

A Child Care Resource and Referral Agency of Georgia Regents University

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Glascok	Greene
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Lamar	McDuffie
Monroe	Newton
Pike	Putnam
Rockdale	Spalding
Taliaferro	Twiggs
Warren	Washington
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Looking for Quality Rated Training Sessions?

If you are interested in participating in Quality Rated training, please let us know if we can support you through Technical Assistance and FREE Training! Included in this calendar, you will find the following sessions throughout our region.

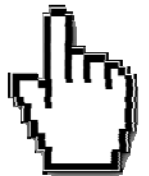
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If you don't see something you're looking for, please let us know!

New Leap Website Launched!

In order to serve you better, we've redeveloped our website. It is loaded with resources for teachers, administrators and families. You'll find scheduled trainings and events, downloads, links, news and more!



Please visit us at www.leapccrr.org.

Options for Simple Training Registration:

1. Complete and mail the appropriate registration form, along with any required payment, to the CCR&R office. Additional forms can be downloaded from our website.
2. Fax your registration form to 478-751-3010 or scan the form and email to ccrcentralga@gru.edu. If any payment is required, call Justin Wiggins at 877-228-3566 to pay with a credit card.
3. Call our toll-free number to register and pay by phone using a credit card.
4. Request additional assistance from Justin Wiggins at juwiggins@gru.edu.

SUMMER 2015 TRAININGS AT-A-GLANCE

All trainings are Beginner level unless otherwise noted.
 Descriptions of these trainings can be found on our website at www.leapccrr.org.


July

Date	Time	Topic	Comments	Location
S, July 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated ECERS In-Depth	 QUALITY RATED	Children's Center at Mulberry 719 Mulberry Street Macon, GA 31201
	8:00 am – 12:00 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated ITERS In-Depth	 QUALITY RATED	
S, July 11	8:00 am – 10:00 am 2 credit hours	Beware, I Bite!	\$10	Phyl's Academy 2721 Highway 138 East Jonesboro, GA 30236
	10:15 am – 12:15 pm 2 credit hours	Transition Times- Tips & Tricks	\$10	
	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 2 credit hours	Make Your Own Math	FREE	
Th, July 16	9:30 am – 11:30 am 2 credit hours	Standards 102: Child Development	 QUALITY RATED	Children's Center at Mulberry 719 Mulberry Street Macon, GA 31201
	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 2 credit hours	Standards 103: Developmentally Appropriate Practice	 QUALITY RATED	
S, July 18	8:00 am – 10:00 am 2 credit hours	Using Humor to Help Kids Grow 	\$10	Washington EMC 258 N Harris Street Sandersville, GA 31082
	10:15 am – 12:15 pm 2 credit hours	Observational Notes Made Simple	FREE	
M, July 20	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm 2 credit hours	Stewards of Children Training	FREE	Kidz Konnection 10646 US-19 Zebulon, GA 30295
Th, July 23	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm 2 credit hours	Standards 101: How to Use the GELDS	 QUALITY RATED	CCR&R 277 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Macon, GA 31201
S, July 25	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 2 credit hours	Strengthening Families Georgia: An Effective Approach to Supporting Families and Communities	 QUALITY RATED	Cokes Chapel Childcare Center Community Hall 4096 Lower Fayetteville Sharpsburg, GA 30265

August

Date	Time	Topic	Comments	Location
S, August 1	8:00 am – 10:00 am 2 credit hours	Child Abuse: Know the Facts. Do Your Part	\$10	Clayton County Police Department Community Room 7911 North McDonough Street Jonesboro, GA 30236
	10:15 am – 12:15 pm 2 credit hours	Bugs, Worms and Nasty Germs: Keep Child Care Healthy!	\$10	
	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 2 credit hours	Watch Out! Early Learning Injury Prevention	FREE	
S, Aug. 15	8:00 am – 10:00 am 2 credit hours	Quality Rated Orientation		Central Georgia Technical College I Building, Quad A 3300 Macon Tech Drive Macon, GA 31206
	10:15 am – 12:15 pm 2 credit hours	Quality Rated Introduction to the Environment Rating Scale		
S, Aug. 15	8:00 am – 10:00 am 2 credit hours	Standards 101: How to Use the GELDS		Calvin Center Conference Room 1 13550 Woosley Road Hampton, GA 30228
	10:15 am – 12:15 pm 2 credit hours	Standards 102: Child Development		
	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 2 credit hours	Standards 103: Developmentally Appropriate Practice		
S, Aug. 22	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated ECERS In-Depth		St. Stephens 220 S. Wayne St. Milledgeville, GA 31061
	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated ITERS In-Depth		
Th, Aug. 27	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm 2 credit hours	Promoting Powerful Play: Understanding and Sharing the Value of Child-Directed Learning	\$10	Stepping Stones 141 Futral Road Griffin, GA 30224
S, Aug. 29	8:00 am – 12:15 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated FCCERS In-Depth		CCR&R 277 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Macon, GA 31201
S, Aug. 29	8:00 am – 10:00 am 2 credit hours	Quality Rated Orientation		Clayton County Police Department Media Room 7911 North McDonough Street Jonesboro, GA 30236
	10:15 am – 12:15 pm 2 credit hours	Quality Rated Introduction to the Environment Rating Scale		

