

## Statewide AFP Workshops Spring 2008

### Journey to Excellence... Join Us!

*“Twenty years from now,  
you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do  
than by the ones you did do.  
So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor.  
Catch the trade winds in your sails.*

*-Mark Twain*

AFP Workshops are open to the public and are FREE of charge. Why not explore a topic with us? Come, learn, grow... leave with practical information and ideas to implement immediately. Register now and we'll save you a seat!

### *Bring Out the Leader in You*

Me?... A leader? Completion of this 2-part series for teaching staff who supervise or mentor other staff members meets the time requirement and professional development detailed in NAEYC criterion 6.A.09. Participants will learn to recognize “traits of a leader” in themselves and use those traits to develop skills in supervision and mentoring to foster a more effective teaching team in the classroom.

For Registration Info	Date	Time	Location
South Central	April 4 (part one) and May 2 (part two), 2008	1-3 pm	Gateway Community College, Room 160, 60 Sargent Drive, New Haven
East	March 6 (part one) and April 24 (part two), 2008	1-3 pm	EASTCONN, 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton
East	March 12 (part one) and April 16 (part two), 2008	6-8 pm	Visiting Nurse Association of SE CT, New London
Northwest	February 27 (part one) and March 5 (part two), 2008	3-5 pm	Education Connection, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield
Southwest	Wednesday, April 16 (part one) and Wednesday, April 23 (part two), 2008	1-3 pm	CLC - Palmer's Hill Child Development Center, 64 Palmer's Hill Rd., Stamford

### Overview of the NAEYC Accreditation System

### Road Trip with the AFP!

*Updated!*

NAEYC's new Program Standards and Accreditation Performance Criteria became effective on September 16, 2006. Join AFP on an updated sightseeing tour of the new system: the 4 steps (with special emphasis on Step One: Enrollment and Step Two: Application); the 10 NAEYC Program Standards; and planning for success from the beginning by creating your most powerful tool – your “Self Study Team.” You support everyone – discover who can support you through the NAEYC accreditation!

For Registration Info	Date	Time	Location
Northwest	February 12, 2008	3-5 pm	Education Connection, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield
East	January 31, 2008	9-11 am	Rose City Senior Center, 8 Mahan Drive, Norwich
Southwest	Wednesday, March 26	1-3 pm	Westport Community Nursery School, 49 Weston Rd., Westport

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### [A Golden Opportunity: NAEYC Portfolios \(New! 2 part opportunity\)](#)

**Part 1:** Can an assessor see what your program is like year-round with just one visit? Using classroom and program portfolios, each program has the chance to really tell their stories of excellence. Find out how to maximize your collection time, space and “story telling”. Join other teachers and hear about their experience, and look at some of their evidence. Homework: prepare evidence for specific criteria assigned that evening in preparation for sharing in part 2.

**Part 2:** Network with colleagues...bring your completed documentation and share ideas with others, both in the process and those that have completed classroom portfolios. This is the opportunity to reflect and refine as you tell the story of your classroom!

For Registration Info	Date	Time	Location
North Central	March 11 and March 20, 2008	1-3 pm	Mt. Olive Child Care Center, 30 Battles Street, Hartford
North Central or South Central	March 6 (part one) and March 18 (part two), 2008	6-8 pm	Snow School, 299 Wadsworth Street, Middletown ( <i>A light supper will be provided at 5:45</i> )
South Central	February 8 (part one) and March 7 (part two), 2008	1-3 pm	Gateway Community College, Room 160, 60 Sargent Drive, New Haven
Southwest	Thursday, March 27	1-3 pm	St. Paul's Child Development Center, 1475 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport

### [Developing High Performance Teams](#)

High performing teams require critical skills for both leading and participating in group problem-solving and decision-making. This workshop will explore the ways in which groups work together successfully, the issues that can interfere with good group interaction, and tactics to improve group performance. The participants will learn how to implement a plan to transfer these tactics to the daily activities of the group.

