



# Training Calendar September 2025

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION	COST
Thursday September 4	1:00-2:00 PM	Teaching When Talking is Tough: Module 1 - Defining Dual Language Learners	All sessions are online this month  <a href="#">Register at GaPDS</a>	All sessions are <b>FREE</b> this month!
Tuesday September 9	1:00-2:00 PM	Teaching When Talking is Tough: Module 2 DLL Language Development		
Tuesday September 9	6:30-7:30 PM	On TRACK with Center Play		
Thursday September 11	1:00-2:00 PM	Teaching When Talking is Tough: Module 3 - Impact of Home Language on English Language Development		
Saturday September 13	9:30-10:30 AM	POWER Up! Free Play Essentials for Family Child Care Providers		
	10:30-11:30 AM	POWER Up! Group Time Play Essentials for Family Child Care		
Tuesday September 16	1:00-2:00 PM	Teaching When Talking is Tough: Module 4 - DLL School Readiness		
Tuesday September 16	6:30-7:30 PM	On TRACK with Blocks I		
Tuesday September 23	1:00-2:00 PM	RECHARGE - Boosting Teacher Well-Being: Introduction to Burnout and Secondary Traumatic Stress		
Tuesday September 23	6:30-7:30 PM	On TRACK with Art I		
Thursday September 25	1:00-2:00 PM	On TRACK with Dramatic Play: Prop Boxes		
Tuesday September 30	1:00-2:30 PM	RECHARGE - Boosting Teacher Well-Being: Encouraging Environments		
Tuesday September 30	6:00-7:30 PM	Representation Matters: How to Create an Inclusive Environment through Diverse Books		

Carefully review our Attendance Policy to ensure successful completion of trainings.

## Training Descriptions for September 2025

<p><b>Teaching When Talking is Tough: Module 1 - Defining Dual Language Learners</b>            Competency: ECE 1.1; ADM-9            This training will provide participants the opportunity to learn more about the unique characteristics of dual language learners.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>Teaching When Talking is Tough: Module 2 DLL Language Development</b>            Competency: ECE 1.2; ADM-2            Participants will be aware of the importance of sociological context in early English language and literacy development in the early childhood setting.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>On TRACK with Center Play</b>            Competency: ECE 4.1, 4.3            This introduction to the ECE setting will equip and motivate teachers to engage children through practical and educational discovery experiences. Participants will consider how to prepare centers for child engagement, and the teacher's role throughout center play.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>Teaching When Talking is Tough: Module 3 - Impact of Home Language on English Language Development</b>            Competency: ECE 1.2; ADM-7            Participants will explore the role of home language in early English language and literacy development.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>POWER Up! Free Play Essentials for Family Child Care Providers</b>            Competency: ECE 4.3            Free play is an essential part of each day for infants and toddlers. This training offers participants the opportunity to reflect on their current practice and explore ways to support the play and development of children in their care by continuous quality improvement.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>POWER Up! Group Time Play Essentials for Family Child Care</b>            Competency: ECE 1.3, 4.3            Improving the quality of care in the classroom doesn't have to be complicated. Making small improvements and changes can have big results. Focusing on large group play for multi-age children, this training will share some tools, tips, and resources to help teachers do more with less effort, while at the same time improving the quality for their efforts and increasing positive outcomes for the children.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>Teaching When Talking is Tough: Module 4 - DLL School Readiness</b>            Competency: ECE 1.3; ADM-9            Participants will understand why DLL language development is crucial for school readiness.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>On TRACK with Blocks I</b>            Competency: ECE 5.4            This introduction to block play in the ECE setting will equip and motivate teachers to engage children through practical and educational experiences.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>RECHARGE - Boosting Teacher Well-Being: Introduction to Burnout and Secondary Traumatic Stress</b>            Competency: ECE 6.1, 6.2            This training introduces a set of resources and a training series focused on helping ECE Professionals find the resources they need to learn to live healthy lives while continuing to provide quality care and learning experiences.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>On TRACK with Art I</b>            Competency: ECE 5.6            This introduction to visual arts in the ECE setting will equip and motivate teachers to engage children through practical and educational creative expression and discovery experiences.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>On TRACK with Dramatic Play: Prop Boxes</b>            Competency: ECE 1.1, 5.6            Introduces teachers to the developmental benefits of dramatic play and how to create prop boxes to enhance dramatic play in the ECE classroom.</p>	<b>1 Credit Hour</b>
<p><b>RECHARGE - Boosting Teacher Well-Being: Encouraging Environments</b>            Competency: ADM-1, ECE 6.1, 6.2            Creating a positive and productive work environment is a team effort. This training discusses the importance of the work environment for both employer and employee and then progresses to arm participants with some strategies to support developing that where they work every day.</p>	<b>1.5 Credit Hours</b>
<p><b>Representation Matters: How to Create an Inclusive Environment through Diverse Books</b>            Competency: ECE 1.1, 4.1, 5.5            Representation in children's literature is essential in shaping young readers. Children learn about the world around them and other cultures through the stories found in books.</p>	<b>1.5 Credit Hours</b>

