

**Dubuque County Empowerment  
Quality Child Care Alliance  
Reference of Opportunities for Professional Development**

Development Opportunity	Cost	Contact Information
<b>Training (non-credit based) Note: Availability of series trainings may vary from year to year.</b>		
Business Kit Training for Child Development Homes (monthly)	No fee	Child Care Resource & Referral Staff 563 557-1628 <a href="http://www.neiowachildcare.org">www.neiowachildcare.org</a>
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/">http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/</a> * Reimbursement for snacks and meals with approval	No fee to apply.	Rod Bakken (Centers) 515 281-4760 Carla Harder (In-Home) 563 875-7452
New Staff Orientation (NSO) - Center Directors only	No fee	Beverly Berna Iowa State Extension Office 563 583-6496
Program for Infant and Toddler Caregivers Series (PITC) <a href="http://www.iaeceprofdev.org/training_resources/PITC.html">http://www.iaeceprofdev.org/training_resources/PITC.html</a> *Stipend may be available upon completion of full series training.	No fee	Beth Hanisch IA Child Care Resource & Referral 1-800-475-0804
Child Net Series *Child Development Homes only	No fee	Child Care Resource & Referral Staff 563 557-1628 <a href="http://www.neiowachildcare.org">www.neiowachildcare.org</a>
Every Child Reads Series– training to enhance literacy development in preschool children. *Stipend may be available upon completion of full series training.	No fee	Barb Olson Keystone AEA 563 556-3110
Environmental Rating Scales: ITERS-R-Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale ECERS - R-Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale FCCERS-R-Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale SACERS – School Age Care Environment Rating Scale	No fee for training when offered. May be a cost for on-site program evaluation.	Beverly Berna Iowa State Extension Office 563 583-6496
Mississippi Valley Early Childhood Education Conference <a href="http://mvecec.org/">http://mvecec.org/</a>	Conference Registration Fee	Beverly Berna Iowa State Extension Office 563-583-6496

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New Family Provider Orientation (monthly) *Home based child care providers only	No fee	Child Care Resource &Referral Staff 563 557-1628 www.neiowachildcare.org
Positive Behavior Support	Fee to be determined	Beverly Berna Iowa State Extension Office 563-583-6496
SIDS Training	No fee	Kim Gonzales Visiting Nurses Association 563 556-6200
Welcome to Child Care Series *Center Child Care Staff Only	No fee	Child Care Resource &Referral Staff 563 557-1628 www.neiowachildcare.org
Welcome to School Age Care Series	No fee	Child Care Resource &Referral Staff 563 557-1628 www.neiowachildcare.org
WIC Nutritional Training	No fee	Iowa Department of Public Health 515 281-6650
<b>Credential/Degree Opportunities</b>		
Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) - <a href="http://www.cdacouncil.org">www.cdacouncil.org</a> National Credential recognizing child care professionals for training and experience in early childhood.	See materials for application cost.	Stacie Stevenson 515 331-8000 ex 14 <a href="mailto:Stacie@iowaaeyc.org">Stacie@iowaaeyc.org</a>
Clarke College –Education <a href="http://www.clarke.edu/departement.aspx?id=2452">http://www.clarke.edu/departement.aspx?id=2452</a>	Tuition plus cost of books	Joe Bice Dean of Education 563 588-6300
Keystone AEA – Paraeducator Certification Plus Early Childhood <a href="http://www.aea1.k12.ia.us/paraeducator/para.html">http://www.aea1.k12.ia.us/paraeducator/para.html</a>	No cost for courses through Keystone AEA or to complete the on-line Project PARA course. (Cost may be associated with professional development/workshop participation for Early Childhood.  Fee to Department of Education Board of Educational Examiners for certification	Annette Hyde Keystone AEA1 319-283-2043 <a href="mailto:ahyde@aea1.k12.ia.us">ahyde@aea1.k12.ia.us</a>

