





HR Recruitment, Retention and Management: Tools for the Trade

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The ECE Landscape

- Tight labor market
- Increasing demand from families needing care
- Decreasing number of child care slots
- Fewer candidates and fewer still who are qualified
- Trying to mitigate turnover
- Dealing with a multi-generational workforce with different needs, wants and expectations



The online knowledge hub provides more than 2000 tools and resources that support programmatic and business operations of family and center-based programs.

- Customized by each state
- Supports ECE providers and Coaches/PD/TA staff who work with providers
- Manage program more efficiently
 - Strengthen business practices including financial and HR management
 - > Elevate quality interactions in the classroom and with families
 - Save money realized from pooled purchasing power; reallocate savings to other priorities







Saving Money

Successful Program Management



Featured Tools & Resources



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Becoming an HR Expert



Compliance & Quality



Family Child Care Toolkit



Financial Management



Forms, Policies & Templates



Nutrition, Health & Safety



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Workplace Culture

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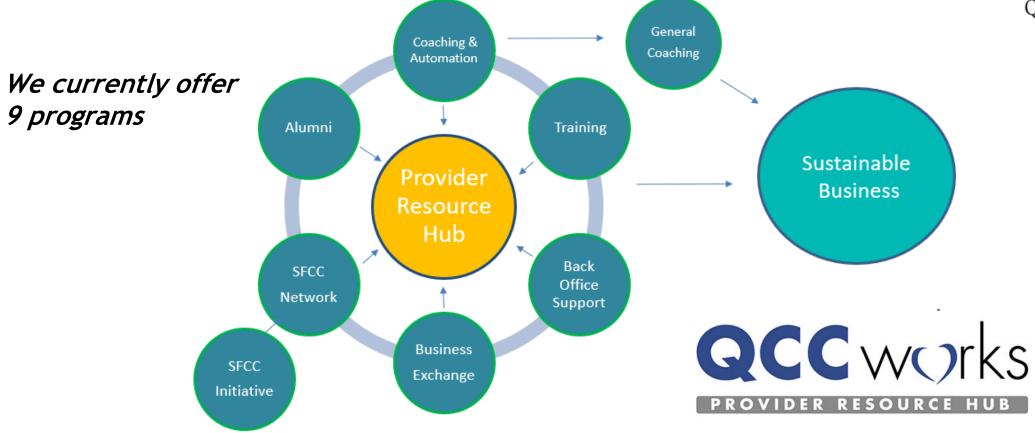
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ECE Business Services - Provider Resource Hub Focus





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Provider Resource Hub Benefits



Administrative Resources & Templates



Family Child Care Toolkit



Discounts on Goods & Services



Job Board, Job Templates, & Hiring Tools

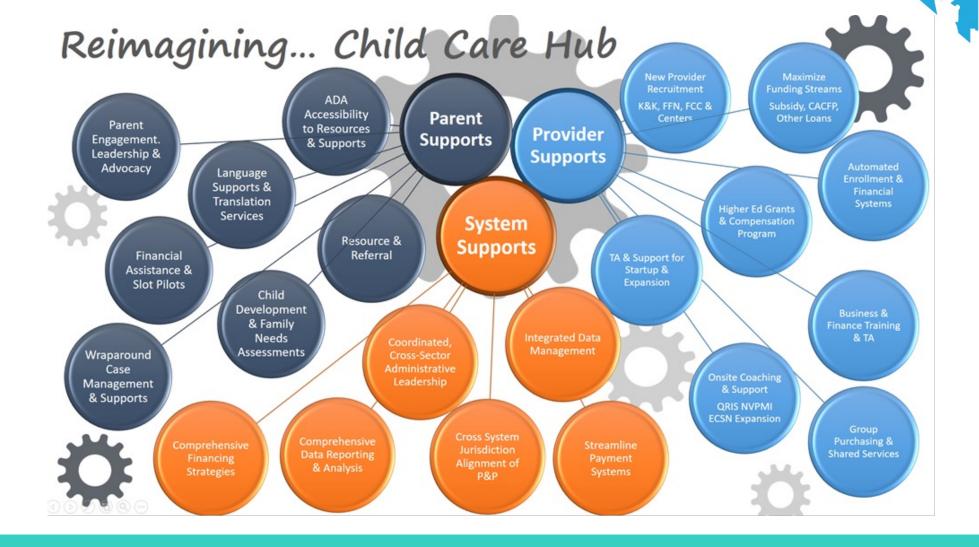
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Supporting the Field in Nevada

