Explore the Interactive Core Body of Knowledge Online!

The Core Body of Knowledge (CBK) is New York State’s core competencies for early childhood educators, and outlines the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to work with young children. This comprehensive text offers a road map for building meaningful relationships with children, families and colleagues, and for developing oneself as a professional in this incredibly important field.

Many of you are probably familiar with the “hard copy” of the CBK, but do you know that there is also an interactive version available online? The interactive CBK allows you to easily navigate each core competency and click in and out to view associated behaviors and skills. For example, if you are interested in Child Growth and Development you can click on one of the competencies in this area to view a list of specific behaviors and skills that early childhood educators should display when working with young children. Some competencies even have corresponding videos of real teachers and children in the classroom so you can see the competencies happening in practice! Finally, the Interactive CBK includes links to a number of additional print and web resources.

So what are you waiting for? You can explore the Interactive CBK on our New York Works for Children website under the ‘Resources’ drop down.

**FAST FACTS**

- We love keeping in touch with our members on social media. Are you following us on Facebook? Check out how our New York Works for Children page is doing:
- Over 1,300 people like our page!
- Over 3,100 people saw our posts in May!
Are you using our Statewide Training Calendar yet?

The Aspire Statewide Training Calendar is a useful tool to search for professional development opportunities to help you grow in your practice. You can use it to find training by searching for a specific topic or a trainer that you have liked in the past. The system will look through all titles and course descriptions to find professional development that matches your search criteria. You can also look for training events that are happening nearby in your city or county. If you have a busy schedule, try searching the calendar by date and check out what’s being offered in the evenings, over the weekends or other times you are free.

Not only can you find high quality professional development on the Aspire Statewide Training Calendar, but attending training through the calendar can make it easier to keep your Aspire Profile up-to-date! Across the state, more and more trainers are choosing to use The Aspire Registry Attendance app to take attendance by scanning the QR code on the back of your membership card or key tag. When trainers use the attendance app, you will immediately get credit for attending the session on your Aspire Profile. You won’t even need to send us a certificate!

That’s not all! These tools aren’t just for trainers. Your director can also use the Aspire Statewide Training Calendar and The Aspire Registry Attendance app for all of the in-house training provided at your program.

We really want to make it more convenient for you to keep your Aspire Profile up-to-date. So be sure to have your membership card or key tag with you at all training sessions, and ask the trainer leading your session if he or she will be taking attendance using the Aspire Attendance app.

The Statewide Training Calendar benefits teachers, directors, and trainers, so if you haven’t used it yet, what are you waiting for? Visit our website and check it out today!

SPOTLIGHT We are thrilled to introduce you to one of the newest members of The Aspire Registry team, Roger David Torres!

I love working with data and I am interested in learning more about early childhood education from the administration side, so I am excited to be in my new role as an Aspire Registry Associate. I really believe in the importance of the registry. It is a great tool for the early childhood workforce, that can both help teachers keep track of their career and also influence policy makers at the state level- it’s truly amazing!

Outside of work, I enjoy cooking, fitness, travel and reading!