

*Updated November 1, 2010*

## Smart Start Training Schedule December 2010 – June 2011

*All trainings will be held from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm and are approved for 5 BFTS Hours or .5 CEU's.*

<u>Training Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Training Date</u>
<p><b>INTERACTIONS: POSITIVE GUIDANCE FOR A PEACEFUL CLASSROOM</b>  <b>Overview:</b> Participants will learn behaviorists' theories and how behaviors are related to a child's ability to communicate his needs and interests. Participants will learn and practice conflict resolution and responsive strategies to help children problem solve to maximize learning.</p>	<p>Quality Assist                      17 Executive Park Drive                      Suite 150                      Atlanta, GA 30329                      404-325-2225</p>	<p>Saturday                      December 4, 2010</p>
<p><b>INTERACTIONS: BUILDING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE</b>  <b>Overview:</b> Learn theories on social and emotional development as an integral part of a young child's sense of self and ability to interact with others. Learn and practice interaction strategies that promote strong self esteem and confident learners.</p>	<p>Quality Assist                      17 Executive Park Drive                      Suite 150                      Atlanta, GA 30329                      404-325-2225</p>	<p>Saturday                      January 22, 2011</p>
<p><b>CELEBRATING FAMILY DIVERSITY</b>  <b>Overview:</b> Participants will identify the importance of each family's unique culture based on its own values, beliefs, and traditions. Participants will describe how cultural sensitivity relates to language and literacy and will learn strategies for providing a culturally inclusive classroom.</p>	<p>Quality Assist                      17 Executive Park Drive                      Suite 150                      Atlanta, GA 30329                      404-325-2225</p>	<p>Tuesday                      January 25, 2011</p>
<p><b>LANGUAGE: THE FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING</b>  <b>Overview:</b> Explore the language concepts that lay the foundation for academic success. Learn about the developmental sequence of language acquisition to include auditory processing, phonological awareness, semantics, syntax, and pragmatics. Study strategies for supporting the development of enriched language skills in young children.</p>	<p>Quality Assist                      17 Executive Park Drive                      Suite 150                      Atlanta, GA 30329                      404-325-2225</p>	<p>Saturday                      January 29, 2011</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS</b>  <b>Overview:</b> Participants will learn the acquisition stages of language for children who speak more than one language. They will learn and practice strategies to support English Language Learners (ELL) as well as develop adaptations to accommodate ELL children during story reading used in the OWL Curriculum.</p>	<p>Quality Assist                      17 Executive Park Drive                      Suite 150                      Atlanta, GA 30329                      404-325-2225</p>	<p>Saturday                      February 12, 2011</p>
<p><b>ORAL LANGUAGE: HOW TO IMPROVE VOCABULARY AND COMPREHENSION</b>  <b>Overview:</b> Participants will make connections between story reading and vocabulary instruction. Using the OWL Curriculum Teacher Guides and children's books, participants will identify rich vocabulary and strategies to expand children's background knowledge in order to create a strong foundation for reading comprehension in later years.</p>	<p>Quality Assist                      17 Executive Park Drive                      Suite 150                      Atlanta, GA 30329                      404-325-2225</p>	<p>Tuesday                      February 22, 2011</p>

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<p><b>IMPLEMENTING CURRICULUM WITH INTENTIONAL TEACHING</b></p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Learn how to create engaging, age appropriate learning experiences that meet the developmental levels of all children. Explore child development, appropriate curriculum content, best practices, and balancing child-guided and teacher-guided learning.</p>	<p>Quality Assist 17 Executive Park Drive Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30329 404-325-2225</p>	<p>Saturday February 26, 2011</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, PART 2</b></p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Study language development for English Language Learners; differentiate between social and academic language and how and when each is used. Learn about the Total Physical Response technique for learning new vocabulary and how to adapt phonological awareness activities for large and small group strategies.</p>	<p>Quality Assist 17 Executive Park Drive Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30329 404-325-2225</p>	<p>Saturday March 12, 2011</p>
<p><b>CREATING A LITERACY RICH ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Learn to create a literacy rich environment in the early childhood classroom. Identify the elements of a literacy rich environment in order to assess your own classroom. Create an action plan with materials and strategies that encourage literacy in all interest areas and throughout the day.</p>	<p>Quality Assist 17 Executive Park Drive Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30329 404-325-2225</p>	<p>Thursday March 17, 2011</p>
<p><b>ALL CHILDREN ARE SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>Overview:</b> All children need educational experiences tailored to their individual learning needs. Explore ways to create an optimal early learning experience for children with special needs while meeting the needs of all children in your classroom.</p>	<p>Quality Assist 17 Executive Park Drive Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30329 404-325-2225</p>	<p>Saturday April 30, 2011</p>
<p><b>EMERGENT WRITING: FROM SCRIBBLES TO LETTERS</b></p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Learn the components of early literacy with a focus on the developmental stages and types of writing as well as techniques for supporting writing development through dictation and modeling. Design meaningful and engaging opportunities for children to write throughout the day.</p>	<p>Quality Assist 17 Executive Park Drive Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30329 404-325-2225</p>	<p>Tuesday May 10, 2011</p>
<p><b>CHILD LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND SIGNS OF DELAY</b></p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Participants will learn about speech and language delays and disorders. They will learn how to observe their children and analyze their speech and language skills. In addition, this session will provide the participants with strategies for classroom intervention as well as indicators for referral to speech and language specialists.</p>	<p>Quality Assist 17 Executive Park Drive Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30329 404-325-2225</p>	<p>Thursday June 16, 2011</p>

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