## Training Registration Policy and Details

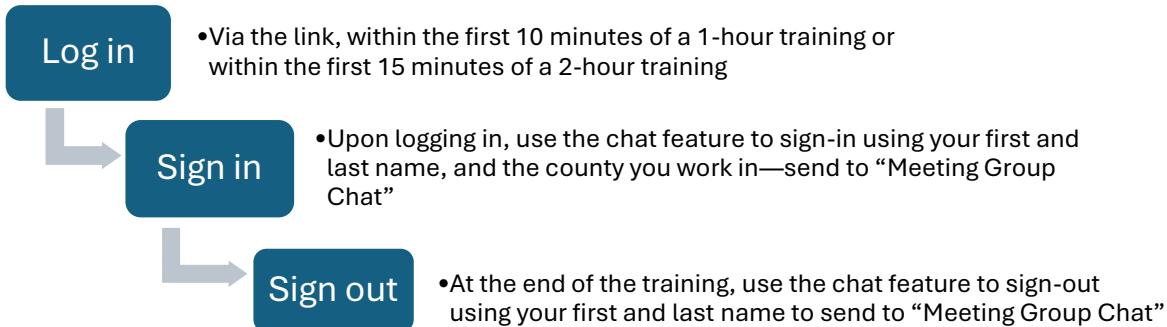
### **Free Online Training Registration**

1. Log in to your GaPDS account at <https://gapds.decal.ga.gov/Login.aspx>
2. Choose “*Trainings/Find Scheduled Training Sessions*”
  - a. Search for the training title as listed in the Training Calendar.
3. Register for selected training session.
4. You will receive confirmation and reminder emails from GaPDS.
5. You will receive an email from [leaptraining@augusta.edu](mailto:leaptraining@augusta.edu) one day prior to the training with a link to the training.
6. The day of the training, click the link to join us!

Registration closes 24-hours ahead of the training.

### **Attendance Policy—Online Trainings**

To receive credit for state-approved training with Leap Early Learning Partners, please follow these simple requirements:



You must be able to see and hear the presentation—participation is key to learning!

One participant per device provides the best experience for the learner and the easiest way to confirm attendance. In cases where multiple learners must use one device, we may ask for additional attendance confirmation via chat and/or email. This could include but is not limited to a live webcam view, time stamped photos of the group in the training, and/or signed statement confirming the learner’s attendance from a program leader that was present for the training or a member of the group serving as the program leadership representative.

If you have any questions, concerns, or challenges please contact [leaptraining@augusta.edu](mailto:leaptraining@augusta.edu).

### **Additional Training Opportunities**

In addition to trainings offered by Leap Early Learning Partners, there are many approved trainers and trainings throughout the state. The Georgia Professional Development System for Early Childhood Educators maintains a database of all approved trainings and trainers—this is the definitive source for statewide training opportunities.

[Cox Campus](#) also offers free online courses for Bright from the Start credit. To access and download Post Training Plans for these trainings, please visit our downloads page at [leapccrr.org/downloads](http://leapccrr.org/downloads).



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