

Early Childhood Specialized Boot Camp Training June 13-24, 2022

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2022 Early Childhood Specialized Boot Camp Training Agenda June 13 – 17, 2022

Week 1:

Monday, June 13, 2022

Dr. Jill Dent

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Welcome Note

Joyce Greer

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Zoom Etiquette, Policy and Procedures

Guest Speaker: Nita Norphlet-Thompson

Executive Director, Mississippi Head Start Association

Teacher's Mental Health & Well-Being

Early Childhood Teachers

Covid-19 Lessons Learned

Lydia Boutwell & Marisa Prewitt

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

It All Starts with MS Beginnings Pre-K

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Dr. LaTessa Long & Marisa Prewitt

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Let Your Fingers Do the Walking

Joyce Greer & Jayme Jones

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Early Learning Guidelines for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Dr. Brittany Herrington

Assistant Director, REACH MS

University of Southern Mississippi

Intentionally Teaching Social Emotional Learning in Early Childhood

Vicki Adams-Gamble & Joyce Greer

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

Cultural Responsiveness

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Elizabeth Stone-Grimes

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

A Look Into CLASS

Amye Hoskins

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

Connecting the Dots with CLASS

Connie Clay & Gena Puckett

The Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning

University of Mississippi

Modeling Language: Talk that Talk!

Sandra Elliott

Mississippi Department of Education

Elementary Education and Reading

Adjustments that Support Cultural and Linguistic Diversity

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Robin Haney

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

Putting Executive Function Skills to Work in the Pre-K Classroom

Jayme Jones

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Using Classroom Display to Extend Learning Experiences

Amye Hoskins

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Taking Action: Going from Abstract to Active

Dr. Cathy Grace

The Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning
University of Mississippi

Who Made You the Teacher?

Friday, June 17, 2022

Tara Dickerson

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Early Childhood: Why Does it Matter?

Dr. Cathy Grace

The Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning
University of Mississippi

A Day in Pre-Kindergarten: Making Each Day About the Teacher/Child Relationship

Vicki Adams-Gamble & Marisa Prewitt

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Down to the Nitty Gritty in the Classroom

Kelly Carmody & Adrienne Mercer

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

The What, The Whys, and The Wins of Learning Centers

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Week 2:

Monday, June 20, 2022

Dr. Cynthia Booker & Jayme Jones

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

Creating an Effective Early Childhood Classroom Arrangement

Oki Ragins & Sandra Watkins

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

Purposeful Planning for Play

Deeda Paul

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

What it Looks Like When We All Come Together?

Dr. Cynthia Booker & Kathy Wall

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

Wonderful Exploration in our CLASS

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Merry Pennell & Dr. Vonda Pittman

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

CLASSy Centers

Tara Dickerson & Adrienne Mercer

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Early Childhood

Small Groups to Mealtimes: “Let’s Talk About It”

Jayne Jones & Kathy Wall

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Designed for Learning: The Outdoor Play Environment

Dr. Kevin Gaylor

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Secondary Education

Making Science Matter for Pre-Kindergarten

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Candice Taylor

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Making Some Adjustments

Candice Taylor

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Making Some Adjustments - Part II

Robin Brand

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Sliding into Splash Pages

Robin Brand & Michael Mozee

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Networking Through Print and Vocabulary – (Part I & 2)

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Robin Brand & Michael Mozee

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

Something to Talk About: Oral Language - (Part 3 & 4)

Lydia Boutwell

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Movin' On Up! Transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten

Angela Towers

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood

All in the Family

Michael Mozee & Deeda Paul

Mississippi Department of Education
Elementary Education and Reading

Strengthening Our Relationships Through Coaching

Friday, June 24, 2022

Connie Clay & Gena Puckett

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Next Steps: Let's Get Started

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What's Next? Let's Bring it ALL Together

Dr. Jill Dent

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Office of Early Childhood

The Power of Optimism - Crossing the Finish Line

Week 1 Early Childhood Specialized Bootcamp Training 2022 Schedule

(Policy, practices, and checklists will be embedded in discussions throughout presentations.)

