

Illinois STARNET Regions I & III is operated under the Center for Best Practices in Early Childhood Education through a grant awarded by the Illinois State Board of Education; 100% of annual funding for the project is from federal sources.

Reaching for the Stars

STARNET Regions I & III
Events Calendar

September 2009-January 2010

Mission: Illinois STARNET provides a variety of opportunities for personal and professional growth for those who touch the lives of young children, ages birth to eight, with an emphasis on children with special needs. STARNET supports family-centered, researched, and effective practices in early childhood education and care.

"Everyone is necessarily the hero of his own life story."
—John Barth

The grant name, STARNET, represents a network of Support & Technical Assistance Regionally

Regional Workshops
Technical Assistance
On-Site Consultations
Family Support
Apples Video Magazine
Resource Library
Fellowships

www.starnet.org



About STARNET

STARNET REGIONS

STARNET is divided into six regions in Illinois. **This is the events calendar of Northwest Region I and Central Region III.** To determine your STARNET region, see the map of Illinois counties inside. If you belong to another region, please contact your region to inquire about training opportunities in your area.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

WORKSHOPS that promote best practices in early childhood are planned in collaboration with local agencies and school districts. If you would like to plan a training event with us, please call (800) 227-7537 ext. 250.

COMMUNITY FORUMS represent all those involved with young children in a particular area. Early childhood education and care is nurtured through community forums, and STARNET has a history of supporting area partnerships. Resource Specialists can assist local efforts to organize your early childhood neighborhood.

The EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP acts as an advisory forum for the planning and coordination of training initiatives among programs/agencies and assists the STARNET staff in the input, feedback, and review of Regions I & III grant activities.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & ON-SITE CONSULTATION

STARNET staff are available to provide assistance and support of early childhood related

issues and program concerns. Call us to share ideas, investigate resources, and brainstorm solutions. We also welcome the opportunity to visit classrooms and network with early childhood professionals and families.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

STARNET has a library of books, videos, DVDs, and kits that provide information on early childhood topics. Visit www.starnet.org to view and request materials or call (800) 227-7537 to have a catalog mailed.

FAMILY FOCUS

STARNET offers Family Fellowships, a Family Directory, conferences, and workshops promoting family-centered perspectives. Family Resource Specialists, who are parents of children with special needs, provide information, support, & training to families and providers.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FELLOWSHIPS: STARNET provides fellowship reimbursement funds to individuals so they may attend Illinois trainings. Family members of a child with special needs who is enrolled in or will transition to early childhood special education services and professionals who provide early childhood special education services are eligible to apply. Funds may be used for workshop registration, travel, substitute teachers, and child care (families only).

Workshop Information

WORKSHOP FEES

All workshops offered through STARNET are **free of charge** unless otherwise noted.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registrations are taken by mail, fax, or website, but not by phone. Submit one registration per person (i.e., do not list multiple names on one form). A registration form is included in this events calendar and may be mailed to: STARNET Regions I & III, Western Illinois University, Horrabin Hall 32, Macomb, IL 61455, or faxed to: (309) 298-2305. **You may also register online at www.starnet.org.**

Please do not assume automatic acceptance. Because STARNET is an early childhood grant project, if a waiting list develops, priority is given to family members of and professionals working with children age 3-5. Priority is also given to persons in Regions I & III (unless the workshop is a collaboration with another region). Otherwise, participants are registered on a first-come, first-served basis. **The final list will be determined and confirmation letters (and waiting list notices if applicable) will be sent three weeks prior to the workshop.** If you do not receive either a confirmation letter or a waiting list notice, please call (800) 227-7537.

STARTING TIMES & LUNCH

Registration begins 30 minutes before start time. Registered participants should carefully check the start time for the workshop, and be signed in before that time. There will generally be a one hour break for lunch. Lunch will be on your own, unless noted.

