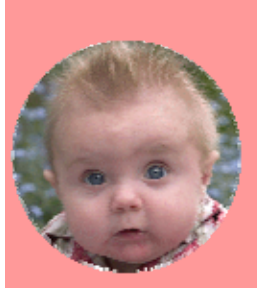


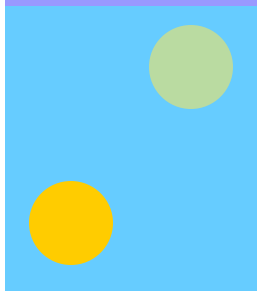
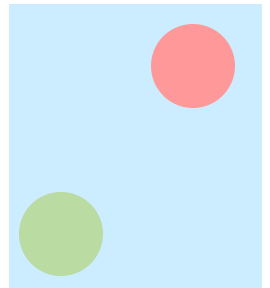
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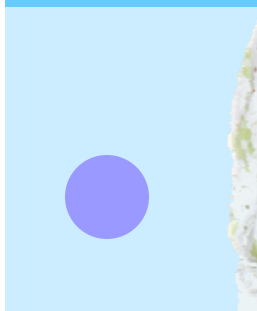
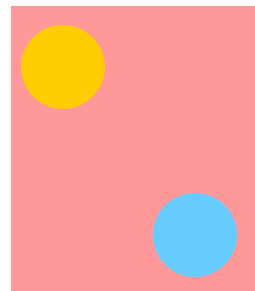
The purpose of *Mind in the Making* is to share the science of early learning with all those who care about children's learning and development.



# CLASSES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS START January 22, 2008



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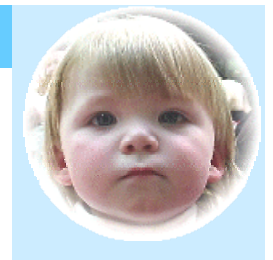
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What is it?

- A series of 12 learning modules.
- Encourages responsive and reflective teaching and learning based on the importance of relationships.
- Integrates young children's social, emotional, and intellectual development.

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## The MITM Learning Modules for Early Childhood Teachers: Turning the Best Research into Best Practice (from [www.mindinthemaking.org](http://www.mindinthemaking.org))

The Mind in the Making Learning Modules for Early Childhood Teachers is a 12-part facilitated learning process designed to bridge the gap between research and practice. The Learning Modules are intended for teachers (defined as an adult who teaches and cares for young children) in schools, centers and home-based early childhood settings for children from birth through school-entry. Although the research referenced in the Learning Modules focuses on birth through school-entry, the Modules are beneficial for teachers in the early elementary years.

**Learning Facilitator:** Elana Arthurs

**Where:** TBA (Somewhere in Indiana County)

**Cost:** \$120 for twelve 2-hour sessions. **PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE.**

**Class binders and materials provided. Full meal and refreshments provided.**

**Door prizes at each session!**

**When?**

Day	Date	Time: Make-up	Time: Meal	Time:Class	Module (s)
Tuesday	January 22	N/A	5:30	6:00 - 9:15	1 & 2
Monday	February 11	5:00	6:00	6:30 - 8:30	3
Monday	March 31	5:00	6:00	6:30 - 8:30	4
Monday	April 14	5:00	6:00	6:30 - 8:30	5
Monday	May 19	5:00	6:00	6:30 - 8:30	6
Monday	June 23	5:00	6:00	6:30 - 8:30	7
Monday	July 14	5:00	5:45	6:15 - 9:15	8 & 9
Monday	August 11	5:00	6:00	6:30 - 8:30	10
Monday	September 15	5:00	5:45	6:15 - 9:15	11 & 12



**Mind In The Making Learning Facilitator: Elana Shively.** Elana is presently the Keystone STARS Supervisor for the Northwest Regional Key. She joined the key as a Keystone STARS Manager/Family

Specialist, with 15 years experience in early care and education, in August 2006. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from IUP. She is a PQAS Instructor and STARS TA consultant . Elana was instrumental in delivering the 2005/2006 PA model of "Mind in the Making". This year, she is Project Coordinator for the PA model of "Mind in the Making".

