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Professional Development 2014

The Alabama Office of School Readiness (OSR) is offering professional development for all pre-K teachers in the state of Alabama. Please be aware that most sessions are offered more than once in a variety of locations.

Registration will be done through the STI Professional Development module. The following link has been provided for your convenience: <https://pdweb.alsde.edu>.

- ❖ To see the catalog of sessions offered, click on the **PD Titles** tab.
- ❖ Click on **Search the PD Title Catalog**.
- ❖ On the right side of the screen, find the box titled **PD Title Number**.
- ❖ Type in the title number listed for the session you would like to attend. (You will find the PD Title numbers at the top of each PD Title.)

A Typical Day in Pre-K

(PD Title No.DCA0603)

Presenters: First Class OSR Regional Staff Members; First Class OSR Regional Teachers: Holly Hicks, Tara Collins, Renae Mosley, Moriah Spivey, Cara Davis, Kim Mason, Felicia Mason, Kim Reese, Lana Bryan

Hours: 6.00

Description: Participants will be guided through a typical fun-filled day from arrival to dismissal in an actual pre-K classroom. This presentation is for all pre-K teachers and others who would like a better understanding of what a typical pre-K day should encompass. Participants will move through the day participating in large group, small group, transitioning, and much more!

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Date	Location	Time
June 3, 2014	Boaz Elementary School 362 Collier Street Boaz, AL 35957	9:00am- 3:00pm
June 4, 2014	Boaz Elementary School 362 Collier Street Boaz, AL 35957	9:00am- 3:00pm

Classroom Environment- Building Community While Empowering Students

(PD Title No. DCA0620)

Presenters: Sandy Little

Hours: 6.00

Description: Explore the challenges of classroom management through a new lens! Empower your students to become independent thinkers by sharing classroom responsibilities in appropriate and meaningful ways. This session will assist teachers in identifying methods of engaging children in the creation of classroom rules, routines and establishing social responsibility. How? By rethinking the role of the environment. Classroom environment encompasses: physical arrangement, socio-moral atmosphere and academic curriculum. Participants will explore the role of the teacher in preparation for and implementation of DAP enhanced environment.

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Date	Location	Time
May 5, 2014	Loxley Civic Center 4198 Municipal Park Dr. Loxley, AL 36551	9:00am- 3:30pm
May 13, 2014	Troy University, Trojan Center, Room 119 College Drive Troy, AL 36081	9:00am- 3:30pm

Cooking Up a Developmentally Appropriate Day in Pre-K

(PD Title No. DCA0604)

Presenter: Lauren Lackey, First Class Pre-K teacher

Hours: 6.00

Description: Teachers will learn ways to make the perfect developmentally appropriate menu for their pre-K classroom with scrumptious small groups, tasty technology, and finger- lickin' literacy.

Choose one

Date	Location	Time
April 17, 2014	Regional In-service Education Center 2790 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124	8:00am- 3:00pm
June 17, 2014	Madison City Schools BOE 211 Celtic Drive Madison, AL 35758	8:00am– 3:00pm

Creating the Extraordinary Classroom

(PD Title No. DCA0622)

Presenter: Stephanie Smith, First Class Pre-K teacher

Hours: 3.00

Description: Learn to create a learning environment that is student-focused, supportive, and extremely appealing. You'll learn the skills needed to create an extraordinary classroom and achieve extraordinary results.

Date	Location	Time
June 4, 2014	Regional In-service Education Center 2790 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124	8:00am- 11:30am

Daily Data: It's An All Day Event

(p.m. session -PD Title No. DCA0624)

(a.m. session -PD Title No. DCA 605)

Presenter: Dr. Mary Beth Dennis, First Class Pre-K Coach

Hours: 3.00

Description: This session will include information on how to collect, represent and analyze data throughout the day.

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Date	Location	Time
June 16, 2014	Loxley Civic Center 4198 Municipal Park Dr. Loxley, AL 36551	12:30pm- 3:30pm
June 17, 2014	Troy Recreation Center 601 Enzor Road Troy, AL 36081	12:30pm- 3:30pm
June 18, 2014	Office of School Readiness Post Secondary Education Building 135 South Union Street, Second floor Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2755	12:30pm- 3:30pm

Different is Not a Deficiency

(PD Title No. DCA0609)

Presenter: Teon Miller, First Class Pre-K Monitor; Kimberly Ford, First Class Pre-K Monitor

Hours: 3.00

Description: Failing to understand the influence of children's backgrounds on their development can lead to misunderstandings and miscommunication about children and their abilities. This training is for teachers and anyone who loves children and desires to build effective and supportive relationships with children. This session places emphasis on the child and will provide participants with a refreshing look into the eyes of all children- regardless of their race, ethnicity or disability.

Choose one

Date	Location	Time
April 30, 2014	Office of School Readiness Post – Secondary Education Building 135 South Union Street, Second floor Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2755	12:30pm- 3:30pm
June 11, 2014	Regional In-service Education Center 2790 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124	12:30pm- 3:30pm

Discovering Our World

(PD Title No. DCA0610)

Presenter: Dianne Pace, First Class Pre-K Coach

Hours: 6.00

Description: This session will demonstrate the value of outdoor classrooms to the science curriculum. Participants will engage in various appropriate science activities for pre-K children. Ways to integrate science standards into daily curriculum will be shared. Teachers will leave excited about science and return to their classrooms ready to implement the various activities shared.