CANCELLATION

Call STARNET at 800-227-7537 ext. 247 if you need to cancel, so that we may notify those on the waiting list of the opportunity to attend. Because of the popularity of these sessions, registrants who neglect to cancel will be given a lower priority for registration at future workshops. STARNET reserves the right to cancel any workshop due to low registration.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

STARNET is a Professional Development Provider of Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) and Child Development Associate (CDA) credit. STARNET is also authorized by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation as a Continuing Education Sponsor to provide CE hours for Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists/Audiologists, Registered Social Workers, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Physical Therapists, and Occupational Therapists (5 contact hours=5 CE hours). Early Intervention Credit may be available for selected workshops through Illinois Early Intervention Training. Check their website, www.illinoiseitraining.org or call 708-444-8460 to verify or request EI approval.

If contact hours are listed, they are applicable for CPDU, CDA, and CE Credit. Workshop participants will be given a certificate (ISBE Evidence of Completion) showing the number of contact hours. **Attendance for the entire session is necessary in order to receive a certificate.** Contact hours will not be adjusted to meet individual needs. To avoid distractions and enable everyone to fully participate, children are not permitted in workshops.

ILLINOIS TEACHING & LEARNING STANDARDS

Trainings offered by STARNET are applicable to the Illinois Professional Teaching Standard on Instructional Delivery, "The teacher understands how individuals grow, develop, and learn and provides learning opportunities that support the intellectual, social, and personal development of all students." Unless otherwise indicated, trainings are applicable to all of the Illinois Early Learning Standards.

ACCESSIBILITY

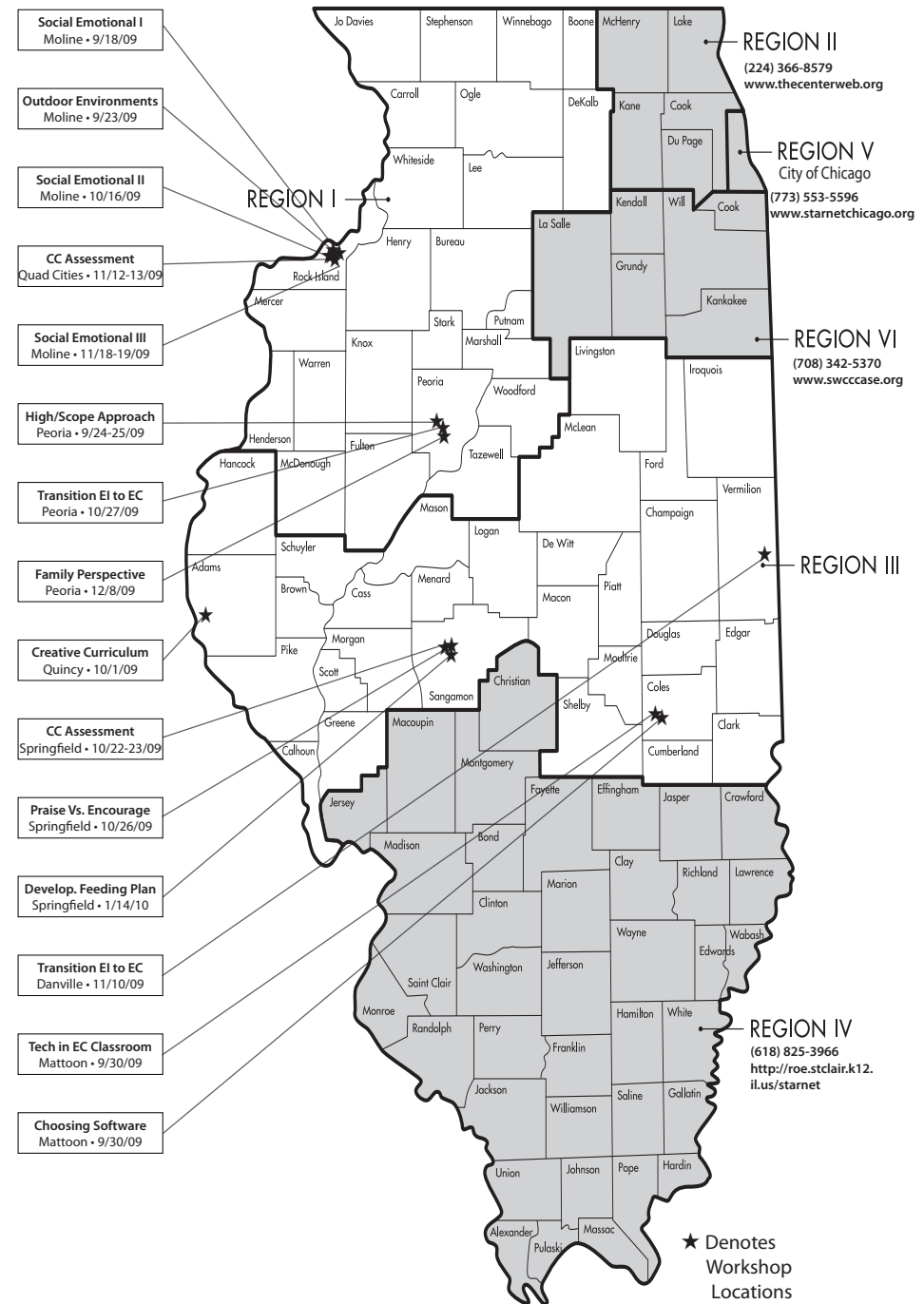
All workshops will be held at sites that are accessible. Please make your request no later than two weeks before the scheduled event for special accommodations such as sign language, translated or large print materials, special diet, etc.