September

Date	Time	Topic	Comments	Location
S, Sep. 5	8:00 am – 12:15 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated FCCERS In-Depth		Washington EMC 258 N Harris Street Sandersville, GA 31082
Th, Sep. 10	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm 2 credit hours	Supporting Young Children Who Are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and Their Families Supporting Each Young Learner and Their Family (Module 2) 		CCR&R 277 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Macon, GA 31201
S, Sep. 12	9:00 am – 11:00 am 2 credit hours	Standards 101: How to Use the GELDS		Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Road Stockbridge, GA 30281
	9:00 am – 11:00 am 2 credit hours	Observational Notes Made Simple	FREE	
	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated ECERS In-Depth		
	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated ITERS In-Depth		
S, Sep. 19	8:00 am – 12:15 pm 4 credit hours	Quality Rated FCCERS In-Depth		Clayton County Police Department Community Room 7911 North McDonough Street Jonesboro, GA 30236
S, Sep. 26	8:00 am – 10:00 am 2 credit hours	Quality Rated Orientation		Washington EMC 258 N Harris Street Sandersville, GA 31082
	10:15 am – 12:15 pm 2 credit hours	Quality Rated Introduction to the Environment Rating Scale		
T, Sep. 29	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm 2 credit hours	Supporting Young Children Who Are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and Their Families Supporting Each Young Learner and Their Family (Module 2) 		Stepping Stones 141 Futral Road Griffin, GA 30224

*FREE Training: Participants may pre-register for training sessions by e-mailing ccrcentralga@gru.edu or by fax or phone (numbers found on first page). Include the name, phone number, child care program, and county for **each** person attending. Registration for training sessions indicated as FREE is limited to **four** free participants from one child care location. More than four are permitted to attend at the regular training rate of \$10 per class per person.

**All trainings are Beginner level unless otherwise noted. Descriptions of these trainings can be viewed at http://www.gru.edu/mcg/pediatrics/ccr/ghsuccrr_trainingcatalog2.pdf.

What is Quality Rated?

Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS). It is:

- A systemic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early care and education (ECE) programs.
- An opportunity for ECE programs to demonstrate achievement of program quality beyond licensing's minimal requirements.



Quality Rated was initially rolled out in early 2012. On September 25, 2014, Bright from the Start rolled out *Quality Rated 2.0*. The Quality Rated Portfolio has been changed to make it more streamlined and user-friendly. There has never been a better time to become Quality Rated! Here are just a few highlights of the changes made:

- Training requirements in Standard 1 are now embedded in the professional learning plans
- Staff are only required to be **registered** in the PDR
- Only one day of documented group sizes and ratio counts are required
- Only one week of lesson plans per age group are required
- For maximum points, now only 80% of staff will be required to complete professional learning plans, First Aid/CPR and Strengthening Families Training

To learn more about Quality Rated, eligibility guidelines and how to apply, visit the Quality Rated website at <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov>. You may also call the Help Desk at 855-800-QRIS or email QRISsupport@decal.ga.gov Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Are other trainings required for Quality Rated and are they free?

The Directors or Owners of all centers and family day care homes participating in Georgia's Quality Rated must complete **Quality Rated Orientation** and **ERS Overview**. There are many other training sessions available that will assist you in your quality journey, as well as help you achieve higher point levels in the portfolio.

Trainings indicated as "Quality Rated" are free for all participants.

Trainings indicated as "FREE" are limited to four free participants from one child care location in order to maintain access for as many programs as possible.

What supports/incentives are available?

- Free, individualized technical assistance (TA) from your regional Child Care Resource & Referral Agency (CCR&R)
- Free professional learning opportunities
- Quality Rated Help Desk - 1-855-800-7747
- Incentive packages/mini-grants targeted at addressing your needs identified during TA with your CCR&R
- Bonus packages based on level awarded
- Increased tiered reimbursement through CAPS
- AWARDS for early educators

There has never been a better time to get Quality Rated!

Call us now to request technical assistance or support in completing your application.