Time	MONDAY 6/13	TUESDAY 6/14	WEDNESDAY 6/15	THURSDAY 6/16	FRIDAY 6/17
8:30AM-9:45AM	Welcome Note <i>Dr. Jill Dent</i> Zoom Etiquette, Policy and Procedures <i>Joyce Greer</i>	Let Your Fingers Do the Walking <i>Marisa Prewitt</i> <i>Dr. LaTessa Long</i>	A Look Into CLASS <i>Elizabeth Grimes</i>	Putting Executive Function Skills to Work in the PreK Classroom <i>Robin Haney</i>	Early Childhood: Why Does it Matter? <i>Tara Dickerson</i>
9:45AM-10:00AM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:00AM-11:15AM	Teacher's Mental Health & Well-Being Guest Speaker <i>Nita Norphlet-Thompson</i> <i>Executive Director</i> <i>Mississippi Head Start Association</i>	Early Learning Guidelines for Pre-K and Kindergarten <i>Joyce Greer</i> <i>Jayme Jones</i>	Connecting the Dots with CLASS <i>Amye Hoskins</i>	Using Classroom Display to Extend Learning Experiences <i>Jayme Jones</i>	A Day in Pre-Kindergarten: Making Each Day About the Teacher/Child Relationship <i>Dr. Cathy Grace</i>
11:15AM-11:30AM	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A
11:30AM-12:30PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:30PM-1:45PM	Covid-19 Lessons Learned <i>From the Heart of Teachers</i>	Intentionally Teaching Social Emotional Learning in Early Childhood <i>Brittany Herrington</i>	Modeling Language: Talk that Talk! <i>Connie Clay</i> <i>Gena Puckett</i>	Taking Action: Going from Abstract to Active <i>Amye Hoskins</i>	Down to the Nitty Gritty in the Classroom <i>Vicki Adams-Gamble</i> <i>Marisa Prewitt</i>
1:45PM-2:00PM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
2:00PM-3:15PM	It All Starts with MS Beginnings Pre-K <i>Lydia Boutwell</i> <i>Marisa Prewitt</i>	Cultural Responsiveness <i>Vicki-Adams-Gamble</i> <i>Joyce Greer</i>	Adjustments that Support Cultural and Linguistic Diversity <i>Sandra Elliott</i>	Who Made You the Teacher? <i>Dr. Cathy Grace</i>	The What, The Whys, and The Wins of Learning Centers <i>Kelly Carmody</i> <i>Adrienne Mercer</i>
3:15PM-3:30PM	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A

Week 2 Early Childhood Specialized Bootcamp Training 2022 Schedule

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Time	MONDAY 6/20	TUESDAY 6/21	WEDNESDAY 6/22	THURSDAY 6/23	FRIDAY 6/24
8:30AM-9:45AM	Creating an Effective Early Childhood Classroom Arrangement <i>Dr. Cynthia Booker Jayme Jones</i>	CLASSy Centers <i>Merry Pennell Dr. Vonda Pittman</i>	Making Some Adjustments <i>Part I</i> <i>Candice Taylor</i>	Something to Talk About: Oral Language <i>(Part 3 & 4)</i> <i>Robin Brand Michael Mozee</i>	Next Steps: Let's Get Started <i>Connie Clay Gena Puckett</i>
9:45AM-10:00AM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:00AM-11:15AM	Purposeful Planning for Play <i>Oki Ragins Sandra Watkins</i>	Small Groups to Mealtimes: "Let's Talk About It" <i>Tara Dickerson Adrienne Mercer</i>	Making Some Adjustments <i>Part II</i> <i>Candice Taylor</i>	Movin' On Up! Transitioning from PreK to Kindergarten <i>Lydia Boutwell</i>	Next Steps: Let's Get Started <i>Connie Clay Gena Puckett</i>
11:15AM-11:30AM	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A
11:30AM-12:30PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:30PM-1:45PM	What it Looks Like When We All Come Together <i>Deeda Paul</i>	Designed for Learning: The Outdoor Play Environment <i>Jayme Jones Kathy Wall</i>	Sliding into Splash Pages <i>Robin Brand</i>	All in the Family <i>Angela Towers</i>	What's Next? Let's Bring it ALL Together <i>Connie Clay Gena Puckett</i>
1:45PM-2:00PM-	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
2:00PM-3:15PM	Wonderful Exploration in our CLASS <i>Dr. Cynthia Booker Kathy Wall</i>	Making Science Matter for Pre-Kindergarten <i>Dr. Kevin Gaylor</i>	Networking Through Print and Vocabulary <i>(Part 1 & 2)</i> <i>Robin Brand Michael Mozee</i>	Strengthening Our Relationships Through Coaching <i>Michael Mozee Deeda Paul</i>	The Power of Optimism Crossing the Finish Line <i>Dr. Jill Dent</i>
3:15PM-3:30PM	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A