For Registration Info	Date	Time	Location
Southwest	Tuesday, May 20	1-3 pm	Green's Farms Nursery School, 71 Hillendale Road, Westport
Southwest	Thursday, May 22	1-3 pm	St. Paul's Child Development Center, 1475 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport
East	May 14, 2008	5-7 pm	Visiting Nurse Association of SE CT, New London
East	May 20, 2008	5-7 pm	EASTCONN, 376 Hartford Turnpike, Hampton

### [Working with Children and Families: Supporting Children with Special Needs](#)

Teaching staff need to be prepared to work with children who have special needs. Learn about family-centered practice, strategies for supporting inclusion, the referral and assessment process and community supports and resources. This 2 part series for teaching staff will meet the time requirement and address the topics detailed in NAEYC criterion 6.A .12.

For Registration Info	Date	Time	Location
North Central	Wednesday, April 16, 2008	9:30 – 11:30 & 12:30 – 2:30	CREC, 111 Charter Oak Ave, Hartford ( <i>coffee and treats will be provided in the morning</i> )
North Central or South Central	Thursday, April 3 & Thursday, April 10, 2008	6-8 pm	Snow School, 299 Wadsworth Street, Middletown ( <i>a light supper will be provided</i> )

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### [Who's Got Your Back? The NAEYC Code of Ethics](#)

Decisions, decisions, decisions. We make them everyday. In an age of increasing accountability and in a career of immense responsibility, the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct helps build reflective practice, communication and collaboration. Learn how to use the Code for improved practice starting today. This training supports NAEYC criterion 6.A. 01.

For Registration Info	Date	Time	Location
Southwest	Thursday, April 24	1-3 pm	St. Paul's Child Development Center, 1475 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport

### [Creative Curriculum Overview](#)

For Registration Info	Date	Time	Location
North Central	Friday, May 16	12:30- 2:30	HACCC (Hartford Area Child Care Collaborative), 10 Columbus Boulevard, 8th Floor, Hartford <i>(Bring a brown bag lunch! Drinks and treats served!)</i>

Join us for an overview training of the Creative Curriculum®, with a focus on infant/toddler and two's curriculum. Workshops on *The Creative Curriculum*® are developed in an interactive, easy to understand format; the overview is targeted to provide general understanding of the curriculum and give information on training opportunities on topics such as curriculum planning, assessment and learning environments

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## Registration Information

Please be considerate and professional by registering for events!

There must be a minimum number of participants for events to run and registering ensures you are counted.  
Registering also ensures that facilitators have enough materials for you!

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### North Central Registration Information:

All workshops are offered free of charge. **Registration is required.** Please go to [info@hartfordaeyc.org](mailto:info@hartfordaeyc.org)

For directions to locations, please go to [www.Hartfordaeyc.org](http://www.Hartfordaeyc.org)

For weather related cancellations, please go to [www.Hartfordaeyc.org](http://www.Hartfordaeyc.org) or call 509.3692.

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### South Central Registration Information:

All workshops are offered free of charge. **Registration is required.** Please email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to: Carol Annette, [cannette@gwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:cannette@gwcc.commnet.edu) or call 203.285.2229 or 800.236.2714.

For directions to Gateway Community College go to [www.gwcc.commnet.edu](http://www.gwcc.commnet.edu)

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### Northwest Registration Information:

All workshops are offered free of charge. **Registration is required.** Please phone or email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to Orié Marrero: (860) 567-0863 x185 or [Marrero@educationconnection.org](mailto:Marrero@educationconnection.org). You must RSVP to attend.

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### Southwest Registration Information:

All workshops are offered free of charge. **Registration is required at least one week in advance of the scheduled date.** Please phone or email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to Donna Delohery, 203-791-1904, x140 or [delohery@educationconnection.org](mailto:delohery@educationconnection.org)

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### East: Northeast Registration Information:

All workshops are offered free of charge. **Registration is required.** Please phone or email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to Dara Bowling at (860) 455-0707 ext. 3034 or [dbowling@eastconn.org](mailto:dbowling@eastconn.org).  
RSVPs must be received two weeks before the first scheduled date of the workshop and/or study group.

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### East: Southeast Registration Information:

All workshops are offered free of charge. **Registration is required.** Please register online at [www.learn.k12.ct.us](http://www.learn.k12.ct.us). For information, call or email Michele Pearson, [mpearson@learn.k12.ct.us](mailto:mpearson@learn.k12.ct.us) or 800-292-6971 or Roberta Fauntleroy, [rfauntleroy@learn.k12.ct.us](mailto:rfauntleroy@learn.k12.ct.us).

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