TRAINING POLICIES

REGISTRATION

- All participants must pre-register and pay any applicable fees in order to attend the class of choice.
- Enrollment is on a first-come first-served basis. This includes all Quality Rated courses offered.
 - Your enrollment will **NOT** be processed until payment is received.
 - **Please note:** We will **NOT** collect fees at the time of the class.
 - Enrollment will be closed and registration fee returned when class limit is reached.
- Registration should include name of person attending, date and training desired, county of residence and a phone number. An email address would also be helpful, but is not required.
- **Please note:** Participants that register through **e-mail or fax** submission will receive confirmation from CCR&R notifying their registration has been processed and confirmed. Until you receive this e-mail your registration is **not** confirmed.

FEES

- Training fees must be received before the training date noted on the calendar in order to be registered. Fees received in our office after the training date will be returned, or a credit will be given towards another class.
- Fees may be mailed, with registration form, to the following address:
 - GRU CCR&R
 - 277 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 104
 - Macon, GA 31201
- We currently accept payment in the form of credit cards (by phone), checks, money orders and cash.
- Cash fees may be dropped off during our normal business hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Checks and money orders should be made payable to: “GRU CCR&R”.
- There will be a \$30 fee for any returned checks. Multiple returned checks will result in alternate payment methods for future training sessions.
- If a check is received for a class for which GRU CCR&R is not receiving payment, attempts to contact the participant will be made in order to return the payment. We cannot forward payment on to any other agency or person.

CEU'S

- We offer CEU's for every state-approved training on our calendar. These are necessary for CDA renewal and are required by certain agencies.
- To receive CEU credit for training, check the box on the registration form. **You can include payment for the CEU (\$3 per credit hour) with your training registration fee, if applicable.**
- You will also need to complete a CEU application and return it to our office.

CANCELLATIONS

- Classes are subject to cancellation if there is not an adequate enrollment.
 - Class cancellation is determined at least three (3) days BEFORE the class is scheduled to be held and all participants will be notified via phone and/or e-mail of any cancellations.
- If weather conditions may create unsafe travel conditions, it is recommended that you contact the main CCR&R office to confirm the status of the class. If a class is canceled due to weather, we will make every attempt possible to contact all registered participants and reschedule the class.
- If you pay for a training and are unable to attend, a credit will be given **only** if we have received advanced notice. **If you register for a FREE training and do not give advanced notice of cancellation, you will not be permitted to register for another FREE training for one year.**

PROFESSIONAL ETIQUETTE

- All participants are required to participate for the full training time allotted.
 - **Participants will not be allowed to enter if arrival is ten minutes after the start time.**
 - Class credit will not be given for late arrival.
 - Leaving during a training session and/or participating in phone calls or text messaging may result in a loss of credit for attending the class.
 - In most cases, completion of an evaluation and/or pre- and post-test will be necessary to receive credit.
- **In order to ensure a quality training experience for everyone, children are not permitted in trainings.**



Training Registration

Using the Training Calendar, please fill out this portion for **EACH** person you are registering and return with payment. Feel free to make copies of this form for multiple registrations. Please print clearly and make checks payable to: **"GRU CCR&R"**. Please read the CCR&R training policies for detailed information on cancellations, credits and free trainings. To make payment by credit card, please contact our office at the number listed below. Submission of this form **does not** guarantee training registration completion. Please wait for a response by phone or e-mail from CCR&R for an **official** confirmation of registration.

Name: _____ County of Residence: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Business Phone: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Child Care Program Name: _____

Participant 1 Name: _____

Class	Date	Time	Cost
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

Check here if you would like to receive CEU credit.

TOTAL \$ _____

Participant 2 Name: _____

Class	Date	Time	Cost
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

Check here if you would like to receive CEU credit.

TOTAL \$ _____

Participant 3 Name: _____

Class	Date	Time	Cost
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

Check here if you would like to receive CEU credit.

TOTAL \$ _____

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 277 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Suite 104
 Macon, GA 31201

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 Fax: 478-751-3010



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Augusta, GA 30912

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OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 3 AND SEPTEMBER 7 IN OBSERVATION OF FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Leap Early Learning Partners is a Child Care Resource and Referral Agency of Georgia Regents University. We are funded by Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning using federal Child Care and Development funds. GRU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Educational Institution.

YOUR CCR&R SPRING 2015 TRAINING CALENDAR HAS ARRIVED!

12 training locations throughout the region!

20 different trainings!

FREE training opportunities!

In an effort to use our funding in the most effective ways possible, we are trying to reduce the numbers of newsletters and calendars that are printed and mailed quarterly. Instead, we will be sending an electronic copy to those on our E-News Mailing List. In addition to helping us better use our funds, participants will learn about special training events that will not be advertised in our printed calendar or newsletter!

If you would like to join our E-News Mailing List, send an e-mail with the following information:

To: ccrcentralga@gru.edu

Subject: Mailing list

In the body of the e-mail, provide:

Your name, program name, address, and county