



# Theresa DeCroce

## Infant/Toddler Specialist



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## Infant/Toddler Specialist Network

The infant and toddler specialist assist educators of very young children in providing the very best care for infants and toddlers. The infant and toddler specialist has two predominant goals:

- To improve the quality of infant/toddler early care across the state
- To increase the availability of quality early care programs for families with infants and toddlers

With these goals in mind, the Infant & Toddler Specialist will work in collaboration with the programs leadership and staff in creating a plan that meets the programs needs and goals. We do that by offering the one or a combination of the following services that are appropriate for your program.

These services include:

### *Professional Development:*

- Topics are delivered by specialized trainers to present best practice standards in infant and toddler brain development.

### *Technical Assistance & Consultation:*

- The Infant/Toddler Specialists serve as mentors to new and experienced early educators. Services provided include: telephone and on-site support, site observations, assessments, and development of a plan of action.

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## CHILD & FAMILY RESOURCES

Child & Family Resources (CFR) is Morris County's local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. CFR provides many different services including child care referrals and other parenting supports, child care provider trainings and technical assistance, as well as other efforts to increase the quality and availability of child care. Programs are funded in partnership by the NJ Department of Human Services; Division of Family Development.

### CORE SERVICES INCLUDE

- Child Care Resource & Referral (R&R)
- Services for Parents
- Services for Child Care Programs & Providers
- Services for the Community
- Violence & Abuse Prevention



### *Resource & Materials:*

- Resource library where early care providers can access education in the form of DVDs, videos, equipment and other essential learning materials.

### *Community Partnerships:*

- Community and statewide organizations are stakeholders committed to improving the quality of life and early education for young children. These groups include Child Care Aware of New Jersey (CCANJ), the Coalition of Infant/Toddler Educators (CITE), NJ Workforce Registry, the NJ Association of Infant Mental Health (NJAIMH), NJ Early Intervention System (NJEIS), health care organizations, higher education, government,

## Professional Development Opportunities

### 1) PITC Six Essential Program Practices Series

*4 Classes at 3 hours each*

### 2) Birth to Three Early Learning Standards

*6 classes at 2 hours each*

### 3) Zero to Three's - The Growing Brain

*7 Classes at 3 hours each*

### 4) SIDS & Shaken Baby Syndrome

*1 class for 3 hours*

Classes can be held at Child & Family Resources or onsite, as long as there is available space and no restrictions to access for others.



## PITC's Six Essential Program Practices:

4 Classes at 3 hours each

The PITC's Six Essential Program Practices series shares with learners the important practices that create strong relationship based care programs for infant and toddler providers. They examine all six practices in detail as well as ways that the practices can be implemented in their programs. This series is recommended to be done as a whole series but can be offered individually to meet your needs.

1. Introduction & Overview
2. Primary Care & Small Groups
3. Continuity of Care & Culturally Sensitive Care
4. Individualized Care & Inclusion



## SIDS & Shaken Baby Syndrome

1 Class for 3 hours

Class Option Includes:

1. Preventing Abusive Head Trauma & Shaken baby Syndrome
2. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)



## Other Training Options

Varies in time based on training

We can provide other training options based on the needs that you are looking for. Contact our Infant & Toddler Specialist to discuss your needs. If we do not have a training already, we can create one!

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## Zero to Three's - The Growing Brain:

7 Classes at 3 hours each

The Growing Brain series provides an opportunity for learners to understand how the brain develops. It also explains the processes and the effects of outside influences in brain development for children birth to five years of age. This series can be offered as a whole series of all 7 classes or individually to meet your individual needs.

1. The Basics
2. Factors Infecting Brain Growth & Development
3. Communication & Language Development
4. Cognitive & Executive Function
5. Social-Emotional Development
6. Understanding Behavior
7. Play



## Birth to Three Early Learning Standards:

6 Classes at 2 hours each

The Birth to Three series explains the different domain expectations in infant and toddler development from the NJ Birth to Three Early Learning Standards Manual. It also shares ways that educators can support continued growth in development for children between the ages of birth to three years of age. This series is recommended to be done as a whole series but can be offered individually to meet your needs.

1. Overview
2. Social & Emotional Development
3. Approaches to Learning
4. Language Development & Communication
5. Cognitive Development
6. Physical & Motor Development

