



# New Jersey First Steps

A State-wide Infant/Toddler Initiative  
Southern Region

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS 2017 Winter/Early Spring

### ATLANTIC COUNTY

Mays Landing Library

40 Farragut Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017** 12pm-3pm

#### Recognizing and Working with Special Needs:

Participants will view examples of typical and atypical development and participate in activities to enhance their knowledge of development of infants and toddlers.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017** 6pm-9pm

#### Social and Emotional Development NJ BTT ELS

Domain I: Providers will explore the various caregiver strategies to help infants and toddlers social-emotional development through building relationships with others.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017** 6pm-9pm

#### Approaches to Learning NJ BTT ELS Domain II:

Providers will discuss a variety of behaviors which assist infants and toddlers to approach the world with curiosity, persistence, creativity and a sense of wonder.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017** 6pm-9pm

#### Language Development and Communication NJ BTT

ELS Domain III: Providers will participate in activities to help infants and toddlers promote emergent literacy.

### CAPE MAY COUNTY

Cape Regional Medical Center

2 Stone Harbor Blvd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210  
(Conference Room# 5)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017** 6pm-9pm

#### Using Sign Language with Typical Infants and

Toddlers: Sign language can help with language development, behavior and social skills. Learn how to successfully introduce it into your program.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017** 6pm-9pm

Professionalism: Professional practices affect all aspects of our work with children and families. Look at five ways to infuse professionalism into your daily work.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017** 6pm-9pm

#### Language and Literacy for Infants and Toddlers:

Improving interactions using rich language and books.

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### BURLINGTON COUNTY

BCCAP Office

795 Woodlane Road, Westampton, NJ 08060

**THURS., FEB. 9, 2017** 6pm-9pm Lecture Hall B

#### Social and Emotional Development NJ BTT ELS

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**WED., FEB. 22, 2017** 4pm-7pm Lecture Hall A

#### Approaches to Learning NJ BTT ELS Domain II:

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**TUES., MAR. 14, 2017** 6pm-9pm Lecture Hall B

#### Language Development and Communication NJ BTT

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**THURS., MAR. 23, 2017** 4pm-7pm Lecture Hall A

#### Professionalism:

Professional practices affect all aspects of our work with children and families. Look at five ways to infuse professionalism into your daily work.

**WED., APRIL 12, 2017** 6pm-9pm Lecture Hall B

#### Cognitive Development NJ BTT ELS Domain IV:

Providers will learn skills to aid infants and toddlers ability to acquire and process information through play and interaction with others.

**TUES., APRIL 25, 2017** 6pm-9pm Lecture Hall A

#### Physical Development NJ BTT ELS Domain V:

Together we will seek ways to improve physical and motor skills and promote health and well-being for infants and toddlers

### NOTE

NJ First Steps training certificates will not be issued without a PINJ Registry ID number.

To become a member, please log onto [www.pinjregistry.org](http://www.pinjregistry.org) and follow the six easy steps.

## CAMDEN COUNTY

M. Allan Vogelson Library  
203 Laurel Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017 12pm-3pm Room B**  
**Language Development and Communication NJ BTT ELS**  
**Domain III:** Providers will participate in activities to help infants and toddlers promote emergent literacy.

## CAMDEN COUNTY

Anthony P. Infanti Bellmawr Branch Library  
35 E. Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017 6pm-9pm**  
**Social and Emotional Development NJ BTT ELS**  
**Domain I:** Providers will explore the various caregiver strategies to help infants and toddlers social-emotional development through building relationships with others.

## CAMDEN COUNTY

William G. Rohrer Memorial Library  
15 MacArthur Boulevard, Westmont, NJ 08108

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017 12pm-3pm**  
**Essential Connections Supporting Culturally Diverse**  
**Families within the Child Care Setting:** Providers will discuss the importance of other cultures and how to best support children and their families.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 12pm-3pm**  
**Approaches to Learning NJ BTT ELS Domain II:**  
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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Pathstone  
60 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017 9am-12pm**  
**"Simply" Games:** This high energy interactive session will get participants involved and moving in activities for toddlers and young children in all child care and early education programs; come prepared to learn and PLAY!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 9am-12pm**  
**Support, Encourage and Grow with Your Staff:** Come learn how to support your staff through situations; encourage them to be successful, improve their self-esteem and feel appreciated!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 9am-12pm**  
**Preventing Director Burnout-Time Management and**  
**Energy Conservation:** Participants can expect to develop helpful strategies for working with staff, parents and children to help manage their time. You will examine your management style and learn proactive skills to keep your candle burning!



