newspaper, plastic bottles, boxes, etc.) and variety of techniques to create several different projects. Emphasis will be on keeping an open-ended, playful approach and participants will invent situations in which the hand-made toys may be used safely and creatively in ways that are developmentally appropriate.

PUPPET POWER!

Presenter: Joann Kielar, MFA

Discover the power of puppets to enliven your pre-K classroom and reinforce skill development. Participants will create a variety of simple puppets -- hand-puppets, finger-puppets, shadow puppets, and more -- using inexpensive materials. The instructor will model effective ways to use puppets to stimulate learning and help children use puppets appropriately as vehicles for communication and creative self-expression. Includes handouts with puppet templates.