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EHS Newsletter

Rebuilding Ohio’s Early Childhood Education System: July 1, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join the live webinar discussion on what’s at stake in rebuilding Ohio’s early childhood system in the days, months, and years ahead. The one-hour discussion will be moderated by Dr. Laura Justice, who will be joined by panelists: State Senator Peggy Lehner; State Representative Allison Russo; Robyn Lightcap, executive director of Learn to Earn Dayton; and Kim Jarvis, owner and director of On Purpose Academy and Mentoring Center. Register.

Head Start Strong Celebration: July 16th

Join the Ohio Head Start Association virtually on July 16th to recognize the work you’ve been doing to support Ohio’s most vulnerable families under difficult circumstances, and to celebrate the strength of our Head Start community. Register here.

SPECIAL GUEST
Dr. Deborah Bergeron, Director, Office of Head Start

INSPIRATION
"Who Would Have Thought: Celebrating Resilience" LaShanda Sugg

July 11th Yard Sale to Benefit Children’s Hunger Alliance

Proceeds from Fresh Start Learning Academy’s Yard Sale (1933 Vaughn St, Columbus, Oh 43223) on July 11 from 2 – 6 p.m. will benefit Children’s Hunger Alliance. Families hosting individual tables will be able to keep their profits to support their own needs. Safety precautions are in place so that direct contact between buyer and seller are minimized. Call (614) 274-2740 to donate or secure a free table.

Nationwide Children’s: Bringing Health Care to Your Center

The Nationwide Children’s Mobile Health Care Unit is ready to help your kids stay up-to-date on vaccines and well-child check-ups even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Safety protocols are in place on board to assure a clean, sanitary environment. Please allow 2 -3 weeks out to schedule. To schedule, contact Melanie Tracy, tracy.41@osu.edu or 614-578-2010.

A Statement on Recent Events from the Crane Center & Schoenbaum Family Center

We at the Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy and Schoenbaum Family Center are saddened and disturbed by the murder of George Floyd and of so many other Black men, women, and children in this country and by the accounts of aggression being witnessed against peaceful protestors including in our own city. We are not only heartbroken about these events, but we are also committed to action, to educating ourselves and others about racism in America and to working towards making true and lasting changes to a broken system.

Our community is experiencing much pain, yet this heartbreak pales in comparison to the lived experience of Black people every day in the U.S. We commit to challenging racism where we see it in our communities, our workplace, and in ourselves, and examining the myriad ways in which non-Black people benefit from racial privilege. It must start with each and every one of us. Our centers are committed to improving the well-being of young children, and an explicit commitment to anti-racism is a vital part of this work.
Partner Spotlight

Need Info on COVID-19? Call the Experts

Columbus Public Health offers free, drive-thru COVID-19 testing in partnership with Mount Carmel, Ohio Health and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Anyone in the community with symptoms can get a free test, Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 240 Parsons Avenue. Learn more.

Looking for books - how to discuss racism?

A list of USA Today anti-racism must-reads suggested for both kids and adults.

6 Things White Parents Can Do to Raise Racially Conscious Children, by Bree Ervin.

NYTimes has a list of books for parents that can explain racism and protests to children from birth to ages 12+, and tips for how to start the conversation about race early and often.

The Everymom lists of 33 books featuring Black heroes and characters that every kid should read.

Talking With Children About Racism, Police Brutality and Protests, by Laura Markham.

CNN offers steps for talking to your children about racism, starting in infancy.

HuffPost has a list of 10 books about racism and activism to help parents talk to their kids about anti-racism

7 Things to Do When Your Kid Points Out Someone's Differences, by Rachel Garlinghouse.

July edWebinars

Embracing Anti-Bias Classrooms: A Response to Racism in America

Wednesday, July 8, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Explore and address issues of bias, equity, low expectations, and family engagement to ensure culturally responsive experiences. Register.

Remote Learning for Early Learners with Autism

Thursday, July 16, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Develop strategies to help early learners with autism engage with remote instruction through evidence-based practices. Register.

How Mindfulness Fits into Education in the Pandemic Era

Tuesday, July 21, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Learn strategies for incorporating mindfulness into a daily self-care routine, explore mindful inquiry in efforts to make sure students have equitable access to education. Register.

Tips for teaching at home for ages 0 to 5

Ohio State Insights includes a new article, “Tips for Teaching Kids at Home,” features Lisa Welsh (lead education specialist for EHS) and Anneliese Johnson (principal of the A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning) of Schoenbaum Family Center and their ideas on everyday activities that parents can do with their children while at home.

What Does it Mean to be Anti-Racist?

join Lenna Tenny, M. Ed., MPA, Coordinator of Public Engagement, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity for her Thursday, July 9th, 1–2 p.m. webinar that will educate, equip, and empower us and others to do the vital work of anti-racism. Register.