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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Inspira Family Success Center  
1038 E. Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360  
(Room 235)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 12pm-3pm**  
**Social and Emotional Development NJ BTT ELS**  
**Domain I:** Providers will explore the various caregiver strategies to help infants and toddlers social-emotional development through building relationships with others.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 4pm-7pm**  
**Approaches to Learning NJ BTT ELS Domain II:**  
Providers will discuss a variety of behaviors which assist infants and toddlers to approach the world with curiosity, persistence, creativity and a sense of wonder.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017 12pm-3pm**  
**Language Development and Communication NJ**  
**BTT ELS Domain III:** Providers will participate in activities to help infants and toddlers promote emergent literacy.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017 4pm-7pm**  
**Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) -**  
**Learning Through Active Play for Infants and**  
**Toddlers:** Providers will understand "DAP", ITERS-R/ FCCERS-R Activities Subscales and how infants/toddlers actively learn through discovery and play.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 4pm-7pm**  
**Cognitive Development NJ BTT ELS Domain IV:**  
Providers will learn skills to aid infants and toddlers ability to acquire and process information through play and interaction with others.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 12pm-3pm**  
**Physical Development NJ BTT ELS Domain V:**  
Together we will seek ways to improve physical and motor skills and promote health and well-being for infants and toddlers.



## GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Southern Regional Child Care Resource Center/EIRC  
900 Hollydell Court, Sewell, NJ 08080

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017** 12pm—3pm

**Essential Connections Supporting Culturally Diverse Families within the Child Care Setting:** Providers will discuss the importance of other cultures and how to best support children and their families.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017** 6pm-9pm

**Social and Emotional Development NJ BTT ELS Domain I:** Providers will explore the various caregiver strategies to help infants and toddlers social-emotional development through building relationships with others.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017** 9am-12pm

**Ouch! Biting Hurts:** In this session, participants will examine why toddlers bite and strategies we can implement to help deal with biting. Participants will also review and discuss policies and how to help parents understand this behavior.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017** 12pm-3pm

**Approaches to Learning NJ BTT ELS Domain II:** Providers will discuss a variety of behaviors which assist infants and toddlers to approach the world with curiosity, persistence, creativity and a sense of wonder.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017** 6pm-9pm

**Language Development and Communication NJ BTT ELS Domain III:** Providers will participate in activities to help infants and toddlers promote emergent literacy.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017** 9am-12pm

**The Way They Do The Things They Do:** Understanding toddlers and twos, what is readiness? What are age appropriate expectations for toddlers and twos? This session will help providers deal with the behavior that often accompanies this stage of development.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017** 4pm-7pm

**Cognitive Development NJ BTT ELS Domain IV:** Providers will learn skills to aid infants and toddlers ability to acquire and process information through play and interaction with others.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017** 9am-12pm

**The Literature Connection—Promoting Diversity in Young Children through Books and Music:** This interactive workshop will guide participants on how to select appropriate multicultural books and music for young children and provide books to share with parents.

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## SALEM COUNTY

Salem Family Success Center  
14 New Market Street, Salem, NJ 08079

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017** 4pm-7pm

**Social and Emotional Development NJ BTT ELS Domain I:** Providers will explore the various caregiver strategies to help infants and toddlers social-emotional development through building relationships with others.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017** 4pm-7pm

**Approaches to Learning NJ BTT ELS Domain II:** Providers will discuss a variety of behaviors which assist infants and toddlers to approach the world with curiosity, persistence, creativity and a sense of wonder.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017** 4pm-7pm

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**A “Free” Service of the Southern Regional Child Care Resource Center/EIRC  
in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland,  
Gloucester, and Salem Counties.**

**The New Jersey First Steps I/T Initiative has two predominant goals:**

- ◆ To improve the quality of infant/toddler early care across the State of New Jersey.
- ◆ To increase the availability of quality early care programs for families with infants and toddlers.

## **Services Offered for all Child Care Providers:**

- on-site initial visit
- technical assistance/on-site consultation
- pre/post environment rating scale assessments (ITERS-R, FCCERS-R)
- development of program improvement plan of action
- regional on and off-site training

For more information, please call Annette Perez, NJ First Steps Project Manager at 856-582-8282 x150 or Elmoría Thomas, SRCCRC Director x149.



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**Kits for Infants**

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