

Organizing Learning Centers

Learning Outcomes and Course Checklist

Course Overview

Early childhood classrooms are usually divided into carefully planned learning centers to help children discover and play. Here children can work in small groups, individually or with a teacher on concepts they are learning during whole group instruction. This course serves as an introduction to learning centers including what areas to have in your classroom as well as how teachers can effectively organize and prepare centers.

Level 2

- Washington STARS credit: Program Planning and Development (1 hour)
- CDA Content Area: Effective Program Operation (1 hour)

Objectives:

- Describe the need for quality learning centers in the early childhood classroom
- Explain why it is essential for educators to connect what students are being taught at group learning time to the concepts presented at learning centers
- Give examples of how to manage centers
- Explain how to arrange centers in their classroom to benefit students

This checklist is for your reference only, and using it is optional. You may print or save it to your computer to use to track your progress.

COURSE CHECKLIST

	<u>1. Introduction</u>
	<u>2. Learning Outcomes and Menu</u>
	<u>3. What are Learning Centers?</u>
	<u>4. Typical Learning Centers in an Early Childhood Classroom</u>
	<u>5. Typical Learning Centers in an Early Childhood Classroom</u>
	<u>6. Why are Learning Centers Needed?</u>
	<u>7. Video: The Classroom Environment</u>
	<u>8. Discussion: Learning Centers Themes 1/2</u>
	<u>9. Arranging the Classroom</u>
	<u>10. Managing Centers</u>
	<u>11. Managing Centers</u>
	End of Course Assignment 2/2
	Parking Lot
	Evaluation Form

GETTING HELP

Student Support Hours

Monday - Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

For information on help, go to: <http://www.starsclassesonline.com/getting-help.html>

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CERTIFICATES

This is a LEVEL 2 Course.

If your assignments were adequately completed, you should expect that the turnaround time will be less than 24 hours from the time which you submit the evaluation form until you receive your certificate by email. If you did not adequately complete the assignments, the trainer will send you an email requesting that the coursework be redone. Be sure to watch for emails from one of our trainers.

If you do not receive your certificate within 24 hours from when you submit the evaluation form, check your junk mail or spam folder. If the certificate email is lost in cyberspace, we will not know that you did not receive it. You will need to provide us with a different email address, such as a new Yahoo email account, to receive your certificate. Please be aware that Wavecable and Comcast especially seem to have difficulties receiving our emails with the certificates attached. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.