Elana was one of two PQAS instructors in the Northwest Key to facilitate the Family Communications Initiatives "What Do You Do With the Mad That You Feel?" and "Challenging Behaviors". Elana is very excited to deliver the *Traditional Model of Mind in the Making* to early learning teachers in Indiana County.

**It is understood that registrants may not be able to make every class, so make-up sessions will be provided 1 hour prior to each class.**

### Who should attend?

- Center, Group, and Family early learning teachers (practitioners)
- Head Start teachers
- Private Pre-school teachers
- K-4 teachers
- Kindergarten teachers
- Home Visitors who work with children
- Agency Case Workers who work with children
- ECE Faculty

**Full course of 24 training hours will count toward:**

- Act 48 Hours
- Keystone STARS clock hours
- CEU Hours
- DPW Hours

Mind In The Making Modules	Outcome
Teachers Make a Difference	You will understand that what you do with children can have a lifelong impact. You will learn how to encourage parents to seek increased learning about child development.
Relationships are Essential	You will understand that human connections are essential to learning.
How Learning Begins	You will understand how learning begins.
Social, Emotional and Intellectual Together	You will understand that social, emotional, and intellectual learning are inextricably linked.
Building Confidence and Competence	You will understand that children receive powerful messages about themselves from the ways that adults respond to and interact with them.
Understanding Temperament	You will understand that effective parenting/teaching requires becoming aware of the role that temperament plays in behavior.
Learning to Read Other's Thoughts and Feelings	You will understand that children need to learn that what they feel and what others feel can be different.
Encouraging Curiosity and Problem Solving	You will understand that children are motivated by inborn curiosity and drive to solve problems and figure out how the world works.
Using Language to Make Meaning of Experience	You will understand how to use language to promote language and literacy skills in children.
Memory and Learning	You will understand the role of memory in early learning.
Stress and Learning	You will understand how stress can affect children's growth and development and how to help children and adults manage stress.
Creating Communities of Learners	You will understand the importance of teaching others what they have learned and connecting to parents.

**MITM REGISTRATION DUE BY JANUARY 17, 2008 LIMITED TO THE FIRST 40 REGISTRANTS**

**Late Registrations taken until February 8, 2008!**

**Clip and mail to: MITM Project Coordinator, C/O Indiana County Child Day Care, Inc.  
570 South 11th Street, Indiana, PA 15701**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options: (Check one)**

\_\_\_ **One Payment** of \$120 - Due with registration.

\_\_\_ **Two Payments** of \$60 - *Payment One* due with registration; *Payment Two* due at the start of class on April 14, 2008.

\_\_\_ **Four Payments** of \$30 - *Payment One* due with registration; *Payment Two* due at the start of class on March 31, 2008; *Payment Three* due at the start of class on May 19, 2008; *Payment Four* due at the start of class on July 14, 2008.

Please make these checks payable to: Indiana County Day Care, Inc. MITM Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box if you prefer a vegetarian meal.

**QUESTIONS? Contact Kathy at 724-463-8200, 724-463-0794, or via e-mail at:**

[kabakercac@yahoo.com](mailto:kabakercac@yahoo.com)

**PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM AS NEEDED**

**Foundations of Mind in the Making / Research Base:**

**1. HUMAN CONNECTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO LEARNING**

*Research shows that:* Human Relationships are the building blocks of healthy development and learning. Children's developing sense of self and their feelings of competence are greatly influenced by the quality of the relationships they have with others. When adults (parents, teachers) are in synch with children – when they are aware about connecting and reconnecting - children are more likely to feel known and understood.

**2. SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND INTELLECTUAL LEARNING ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED**

*Research shows that:* Children learn best when they are connected to others and when they are engaged emotionally and intellectually.

**3. YOUNG CHILDREN ARE BORN LEARNING**

*Research shows that:* Children learn more in their first few years of life than at any other time in their lives.

**4. HOW CHILDREN LEARN TO KNOW OTHERS' THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS**

*Research shows that:* The increasing capacity to understand people around you is essential to the learning experience.

**5. USING LANGUAGE TO MAKE MEANING FROM EXPERIENCE**

*Research shows that:* Children are developing communication and early literacy skills from birth and they learn to differentiate and understand sound and words before they can speak.

**6. CREATING COMMUNITIES OF LEARNERS**

*Research shows that:* When teachers and parents work as authentic and effective partners, children learn better.



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