



Training Calendar

October 2025

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION	COST
Thursday October 2	1:00-2:00 PM	RECHARGE: Growth Mindset	All sessions are online this month Register at GaPDS Carefully review our Attendance Policy to ensure successful completion of trainings.	All sessions are FREE this month!
Thursday October 2	6:00-7:00 PM	Book Club-Engaging Children in Read Alouds		
Saturday October 4	9:30-11:00 AM	Connected Teams: Bridging Generations for Collaborative Success		
Tuesday October 7	1:00-2:00 PM	Representation Matters: Cultivating an Inclusive Learning Environment		
Tuesday October 7	6:30-7:30 PM	Ready to Learn! Setting the Stage for Active Engagement		
Thursday October 9	1:00-2:00 PM	POWER Up! Group Play Essentials for the Preschool Classroom		
Tuesday October 14	1:00-2:00 PM	On TRACK with Music I		
Thursday October 16	1:00-2:00 PM	Lesson Planning with Purpose: Linking GELDS & Learning		
Tuesday October 21	1:00-2:00 PM	On TRACK with Science I		
Tuesday October 21	6:00-7:30 PM	Secure Beginnings: The Gift of Curiosity		
Thursday October 23	1:00-3:00 PM	Helping Children Bounce Back: Childhood Trauma and Resilience		
Tuesday October 28	1:00-2:00 PM	POWER Up! Group Play Essentials for the Toddler Classroom		
Tuesday October 28	6:00-7:30 PM	Emotional Regulation, The Preface: Co-Regulation (Time-In)		
Thursday October 30	1:00-2:00 PM	POWER Up! Free Play Essentials for the Preschool Classroom		

Training Descriptions for October 2025

RECHARGE: Growth Mindset Competency: ECE 5.4, 6.2 This highly interactive and practical training will guide professionals as they explore and develop a growth mindset perspective and approach which lead to improved well-being for themselves and their young learners.	1 Credit Hour
Book Club- Engaging Children in Read Alouds Competency: ECE 3.1, 6.2 <i>Book Club—Engaging Children in Read Alouds</i> is to empower educators to transform read aloud sessions into powerful learning experiences that captivate and inspire young learners. The focus is to engage children in read alouds focusing on various strategies and techniques to make the reading experience interactive, enjoyable, and educational for young learners. <i>*This training course is submitted for and meets the Early Language and Literacy Lab training requirements.</i>	1 Credit Hour
CHECK OUT THIS NEW TRAINING! Connected Teams: Bridging Generations for Collaborative Success Competency: ECE 6.3 Participants will explore the defining traits, values, and communication styles of Baby Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, and Gen Z, gaining insights into how these impact workplace interactions. Through interactive discussions and practical exercises, they'll learn strategies to overcome communication barriers, promote mutual understanding, and enhance teamwork across generations.	1.5 Credit Hours
Representation Matters: Cultivating an Inclusive Learning Environment Competency: ECE 1.2, 3.1 Have you ever tried to introduce a new activity or lesson to your students and there are some who do not understand it? If so, this training is for you. In this training you will identify and distinguish learning modalities and how they can better help meet the unique needs of each student.	1 Credit Hour
Ready to Learn! Setting the Stage for Active Engagement Competency: ECE 1.1, 4.1, 4.3 This training explores the core components of supporting a child in becoming actively engaged. Active Engagement is often confused with other things, like being obedient, compliant, or cooperative. But it's much more than that. When a child is actively engaged, that child is tuned in to what is happening and open to creativity, exploring, learning, to all sorts of possibilities.	1 Credit Hour
POWER Up! Group Play Essentials for the Preschool Classroom Competency: ECE 4.3, 5.3 Improving quality in the classroom doesn't have to be complicated. Making small improvements and changes can have big results. Focusing on large group play with 3 – 5-year-old 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 of their efforts and increasing positive outcomes for the children.	1 Credit Hour

On TRACK with Music I Competency: ECE 4.3, 5.6 Participants will be introduced to the advantages of using music within the Early Childhood Education experience to introduce and support learning, both concepts and behaviors.	1 Credit Hour
Lesson Planning with Purpose: Linking GELDS & Learning Competency: ECE 4.2, 5.1 Participants will sharpen their skills in lesson planning and documentation to support the needs of their children and to align with the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS).	1 Credit Hour
On TRACK with Science I Competency: ECE 5.6 This introduction to science in the ECE setting will equip and motivate teachers to engage children through practical and educational discovery experiences.	1 Credit Hour
Secure Beginnings: The Gift of Curiosity Competency: ECE 1.1, 5.4 This interactive training will help early childhood professionals understand how curiosity contributes to learning and apply that learning to their own ECE practice.	1.5 Credit Hours
Helping Children Bounce Back: Childhood Trauma and Resilience Competency: ECE 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 4.1 Participants will learn that trauma is a common experience in most children's lives and how to use developmentally appropriate teaching strategies to help children learn how to cope with stress and develop resiliency skills.	2 Credit Hours
POWER Up! Group Play Essentials for the Toddler Classroom Competency: ECE 4.3, 5.3 Group play is an essential part of each day in center-based child care. 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.	1 Credit Hour
Emotional Regulation, The Preface: Co-Regulation (Time-In) Competency: ECE 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 4.1; ADM-9 This interactive training will help early childhood professionals understand that co-regulation is the foundational element to supporting children to develop and learn emotional regulation skills. Participants will also reflect on their own capacity for self-regulation and practices to strengthen these skills.	1.5 Credit Hours
POWER Up! Free Play Essentials for the Preschool Classroom Competency: ECE 4.3 Free play is an essential part of each day in center-based child care. 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.	1 Credit Hour

Training Registration Policy and Details

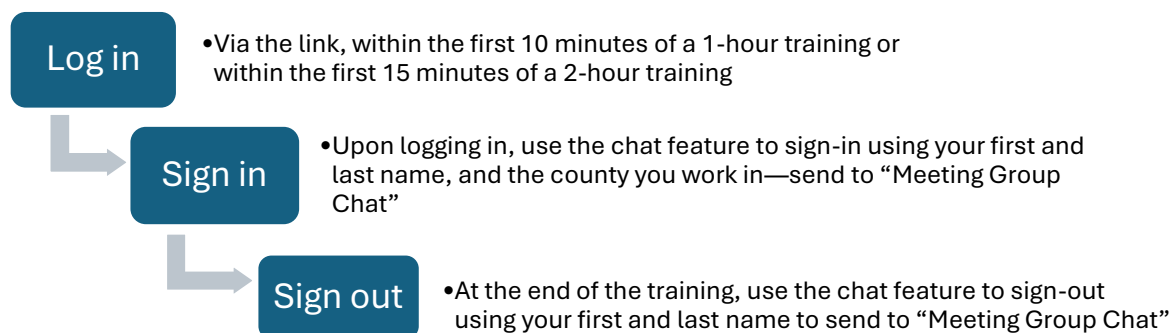
Free Online Training Registration

1. Log in to your GaPDS account at <https://gapds.dec.al.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 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.

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.



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