



The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC), in collaboration with Erikson Institute Early Teaching and Learning Academy, is excited to present a three-module workshop series focusing on play, learning, and relationship-building as a foundation for working with young children. This series is offered via Zoom in conjunction with Town Square, a project of Erikson Institute.

Play is learning

This module examines the role of play in children's development, fostering learning and exploration of their world. We will explore different types of play, various materials, and experiences to support and follow children's ideas and interests.

- Tuesday, June 22nd 3:30 –5:00 pm ET ([Registration](#))
- Thursday, June 24th 12:30 –2:00pm ET ([Registration](#))
- Self-paced session available Friday, June 25th ([Registration](#))



Supporting social-emotional development

This module explores the key theories and concepts related to social and emotional development in young children. We will look at typical behaviors, how to best support each child's individual needs, and how positive relationships and a supportive environment can facilitate this development.

- Tuesday, June 29th 3:30 –5:00 pm ET ([Registration](#))
- Thursday, July 1st 12:30 –2:00pm ET ([Registration](#))
- Self-paced session available Friday, July 2nd ([Registration](#))

Promoting positive behaviors in young children

This module examines positive guidance for young children. We will explore strategies for supporting positive behaviors and interactions, focusing on a strength-based approach, and looking through a cultural lens.

- Tuesday, July 6th 3:30 –5:00 pm ET ([Registration](#))
- Thursday, July 8th 12:30 –2:00pm ET ([Registration](#))
- Self-paced session available Friday, July 9th ([Registration](#))



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Town Square — a project of Erikson Institute — is an innovative online destination and learning community for family child care professionals.