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Iowa Department of Education - Early Childhood Licensure <a href="http://www.iowa.gov/educate/">http://www.iowa.gov/educate/</a>	Contact Department of Education	Susan White 515 261-4214
Loras College – Bachelor Degree Education Early Childhood Endorsement with Special Education & Early Childhood Endorsement with no Special Education <a href="http://www.loras.edu/academics/program/DivisionEducation.asp">http://www.loras.edu/academics/program/DivisionEducation.asp</a>	Tuition plus cost of books	Gail Yunk 563 583-4044 <a href="mailto:gail.yunk@loras.edu">gail.yunk@loras.edu</a>
National Administrator Credentials for Center Directors (NAC) <a href="http://www.nccanet.org/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx">http://www.nccanet.org/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx</a>	\$550.00—Grant for fee may apply.	National Child Care Association (NCCA) 2025 M Street, NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20036-3309 1-800-543-7161; <a href="mailto:info@nccanet.org">info@nccanet.org</a>
Northeast Iowa Community College - Continuing Education	Fee varies	Patrick Hanniford 563 557-8271
NICC-Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Early Childhood (Diploma) - <a href="http://www.nicc.edu/collegeprograms/index.php?program=113">http://www.nicc.edu/collegeprograms/index.php?program=113</a> AA Early Childhood Development - <a href="http://www.nicc.edu/collegeprograms/index.php?program=82">http://www.nicc.edu/collegeprograms/index.php?program=82</a>	Tuition plus cost of books	Suzi O'Brien 563 556-5110 ext 309 <a href="mailto:obriens@nicc.edu">obriens@nicc.edu</a> <a href="http://www.nicc.edu/">http://www.nicc.edu/</a>
Southwest Tech Technical Diploma in Child Care Services – <a href="http://www.swtc.edu/gray_career.aspx?ID=532">http://www.swtc.edu/gray_career.aspx?ID=532</a>	Tuition plus cost of books	Kathy Garrity Dean of Education 1-800-362-3322
T.E.A.C.H Early Childhood Iowa - <a href="http://www.iowaaeyc.org/teach.cfm">http://www.iowaaeyc.org/teach.cfm</a> Scholarship support for child care providers seeking education including a CDA, Diploma, AA, or BA.	See website or contact Barb Merrill for details	Barb Merrill 515 261-4214; 1-800-469-2392 <a href="mailto:info@iowaseyc.org">info@iowaseyc.org</a>
University of Dubuque – Teacher Education <a href="http://www.dbq.edu/academics/education/">http://www.dbq.edu/academics/education/</a>	Tuition plus cost of books	Dr. Wilcox 563 589 3000 JWilcox @dbq.edu
University of Northern Iowa 2+2 Program <a href="http://www.uni.edu/coe/index.shtml">http://www.uni.edu/coe/index.shtml</a> ; <a href="http://www.uni.edu/2+2/">www.uni.edu/2+2/</a>	Tuition plus cost of books	Dr. Roger Keuter 1-800-772-2037 ask for Transfer Relations Director

University of Wisconsin Platteville <a href="http://www.uwplattville.edu/education/">www.uwplattville.edu/education/</a>	Tuition plus cost of books	School of Education 1-877-897-5288
<b>Quality Initiatives</b>		
Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards (IQPPS) <a href="http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/681/805/">http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/681/805/</a> * Grants may be available to help meet standards through Dubuque County Empowerment	No fee	Tara Roddick Child Care Resource and Referral 563 557-1628 <a href="http://www.neiowachildcare.org">www.neiowachildcare.org</a>
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Iowa Quality Rating System (QRS) <a href="http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/iqrs/">http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/iqrs/</a> * Stipend varies with level achieved. Home Providers - \$400-\$1,000 Child Care Centers - \$400-\$4,000	No fee to apply	Mary Janssen 1 800 475-0804 or <a href="mailto:mary.janssen@episervice.org">mary.janssen@episervice.org</a>
<b>Professional Associations &amp; Community Resources</b>		
Child Care Resource and Referral of Iowa (CCR&R) offers various trainings throughout the year.	Most classes offered at no charge.	Child Care Resource & Referral Staff 563 557-1628 <a href="http://www.neiowachildcare.org">www.neiowachildcare.org</a>
Dubuque Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC) * Local chapter meets quarterly meetings \$2.00 for non members- all welcome to attend.	See NAEYC for fees & to become a member.	Pat Emerson (563)556-3371
Dubuque Chapter of the Iowa Family Child Care Association <a href="http://www.iowafamilychildcare.org/aboutus.htm">http://www.iowafamilychildcare.org/aboutus.htm</a>	Training offered at no charge for members September through May, fee to attend for non-members.	Kathy O'Neill 563 556-5054
Dubuque Community School District	Trainings available at no cost for centers who work in collaboration with school district	Diane Muir 563 552-5850 Donna Shaw 563 552-3000
Iowa Early Learning Standards (Birth to 5) – (standards that describe expectations for the learning and development of young children)	No cost	Iowa Department of Human Services & Iowa Department of Education <a href="http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/children_family/early_childhood/IELS.htm">http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/children_family/early_childhood/IELS.htm</a>
National Association for the Education of Young Children	Comprehensive Membership - \$90.00 Regular Membership - \$50.00	1 800 424-2460

Membership (NAEYC) <a href="http://www.nayec.org">www.nayec.org</a>	Student Membership - \$40.00	<a href="mailto:naeyc@naeyc.org">naeyc@naeyc.org</a>
Parents as Teachers (P.A.T.) - Four Oaks <a href="http://www.fouroaks.org">www.fouroaks.org</a>	No fee	Amy Kallaher 563 557-3100 <a href="mailto:akallaher@fouroaks.org">akallaher@fouroaks.org</a>
Quality Child Care Alliance (QCCA) of Dubuque County Empowerment <a href="http://www.empowerdubuque.org/">http://www.empowerdubuque.org/</a>	No fee * Educational Stipend program for child care professionals, contact QCCA for criteria.	Dawn Klein 563 588-1620 <a href="mailto:ddlaklein@msn.com">ddlaklein@msn.com</a>

\*All information current as of September 2008