

Professional Development Opportunities for Child Care Providers to Support Challenging Behavior and Increase Social and Emotional Development and Well-being

November 2025 – September 2026

There are several new virtual events, courses and ongoing drop in opportunities within MiRegistry. These are no cost and open for registration. The training is offered through a partnership between the MI Department of Health and Human Services and MiLEAP's, Office of Child Development and Care. All training is offered by an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant. Click on the registration link(s) below to register or go to www.miregistry.org to search for training and enter the trainer's name or the course title.

***Ongoing in the Upper Peninsula**

For those living and working in the Upper Peninsula (UP) we have a virtual provider cafe just for you! UP Provider Cafes occur the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Providers can obtain registration information by reaching out to the UP Resource Center or following the UP RC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GreatStarttoQualityUP>

November 2025- Statewide

A Reflective Community of Practice series for Early Childhood Providers. This is an ongoing, one-hour monthly offering for child care providers offered by Kristin Tenney-Blackwell. You will engage in facilitated, reflective discussions with peers from across the state to discuss challenges, strategies, approaches, insights, and next steps as you navigate through and respond to changes within early care and learning and continue your journey in ongoing professional development. *You can join at any time and take part in as many monthly sessions as you would like to.* You will need to register for each session.

December 1, 2025 12-1pm – [Register Here](#)

December 1, 2025 1-2pm – [Register Here](#)

A Reflective Leadership Skills Series for Directors and Administrators with Kristin Tenney-Blackwell begins November 24, 2025. This 4-part series goes through December and offers Early Childhood Program Directors and Administrators an opportunity to cultivate their leadership development and personal growth. Topics will include resilient leadership, wellness, and reflective consultation/supervision. Together we will discuss, practice, and reflect on evidence-based practices and principles of an impactful, reflective, and compassionate leader. A second series is scheduled to begin January 12, 2026. [Register Here](#)

February 2026-Statewide

Infant Toddler Challenging Behavior with Mary Mackrain provides a 2-hour overview covering why challenging behaviors occur in very young children and how adults can respond in ways that strengthen relationships and promote healthy development. Participants will explore common infant and toddler behaviors, learn how to identify the underlying causes, and practice strategies for co-regulation, communication, and positive support. Through reflection, real-life examples, and evidence-based tools, this training equips caregivers and professionals with skills to understand behavior as communication and to create responsive, nurturing environments where children can thrive. This Module will be offered on February 25, from 530-730 PM. Registration Coming Soon.

A Reflective Community of Practice series for Early Childhood Directors and Administrators. This is an interactive 6-part reflective series for Directors and Administrators offered by Kristin Tenney-Blackwell. You will engage in facilitated, reflective discussions with others from across the state to discuss challenges, strategies, approaches, insights, and next steps as you navigate through and respond to changes within early care and learning and continue your journey in ongoing professional development. The next available series will begin March 11, 2026. [Register Here](#)

May 2026-Statewide

Positive Solutions with Mary Mackrain is a 6-part practical training series that helps parents and caregivers build strong, nurturing relationships with their young children while supporting social-emotional development at home. Through easy-to-use strategies, reflection, and real-life examples, families learn how to understand children's behavior, teach important skills, prevent challenging moments, and create routines that promote connection and cooperation. This series empowers caregivers with tools that enhance confidence, reduce stress, and strengthen the parent-child bond—laying the foundation for positive behavior and lifelong emotional well-being. These sessions will take place on May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3 from 5:30-6:30 PM. Registration coming soon!

June 2026-Statewide

Infant Toddler Challenging Behavior with Mary Mackrain. See February description. This Module will be offered on June 11, from 530-730 PM. Registration coming soon!