Date	Location	Time
May 8, 2014	Regional In-service Education Center 2790 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124	9:00am- 3:00pm

IPad, iPad, What do You See? I See a Teacher Looking at Me!

(PD Title No. DCA0608)

Presenter: Aimee Weathers, First Class Pre-K Teacher

Hours: 3.00

Description: Literacy explodes when students are highly engaged in learning. Come and learn how to incorporate digital storytelling and QR codes into your early childhood classroom. Participants will use popular free apps to learn the basics of digital storytelling and QR code creation. This session will be interactive so be sure to bring an iPhone, iPad or iPod. This session is for classrooms with any level of technology available.

Date	Location	Time
April 10, 2014	Gadsden State Community College 405 Korner Street Gadsden, AL 35902	12:30pm- 3:30pm

Dynamic Duos: Are You Striving or Surviving?

(PD Title No. DCA0607)

Presenters: Chanda Nalls, First Class Pre-K Coach and Carrie Terry, First Class Pre-K Monitor

Hours: 3.00

Description: This workshop will provide participants with many opportunities for collaboration to strengthen their partnerships, while enhancing team building skills. It will also summarize essential concepts that provide understanding of what team teaching is and is not. During this workshop, participants will recognize the importance of team teaching, having common instructional beliefs and shared visions.

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Date	Location	Time
April 17, 2014	Madison City Schools BOE 211 Celtic Drive Madison, AL 35758	12:30pm- 3:30pm
April 29, 2014	Gadsden State Community College 405 Korner Street Gadsden, AL 35902	12:30pm- 3:30pm
June 17, 2014	Tuscaloosa City Schools 1210 21 st Avenue Tuscaloosa, AL 35401	12:30pm- 3:30pm

Fostering Mathematical Thinking in the Early Childhood Classroom: Building Mathematical Competence via Authentic Learning Experiences

(PD Title No. DCA0621)

Presenters: Sandy Little, First Class Pre-K Coach

Hours: 6.00

Description: This session will prepare teachers to recognize authentic learning experiences within established daily routines as well as those that emerge from the child's natural curiosity. Teachers will also explore the integrated use of authentic assessment via Teaching Strategies GOLD®.

Date	Location	Time
June 19, 2014	Office of School Readiness Post Secondary Education Building 135 South Union Street, Second floor Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2755	9:00am- 3:30pm

Finishing Strong!

(PD Title No. DCA0613)

Presenter: Beth Corum, First Class Pre-K Coach

Hours: 3.00

Description: As the school year winds down, let's evaluate what we have done and what we still want to accomplish. Participants will leave with a plan for making the most of the last days of school.

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Date	Location	Time
April 1, 2014	Madison City Schools BOE 211 Celtic Drive Madison, AL 35758	8:30am- 11:30pm
April 3, 2014	Office of School Readiness Post Secondary Education Building 135 South Union Street, Second floor Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2755	12:30pm- 3:30pm

My Dog Ate My Lesson Plan

(PD Title No. DCA0614)

Presenter: Kimberly Berry, First Class Pre-K Coach; Denise Dennis, First Class Pre-K Teacher

Hours: 3.00

Description: Participants will learn how to plan and implement lesson plans. The Pre-K Standards as well as Teaching Strategies *GOLD*® indicators will be used to guide lesson planning.

Date	Location	Time
June 4, 2014	Regional In-service Education Center 2790 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124	12:00pm- 3:30pm

Simple and Sensational Science

(PD Title No. DCA0606)

Presenter: Melinda Walters, First Class Pre-K Monitor

Hours: 3.00

Description: The participants will explore simple activities using easily obtained materials that develop physical science concepts through using developmentally appropriate scientific processes and methods of inquiry.

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Date	Location	Time
April 2, 2014	Tuscaloosa City Schools 1210 21 st Avenue Tuscaloosa, AL 35401	12:30pm - 3:30pm
April 4, 2014	Troy Recreation Center 601 Enzor Road Troy, AL 36081	12:30pm- 3:30pm
April 7, 2014	Loxley Civic Center 4198 Municipal Park Dr. Loxley, AL 36551	12:30pm- 3:30pm

Starting Strong!

(PD Title No. DCA0612)

Presenter: Beth Corum, First Class Pre-K Coach

Hours: 4.00

Description: Let's get ready for the new school year. We will move step by step from room arrangement through delivering happy children back to their parents at the end of day one.

