



WASHINGTON STATE Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Welcome to the Trainer Gazette!

Welcome to the second edition of the Trainer Gazette; a quarterly newsletter for Washington's State Approved Trainers. At the beginning of each quarter, we'll be sending out information on what's new in the State Approved Trainer world, highlighting trainers, sharing tips, and more!

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Help expand Washington's State Approved Trainer Pool

The Trainer Advisory Board (TAB) and Trainer Observer Support Team are expanding! The TAB advises DCYF on trainer and training quality assurance policies and practices. This includes observations of trainer applicants and current state-approved trainers, making recommendations for new applicant trainer approval, as well as support through relationship-based professional development for trainers. The board consists of professionals in higher education, community-based training, state agencies, and other professional organizations.

To better serve our trainers across the state, we're looking to add to our pool of trainer observers. If you have a passion for helping Washington

trainers develop and ensuring that early learning professionals are receiving quality trainings, please email your resume to training@dcyf.wa.gov and we'll send you an application.

Learn more about the [Trainer Advisory Board here](#).

Content Area Focus: Program Planning and Development

The Program Planning and Development competency area focuses on how the early learning professional establishes, implements, evaluates, and analyzes an early care and education setting.

Apply: 2019 is only days away! How can you include the program planning and development competency – focusing on evaluations, strategic planning, and goal setting – in your training for providers? As you use the [Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals](#) to develop high quality training, you can also apply this competency in your own reflection and goal setting. As you reflect on 2018 and prepare for 2019, think about:

- How are my trainings providing growth for early learning professionals?
- How do providers implement what they have learned?
- Do I read my evaluations and incorporate feedback into my next training?
- What best practice research am I providing providers to help them evaluate and analyze their own programs?

Read all about it! Now that you have reflected on your training program, check out this [article](#). How can you be like this instructor and use those “absurd” learning opportunities to benefit the professional development of those attending your trainings? The trainings that we provide should be relevant to the audience’s work environment and be culturally relevant. What will you do in 2019 to ensure that you are providing opportunity and guidance for providers to evaluate and set goals for their program?

Trainer Highlight

Each quarter we will be highlighting a trainer that is a part of the State Approved Trainer community.

We had several join the Trainer Advisory Board (TAB) this past quarter! The TAB met most recently on December 7, 2018 to discuss their annual plan and committed themselves to the work that will be happening in 2019. Stay tuned for additional information in future newsletters!

Do you have a trainer that you would like to nominate for the quarterly Trainer Highlight section? Email training@dcyf.wa.gov with the following information: trainer's name, the general location they serve, and why you are nominating them. Include a picture of them if you have their permission!

What's New

Our online training library, formerly known as deltraining.com has a new name as we transition to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. All previous training completions and options will still show on the new site – now dcyftraining.com



Here's what's new about our online training:

- 1) The State Approved Trainer Modules are currently unavailable as DCYF updates them. For new trainers, this will not affect their trainer application, and they can move forward in the process without reviewing the modules. When the modules are live, DCYF will send out an update to all trainers letting you know that the modules are available to view (this won't be mandatory).
 - a. [New Health and Safety trainings have been added to the online training catalog! Providers won't be required to complete these modules – they'll meet the requirement with our updated Child Care Basics. For those who completed Child Care Basics before the update, we developed a](#)

[supplemental guide that gives an overview of what's covered in the modules \(link\)](#). We encourage people to use [the modules to know more details](#). You can find out more about the CCDF health and safety requirements on our [website \(link\)](#).

Communication Corner

Child Care Basics Update

In October 2018, DCYF released the updated Child Care Basics curriculum that included the federally required health and safety training topics. If you were already teaching Child Care Basics, you should have received an email from our training team about the process for the new curriculum. If you didn't, please let us know by emailing training@dcyf.wa.gov.

Are you wanting to teach the Child Care Basics curriculum for the first time? If you are approved to teach in all ECE competency areas and interested in teaching Child Care Basics, please email training@dcyf.wa.gov to put your name on the communication list for the updated train-the-trainer. The training team will reach out those on the communication list for the updated train-the-trainer when a date is secured!

Newsletter Update

Previous Trainer Gazettes can now be found on the DCYF website! Newsletters will be posted within one week of them being sent out. Visit [the professional development webpage](#) to find archived newsletters and other information to stay up to date on all things professional development!

Stay tuned - we'll be including a survey in the next Trainer Gazette to learn about what you want to see included in these newsletters.

Congratulations to Washington's recent State Approved Trainers!

The following trainers were approved between July and September of this year. Welcome and congrats!

Michael Wallach	Brittney Andrade	Mandie Walters
Porter Eichenlaub	Rebecca Sughrim	Bob Maureen
Jennifer Thramer	Karen Sue Whittier	Lucerito Avila
Chelsea Johnson	Jennifer Lawrence	Pauline Owen
Victoria Alvarez	Paul Cypher	Samantha Matthai
Jasmin Schmidt	Connie Turner	Chanel Hall
Yolanda Morris	Nancy Young	Leslie Hagen
Cori Montgomery	Lisa Rhodes	Cheryl Weglarz
Yesenia Rodriguez Montes		

Do you have questions or comments? Contact us!

Reach us at training@dcyf.wa.gov with any questions or comments about the content in this newsletter.