Opportunities to Grow Over the Summer

It’s that time again. The weather is getting warmer, and summer is here. While not all of us get a summer vacation, the summer season gives us all a chance to reflect on the past school year and to plan and prepare for next year. This makes summer the perfect time to seek out professional development opportunities to grow in your practice.

Not sure where to start? The Core Body of Knowledge (CBK) might be just what you are looking for! We’ve featured the CBK in our newsletters in the past, but we can’t promote it enough. The CBK outlines the dispositions and skills required to work with young children. This comprehensive text offers a road map for building meaningful relationships with children, families, and colleagues; and for developing oneself as a professional in the early childhood field.

The CBK has a built in self-assessment tool to help you identify your strengths, interests and areas of opportunity to grow. Anyone who works with young children can use the CBK to reflect on their own practice. Directors and administrators can use the same tool to observe teachers and support their growth.

Once you have identified the area in which you would like to grow, use the Statewide Training Calendar to search for relevant professional development near you. Look for Quality Assured events on the Aspire Statewide Training Calendar, so you know you are getting high quality professional development. Log on today to see what events are coming up!

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FAST FACTS

The Aspire Registry has grown so much this year! Check out our growth between January 1st and June 30th:

Over 4,600 new people joined the registry

Over 500 new organizations created accounts

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building knowledge • building careers • building futures
The Aspire Registry Attendance App makes keeping track of training even easier!

Have you been to a professional development event where a trainer used the Aspire Attendance App to take attendance? Across the state, more and more trainers are choosing to use our app to take attendance by scanning the QR code on the back of your membership card or key tag.

We wanted to create an even easier way to make sure you receive credit for Aspire approved trainings as soon as possible. Now, when trainers use the attendance app to scan the QR code on your card or keytag you will immediately get credit for attending the session on your Aspire profile. You won’t even need to send us a certificate!

We really want to make it more convenient for you to keep your Aspire profile up-to-date. So be sure to have your membership card or key tag with you at all training sessions, and ask the trainer leading your session if he or she will be taking attendance using the Aspire attendance app.

Trainers and directors, the app is available to download on the Apple iOS App Store and Google Play, just search for “Aspire New York”!

**SPOTLIGHT** This month we are thrilled to introduce you to Julie Burt, the Director at United Educare Preschool.

“ I always knew I wanted work with young children. My first job was lead toddler teacher in a Montessori school. I loved it! After working at that school for many years, I moved on to teach preschool special education and fell in love with that too. At this point, I’ve been working in the field of early childhood education for almost 20 years, it truly is my passion. My favorite part about my work is the children. Their natural curiosity and need for exploration and discovery makes everyday a new adventure. When they learn something new and exciting, you can see it all over their face, and they are so eager to make sure everyone else learns it too. Outside of work I enjoy cooking, reading, and spending time with my family.”