Apples Video Magazine Information

Apples Video Magazines are webcast five times during the school year. Check the STARNET website for the current schedule. After the webcast, copies of the program are recorded on DVD and are available for loan or purchase. **WEBCAST/ARCHIVES:** At www.starnet.org, go to Training: Apples Video Magazine. To view an upcoming program, go to Webcast and follow the instructions. To view a past program, scroll down to Archived Programs. **DVD LOAN:** If you indicate that you would like to borrow the program, a DVD will be sent with accompanying materials as soon as copies are available. You may request to borrow an upcoming program when it is available or visit STARNET's online Resource Library to borrow a past program. **PURCHASE:** DVDs are \$25 for Illinois residents.

Constellation of Events

| DATE | TITLE | LOCATION & TIMES | HR |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|------|
| SEPTEMBER 2009 | | | |
| 17 | Apples Video Magazine: Engaging Young Children in the Outdoor Environment (rescheduled from May 2009) | (Webcast/4:30-5:00pm) | -- |
| 18 | Social Emotional Training Level I: Promoting Children's Success | Moline/8:30am-3:30pm | 6.0 |
| 23 | Engaging Young Children in the Outdoor Environment | Normal/9:00am-1:00pm | 4.0 |
| 24-25 | Introduction to the High/Scope Approach | Peoria/9:00am-3:00pm | 10.0 |
| 30 | Technology in the Early Childhood Classroom: The Right Tools | Mattoon/9:00am-11:30am | 2.5 |
| 30 | Choosing Software for Young Children: It's a Tricky Business | Mattoon/12:30pm-3:00pm | 2.5 |
| OCTOBER 2009 | | | |
| 1 | Creative Curriculum... The Journey Continues <i>(Participants from Level I will receive an invitation)</i> | Quincy/8:30am-3:30pm | 6.0 |
| 16 | Social Emotional Training Level II: Teaching Strategies <i>(Participants from Level I will receive an invitation)</i> | Moline/8:30am-3:30pm | 6.0 |
| 22-23 | Creative Curriculum Assessment: Pulling it All Together <i>(Participants from Level I will receive an invitation)</i> | Springfield/9:00am-3:00pm | 10.0 |
| 26 | Praise Versus Encouragement | Springfield/9:00am-3:00pm | 5.0 |
| 27 | Transitioning Children from Early Intervention to Early Childhood | Peoria/ 9:00am-3:00pm | 5.0 |
| NOVEMBER 2009 | | | |
| 10 | Transitioning Children from Early Intervention to Early Childhood | Danville/9:00am-3:00pm | 5.0 |
| 12-13 | Creative Curriculum Assessment: Pulling it All Together <i>(Participants from Level I will receive an invitation)</i> | Quad Cities/9:00am-3:00pm | 10.0 |
| 18-19 | Social Emotional Training Level III: Intensive Individual Interventions <i>(Those who attend both Levels I & II will receive an invitation)</i> | Moline/8:30am-3:30pm | 12.0 |
| 19 | Apples Video Magazine: Enhancing Observation and Data Collection Using Technology | (Webcast/4:30-5:00pm) | -- |
| DECEMBER 2009 | | | |
| 8 | Family Perspectives: A Time for Reflection | Peoria/9:00am-3:00pm | 5.0 |
| JANUARY 2010 | | | |
| 14 | Developing a Comprehensive Feeding Plan for Young Children with Feeding Difficulties | Springfield/9:00am-3:00pm | 5.0 |



WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

STARNET Regions I & III workshops are conducted at locations across Northwest & Central Illinois (the area in white). If you belong to Regions II, V, VI, or IV, call the appropriate office or visit the website provided for training opportunities in your area.

For complete descriptions of these workshops, please visit www.starnet.org.

Workshop Registration Form

(online registration at www.starnet.org)

Please register for trainings by placing an "X" in front of each. This is your formal registration. You will receive confirmation or a waiting list notice approximately three weeks prior to the training.

| X | DATE | DAY | TITLE | LOCATION & TIMES |
|---|------------|-----|--|---------------------------|
| | 9/18/09 | F | Social Emotional Training Level I: Promoting Children's Success | Moline/8:30am-3:30pm |
| | 9/23/09 | W | Engaging Young Children in the Outdoor Environment | Normal/9:00am-1:00pm |
| | 9/24-25/09 | ThF | Introduction to the High/Scope Approach | Peoria/9:00am-3:00pm |
| | 9/30/09 | W | Technology in the Early Childhood Classroom: The Right Tools | Mattoon/9:00am-11:30am |
| | 9/30/09 | W | Choosing Software for Young Children: It's a Tricky Business | Mattoon/12:30pm-3:00pm |
| | 10/26/09 | M | Praise Versus Encouragement | Springfield/9:00am-3:00pm |
| | 10/27/09 | T | Transitioning Children from Early Intervention to Early Childhood | Peoria/9:00am-3:00pm |
| | 11/10/09 | T | Transitioning Children from Early Intervention to Early Childhood | Danville/9:00am-3:00pm |
| | 12/8/09 | T | Family Perspectives: A Time for Reflection | Peoria/9:00am-3:00pm |
| | 1/14/10 | Th | Developing a Comprehensive Feeding Plan for Young Children with Feeding Difficulties | Springfield/9:00am-3:00pm |

Name _____

Address below is my... home business (include business name)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home ph. _____ Business ph. _____

Email _____

District/Agency _____

I live in _____ county. I work in _____ county.

Program Affili. (check one):

- Child Care
- Community Preschool
- Early Intervention
- ECSE
- Blended ECSE/Pre-K
- Even Start
- Head Start
- K-3
- Model Parental Training
- State Pre-K/Preschool for All
- State Prevention Initiative
- 1/2 Day ECSE / 1/2 Day Pre-K
- Other _____

Position (check one):

- Administrator
- Develop. Specialist (EI)
- Family Member
- Family Educator
- Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- OT/PT
- Psychologist
- Service Coordinator (EI)
- SLP
- Social Worker
- Other _____

Special accommodations needed (i.e., wheelchair accessible, special diet)? Please specify: _____

I give permission for STARNET to use photos/video taping that may include me to promote future trainings: _____ (initial)

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