



## Professional Development

### *The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool*

#### Confident and Prepared Every Step of the Way

When you aim to continuously elevate the quality of your program and promote positive child outcomes, it is essential to prioritize professional development each year. Provide children with the high-quality learning environments they deserve by strengthening the capacity of their teachers and caregivers. The pace and place are your choice: the path is focused on the children in your programs.

- » Be confident and prepared from day one as you support children and families who will be a part of your classroom.
- » Enhance implementation and elevate your practice with a library of self-paced online courses.
- » Instructor-led sessions allow teachers to learn together in a group setting, whether that setting is in-person or virtual.
- » Empower teachers and caregivers to implement their curriculum with fidelity and focus on their needs with a skilled coach.

### **Ongoing**

Product Name	Description
Professional Development Teacher Membership	To cater to the unique needs and demands of adult learners, the Teacher Membership combines the power of a professional learning community with the flexibility of anywhere, anytime learning in a variety of formats, with a focus on real classroom application making professional development accessible to educators throughout the year, whenever learning fits best.
Professional Development Coach Membership	Early childhood programs whose teachers implement curriculum and assessment with fidelity are more likely to have a positive impact on child outcomes. The Coach Membership is designed to help leaders guide teachers—at all levels—to apply best practices and achieve high fidelity to maximize outcomes. Elevate your entire coaching cycle throughout the year to boost outcomes for children.

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## Year 1

Session Name	Description	Length	Type	Audience
Introduction to <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> (1-Day)	This highly interactive 6-hour session introduces participants to <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> . Participants will become familiar with the 38 objectives for development and learning that inform every aspect of teaching. They will then explore and practice using the components of the curriculum, including knowledge-building volumes; <i>Teaching Guides</i> ; <i>Mighty Minutes®</i> ; <i>Intentional Teaching Experiences</i> ; Book Discussion Cards®; and, if applicable, <i>Highlights High Five Bilingüe</i> and <i>Book Conversation Cards®</i> .	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers
Introduction to <i>The Creative Curriculum® Cloud</i> for Preschool (3-Hours)	<i>The Creative Curriculum® Cloud</i> couples our leading early childhood curriculum with powerful digital planning tools. During this 3-hour session (intended for preschool, prekindergarten, and transitional kindergarten teachers), participants will explore the dynamic teaching resources available in <i>The Creative Curriculum® Cloud</i> Digital Content Library. Participants will discover the <i>MyTeachingStrategies®</i> Family app and investigate impactful family engagement strategies. Additionally, participants will learn how to use <i>The Creative Curriculum® Cloud</i> to streamline their planning and individualize learning experiences for children.	3-Hour Session	Virtual live session	Leaders Teachers
The Preschool Learning Environment (1-Day)	During this interactive 6-hour session, participants will learn strategies for creating an impactful, developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, engaging, and positive preschool learning environment for children and families. Participants will explore the characteristics of dynamic interest areas and learn how to use room arrangement as a teaching strategy. In addition to planning the physical spaces, participants will examine strategies for strengthening the social and temporal environments to meet the needs of children and families. Participants will also analyze their daily activities and create a schedule that maximizes opportunities to support development and learning.	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers
Implementing Studies to Promote Inquiry-Based Learning (1-Day)	This 6-hour session is designed to help teachers using <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> effectively implement studies in their classrooms. Participants will investigate how to choose appropriate study topics, how to prepare for a study, and how to effectively implement a study from beginning to end. Through hands-on interactive experiences, participants will be introduced to the three parts of a study and the benefits of conducting long-term investigations with children. Additionally, participants will learn how to address the objectives for development and learning in	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers

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<i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool: The First Six Weeks</i> (3-Hours)	This highly interactive 3-hour session introduces participants to <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> . Participants will become familiar with the 38 objectives for development and learning that inform every aspect of teaching. They will then explore and practice using the components of the curriculum, including knowledge-building volumes; <i>Teaching Guides</i> ; <i>Mighty Minutes®</i> ; <i>Intentional Teaching Experiences</i> ; <i>Book Discussion Cards®</i> ; and, if applicable, <i>Highlights High Five Bilingüe</i> and <i>Book Conversation Cards®</i> .	3-Hour Session	Virtual live session	Leaders Teachers
Inspiring Interactions: Exploring the Teacher's Role in Interest Areas (1-Day)	Are you interested in maximizing positive child outcomes by offering choice time? Are you curious about how you can intentionally address the objectives for development and learning within interest areas? If so, Inspiring Interactions: Exploring the Teacher's Role in Interest Areas, is for you! During this 6-hour advanced session for users of <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> , participants will discover techniques for facilitating important content learning, including literacy and mathematics learning, in interest areas. Participants will be introduced to a collection of helpful teaching strategies that nurture creativity, encourage problem-solving, and engage children in critical thinking. Through discussions and activities, teachers will examine their role in supporting and extending high-quality play experiences during choice time. Additionally, teachers will practice identifying objectives for development and learning at work in child-led play scenarios, along with associated support strategies. Participants will leave the session equipped with the tools and skills needed to make choice time one of the most important and impactful times of the instructional day.	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers
Language and Literacy in <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> (1-Day)	This 6-hour session offers an opportunity to explore <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> resources that support your language and literacy program. Through interactive large- and small-group experiences and individual reflection, participants	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers

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	will learn how the wealth of materials included in <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> help teachers engage children in meaningful language and literacy experiences. You will learn how research relates to <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> approach and how to use the resources effectively. By the end of this session, participants will be able to articulate how their programs will implement <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> to help children build a strong foundation for life-long language and literacy learning.			
Mathematics in <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> (1-Day)	During this 6-hour session, participants will become familiar with research related to how preschool children learn mathematical concepts and process skills. Participants will examine the components of mathematics that form the basis of instruction and explore ways to provide developmentally appropriate mathematical activities in meaningful ways throughout the day.	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers

### Year 3

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Partnering With Families in <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> (1-Day)	During this 6-hour session, participants will learn practical strategies for building and maintaining partnerships with children's families that are based on a foundation of trust, cultural awareness, and mutual respect. Participants will explore how the framework of <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> relates to the ways teachers build and nourish partnerships with families. Participants will also identify strategies for constructing effective teacher-family partnerships and explore the many benefits of fostering positive authentic relationships.	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers
Social-Emotional Development Within <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> (1-Day)	During this 6-hour session, participants will explore their role in promoting the healthy social-emotional development of preschool children. Participants will learn about the importance of planning and creating opportunities for social-emotional development, appropriate expectations for children's behavior at different ages, using positive guidance strategies, and the impact of the environment on children's social-emotional well-being.	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers

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The Power of STEAM: Leading Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics Learning With <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> (1-Day)	STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics) serves as an integrative approach to teaching that allows children to explore, question, research, create, and discover. During this 6-hour session, participants will examine the many facets of STEAM and explore its connection to the objectives for development and learning. Educators will learn how to integrate science and technology throughout the day and will discover how in-depth, project-based investigations support STEAM learning in the preschool classroom. Participants will unpack strategies for teaching children about physical science, life science, and the earth and the environment. They will also, through hands-on interactive activities, explore the four steps of the engineering design process. Users of <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool</i> will also learn how <i>Teaching Guides</i> and the <i>Daily Resources</i> help support STEAM planning.	6-Hour Session	In-person or virtual live session	Leaders Teachers

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