



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

**EDUCATION**

## Month of the Young Child 2017

### Calendar of Events

#### **Poetry and Pinwheels: A Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Event**

**Details:**

Thursday, April 20, 2017 2-4 p.m.

Office of the State Superintendent of Education 810 First St. NE - Third Floor, Grand Hall

Registration link: <http://bit.ly/2piUPfM>

**Purpose:** OSSE will host an event in partnership with Safe Shores and the DC Child and Family Services Agency to promote awareness and prevention of child abuse and neglect. Many children within the District of Columbia and across the nation have experienced some form of trauma, abuse and/or neglect. This event will bring child development and child welfare staff together to discuss the signs and affects that child abuse and neglect have on young children and their development. The event will also shed light on how to prevent the abuse of children under our supervision.

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#### **Early Stages & DPR Week of the Young Child Kick-off Event**

**Details:**

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Turkey Thicket Recreation Center

1100 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20017

**Purpose:** Early Stages DC and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will host an event to provide the community with developmental strategies, related activities and materials in the five developmental domains of communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and social-emotional skills in a fun, personal, and interactive environment. This event will be fun-filled and informational, providing families with information about the services and supports available to them and their child. Early Stages is a DC Public Schools assessment center for children between the ages of 2 years, 8 months and 5 years, 10 months.

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### **State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council (SECDCC) Meeting**

**Details:**

Monday, April 24, 2017 2-3:30 p.m.

The Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room G9 Washington, DC 20004

**Purpose:** The next State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council (SECDCC) meeting will focus on the launch of Capital Quality, OSSE's new Enhanced Quality Rating and Improvement System, and the Early Development Instrument (EDI) website launch. Learn more information at the meeting about the new QRIS and OSSE's approach to supporting providers as they transition from Going for the Gold to Capital Quality.

The new EDI website and toolkit will also be unveiled at the SECDCC meeting, which were developed in conjunction with Raise DC and the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). EDI is a validated, population-based measure of early child development in five key domains: physical health, emotional maturity, social competence, language and cognitive skills, and communications skills and general knowledge. The goal is to promote the use of valid and reliable citywide and neighborhood-level data and maps reflecting children's health and development across multiple domains. These tools will also be used to engage community stakeholders in interpreting the data, and brainstorming local strategies for addressing geographic and/or domain specific variations in developmental outcomes. State Superintendent Kang and Raise DC leadership will unveil the website and toolkit, and invite early childhood stakeholders to view these critical resources to foster collaboration and test local strategies for improving child outcomes.

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### **Strong Start DC Open House**

**Details:**

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Strong Start DC Early Intervention Program 1371

Harvard Street, NW 20009

Registration Links:

Child Development Providers: <http://bit.ly/2oWNovg>

Parents and Families:

<http://bit.ly/2nvVle1>

**Purpose:** This event will bring together children, families, early intervention providers, and child development providers across the District to visit and tour the Strong Start facility. The open

house will inform the broader community about Strong Start's services and provide information about the referral process and coordination with early childhood providers, community-based organizations, schools and government agencies. The Strong Start DC Early Intervention Program serves as the primary point of entry for infants and toddlers into DC's early intervention system for families who have concerns about their child's development. The goal of the event is to help strengthen the connections between Strong Start and the community to ensure the healthy development of all children in the District.

\*Registrants are able to attend the open house anytime during the selected two-hour time slot.

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