



# New Training Opportunity for Infant Toddler Educators!

Team applications now being accepted



The Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development in partnership with ZERO TO THREE is pleased to offer a unique training series that provides: expert guidance, professional development, and support to advance the knowledge and practice of the infant-toddler workforce.

This new training opportunity is built on the *ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™*. The *Critical Competencies* detail what educators can do to make the most of teacher–child interactions, to turn them into valuable learning opportunities that support infants’ and toddlers’ social–emotional, cognitive, and language and literacy development.



### Critical Competencies Sub-Areas

#### Supporting Social–Emotional Development

1. Building Warm, Positive, and Nurturing Relationships
2. Providing Consistent and Responsive Caregiving
3. Supporting Emotional Expression and Regulation
4. Promoting Socialization
5. Guiding Behavior
6. Promoting Children’s Sense of Identity and Belonging

#### Supporting Cognitive Development

7. Facilitating Exploration and Concept Development
8. Building Meaningful Curriculum
9. Promoting Imitation, Symbolic Representation, and Play
10. Supporting Reasoning and Problem Solving

#### Supporting Language & Literacy Development

11. Promoting Communication Exchange
12. Expanding Expressive and Receptive Language and Vocabulary
13. Promoting Early Literacy

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The *Critical Competencies* tools and professional development:

- Support educators who work in group settings (center-based and family child care homes) with infants, toddlers, or both;
- Focus on pedagogy—the method and practice of teaching; and
- Emphasize considerations for supporting high-needs populations and multi-language learners.

The Critical Competencies training series will be delivered through four 2-day events, on the dates and locations listed below.

| <b>Reno Dates and Locations:</b>                      | <b>Las Vegas Dates and Locations:</b>             |
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| October 18 & 19, 2016: Grand Sierra Hotel and Casino  | October 20 & 21, 2016: DoubleTree                 |
| November 15 & 16, 2016: Grand Sierra Hotel and Casino | November 17 & 18, 2016: DoubleTree                |
| February 14 & 15, 2017: Hyatt Place                   | February 16 & 17, 2017: UNR Cooperative Extension |
| April 18 & 19, 2017: Hyatt Place                      | April 20 & 21, 2017: UNR Cooperative Extension    |

Centers interested in applying must submit the application as a team - with a minimum of two members and a maximum of four members. Team members must include an infant toddler lead teacher. Suggestions for additional team members include: center administrators, infant toddler coordinators, or early intervention partners.

Space is limited. To be eligible, each center interested in attending must:

1. Complete the attached application and submit by **Friday September 23 – 5:00 pm**
2. Commit to attending all four training sessions
3. Each team member must complete a short and confidential online self-reflection exercise prior to each session
4. Each team member must complete a brief preparatory review of materials prior to each session
5. Priority will be given to centers participating in the Nevada Silver State Stars QRIS program

Centers selected to participate will be notified by Friday September 30. Additional information will be sent to selected centers at that time. If selected, there is a one-time, non-refundable team fee of \$50 that will be collected at time of acceptance to secure your enrollment.

Nevada Registry training approval pending.

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