

Agent Orientation

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Program Emphasis:

- Professional development and training for early childhood teachers with an emphasis on outdoor environments, developmental issues in children, parental engagement.
- Professional development for family life and parent educators.
- Special issues faced by families that affect their day to day functioning and family relationships (stress, risk, vulnerability, economy, disaster, loss etc.)

Must Reads and websites

Parenting

Good books for parents & professionals

- Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child, John Gottman
- Between Parent & Child, Hiam Ginott & H. W. Goddard
- Lost Boys- James Garbarino
- See Jane Hit, James Garbarino

Websites

1. <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fcs/parenting.html>

Become familiar with Extension publications, podcasts, teaching units in parenting

2. <http://www.ncpen.org>

Parent educator credentialing, newsletters, links

3. Self-study- learning how to plan parenting education programs

<http://www.cyfernet.org/pdpe/>

Child Care & Development

Good books for professionals

--Last Child in the Woods: Saving our children from nature-deficit disorder, Richard Louv

--Preschool Outdoor Environment Measurement Scale, K. DeBord, L. Hestenes, R. Moore, N. Cosco, J. McGinnis.

Websites

1. <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fcs/Child.html>

Become familiar with Extension publications, teaching units in child care and development

2. www.ncchildcare.org

NC Professional Development Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, interactive workbooks good to use for teaching

3. www.poemsn.org

Information about outdoor children's environments

Demographics

Kids Count data –<http://www.ncchild.org>

NC State Center for Health Statistics - <http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/data/databook/>

State Fact Sheets- developed by USDA- <http://www.ers.usda.gov/StateFacts/>

Quick community information by zip code – <http://zipskinny.com>

County information - <http://www.citytowninfo.com/places/north-carolina>

Credentials:

1. North Carolina Certified Parenting Educator – Four levels of credentialing based on voluntary submission of a portfolio

<http://www.ncpen.org/credential.html>

2. Graduate Certificate Program - 12-hour graduate certificate provides an opportunity to enhance professionals skills in the design, implementation and evaluation of educational programs for families, parents, caregivers and other educators.

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/4hfcs/academics/cert/>

3. Masters program in Family Life & Parent Education – 34 hour non-thesis graduate program. <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/4hfcs/academics/masters/index.html>

4. Masters program in Family Life & Youth Development (available in 2010)

Master of Science in Family Life & Youth Development (thesis) and Masters of Family Life & Youth Development (non-thesis). Offering six concentration areas:

- Youth Development and Leadership
- Volunteer Management and Administration
- Administration and Leadership in Family and Youth Programs
- Family Life & Parent Education
- Gerontology
- Family Life Coaching