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Date	Location	Time
June 3, 2014	Madison City Schools BOE 211 Celtic Drive Madison, AL 35758	8:30am- 12:30pm
June 10, 2014	Troy Recreation Center 601 Enzor Rd. Troy, AL 36081	8:30a.m.-12:30pm
June 25, 2014	Office of School Readiness Post Secondary Education Building 135 South Union Street, Second floor Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2755	8:30am-12:30pm

Science Made Simple Using the “Growing Up Wild” Curriculum

(PD Title No. DCA0626)

Presenters: Theresa Patterson, First Class Pre-K Program Coordinator; Tajuana Gossage, First Class Pre-K Coach; Tonya Fernambucq, First Class Pre-K Coach

Hours: 3.00

Description: Participants will engage in fun- filled science activities taken from the “Growing Up Wild” curriculum.

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Date	Location	Time
April 7, 2014	Loxley Civic Center 4198 Municipal Park Dr. Loxley, AL 36551	8:00am- 11:30am
April 10, 2014	Regional In-service Education Center 2790 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124	8:00am- 11:30am
April 24, 2014	Office of School Readiness Post Secondary Education Building 135 South Union Street, Second floor Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2755	8:00am- 11:30am

Team Teaching in the OSR Classroom *(a.m. session)*

(PD Title No. DCA0615)

Keeping the Creative Spirit Alive in Your Program *(p.m. session)*

Presenters: Salaam Green, First Class Pre-K Coach; Susan Satterfield, First Class Pre-K Regional Manager

Hours: 6.00 or 3.00 (if you choose to attend only the morning or only the afternoon session)

Description: The morning session will provide information and techniques for effective team- teachings. Participants will be given strategies and ideas for developing cohesive pre-K learning environments. During the afternoon session participant will re-discover the masterpieces behind childhood creativity while sparking your flame to keep the creative spirit alive in your program. The great engine that drives innovation and invention in society comes from people whose flame of creativity was kept alive in childhood.

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Date	Location	Time
April 2, 2014	Gadsden State Community College 405 Korner Street Gadsden, AL 35902	8:00am- 11:30am 12:30pm- 3:30pm
May 1, 2014	Regional In-service Education Center 2790 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124	8:00am- 11:30am 12:30pm- 3:30pm

The Morning Message: Going Beyond the Daily News

(a.m. session -PD Title No. DCA0605)

(p.m. session –PD Title No. DCA0624)

Presenter: Karen Moore, First Class Pre-K Coach

Hours: 3.00

Description: During the morning session, participants will learn various ways to use the daily morning message to improve phonological awareness, letter recognition, concepts of print, writing and other early literacy skills. The afternoon session will include information on how to collect, represent and analyze data throughout the day.

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June 17, 2014	Troy Recreation Center 601 Enzor Road Troy, AL 36081	8:30am - 11:30am
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No More Cookie Cutter Art: Getting Creative With Small Groups

(PD Title No. DCA0617)

Presenters: Jenna Deal and Amy Jackson, First Class Pre-K Teachers

Hours: 3.00

Description: This session will provide teachers with examples and techniques for making creative arts appropriate for young children; focusing on the *process* of creating art and not the *product* of art. This session will also provide teachers with ideas and tips on how to make small groups effective while incorporating Teaching Strategies *GOLD*® assessment.

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April 3, 2014	Tuscaloosa City Schools 1210 21 st Avenue Tuscaloosa, AL 35401	12:30pm- 3:30pm
April 15, 2014	Madison City Schools BOE 211 Celtic Drive Madison, AL 35758	8:30am- 12:30pm
June 5, 2014	Regional In-service Education Center 2790 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124	12:30pm- 3:30pm

Professional Development Videos

(PD Title No. DCA0619)

Presenter: Video Series

Hours: 1.00 for each video

Description: You may choose more than one video. Once you register through STI-PD, directions will be sent on how to view the videos.

Title	Description
Large Group Times for Active Learners	Learn to plan successful large group times that combine fun and learning.
The Daily Routine	A consistent yet flexible daily routine gives children the sense of security they need to make choices, take risks and become active learners.
Adult- Child Interaction	Participants will learn how to create a positive classroom environment and improve interactions with children.
Outside Time for Active Learners	Learn how to extend active learning outdoors.
Special Needs Children	Learn how to help children with special needs and how to assess children's growth while meeting IEP goals.
Small Group Times for Active Learners	Learn about a wide variety of small group activities and the strategies teachers use to support learning.
The Indoor and Outdoor Learning Environment	Learn how to set up your program environment.

Teaching Strategies GOLD® Professional Development Modules (PD Title No. DCA6268)

Presenter: Online training

Hours: 12.00

Description: During this online training, teachers will learn through video clips, individual reflections, activities and quizzes. They will practice using the 4-step assessment cycle, including evaluating a child's portfolio and developing a communication plan. Teachers will also have the opportunity to explore and practice using the technology side of Teaching Strategies GOLD®.

Teaching Strategies GOLD® Interrater Reliability (PD Title No. DCA6686)

Access can be gained by logging in to Teaching Strategies GOLD® and clicking the Professional Development tab.

Presenter: Online certification

Hours: 8.00

Description: Once teachers have completed the modules and are comfortable with the tool, they should complete interrater reliability.

The interrater reliability certificate is developed to:

- Increase the accuracy and consistency of your judgments as you use Teaching Strategies GOLD®
- Improve planning for individual children by helping you assess children accurately
- Identify professional development needs by using data collected during the certification process

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