- Our population is in 2 main places in the state: Reno & Las Vegas
- 671 Providers & 855 FFN
- Rural population remains unregulated
 & does not have ECE background
- 2 physical locations plus virtual



Supporting the Field in Nevada





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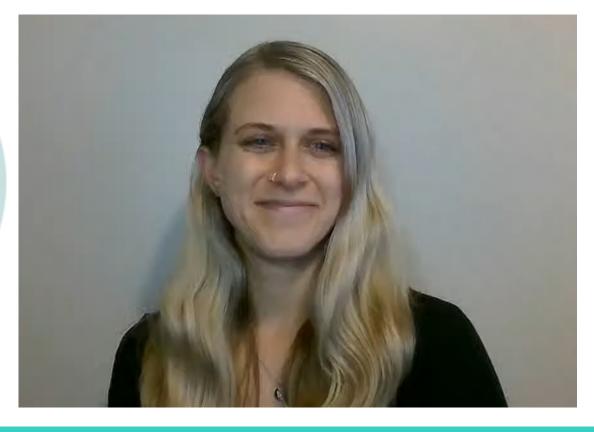
- 21 Housed Partners
- Countless Community Partners
- 1 Stop Shop for any provider or anyone wanting to join the field
- ECE Shared Resources platform is the virtual hub



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Supporting the Field in Virginia

Our statewide network of EC trainers & technical assistance providers use the (platform) every day in their work with providers.



Strengthening Business
Practices training
includes Crosswalk
Reference tool &
platform resources.

Supporting long term implementation of platform resources.

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Preparing for Recruitment



Becoming an Employer of Choice

Stand Out Among Competitors

RESOURCES & TOOLS

- Guide to Becoming an Employer of Choice
- Recruitment & Retention Tips & Strategies
- Teacher Benefits and Compensation
- Workplace Culture Toolkit



Standing out among your competitors has increasingly become a strategy child care p to do. Why? Job applicants are scarce, keeping your staff is incredibly important, and job applicants requires a strategy to entice this discerning pool of potential job seeker

"Becoming an Employer of Choice means creating a positive work environment, built and crafting a fun and product culture." (1/20/23 Peoplekeep.com/blog)

Are you wondering how your program can do this? It all starts with a plan. A strong r must include all the ways your program is amazing — amazing for families and childre and potential job seekers.

So, how do you respond to a challenging recruitment market where your program by choice? Let's explore some ways to begin to mag out this incredibly important strate



The Basics in a Nutshell

Most job seekers are looking for a workplace culture that aligns with their core beliefs According to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, people are motivated to satisfy their nece shelter, safety and wellbeing, belonging and love, social needs and self-esteem and fin meaning reaching their full potential.

You may be wondering why we are beginning with Maslow's hierarchy. Well, even very young children instinctually move through this process and as educators, we help them along the way. Simply put, if you nutrure a work environment where staff needs are the primary focus, then you will have started on phase one of the journey. The Workplace Culture toolit on your shared resources platform provides four sets of guides and tip sheets addressing key issues for staff in a meaningful and positive way. Each of the topics could be the subject of a quarterly team meeting or staff retreat.

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Know Your Workplace Environment

Getting started on your workplace culture is best approached with a Work including a survey and what to do with the results available on your sharec a pulse on how your staff is feeling and to identify any areas of opportunity

Feeling heard is an important part of the communication culture you dever the results and work together to create team-owned solutions. Allowing staff to be part of the solution, boosts ownership and accountable engagement in and ownership of the workplace environment and culture!

engagement in and ownership or the workplace environment and culture! provide you with staff who want to share their good experience with frien may become interested in working or volunteering with your program. Thi setting you on course to become the employer of choice.



Getting to the Nut and Bolts

Understanding and creating recruitment and marketing messaging tha your brand as the employer of choice begins with how well you promo

- Your workplace culture and environment.
- How your program provides opportunity for learning, develop
 Your people and how you encourage working together to su
- environment.
 4. A powerful onboarding plan which includes addressing social a
- 5. Finally, greater work-life balance and well-being.

Applicants may not come through the traditional job posting for all sorts of reasons. They're proce discerning about where they want to work, the may be looking to make an impact and seeking jobs that make a difference in the world. So how do you attract, recruit, and retain these Individuals so that you are their employer of choice? Here are 20 Tips an Strategies to get you started.

1. Create an opportunity for an invitation. Think about where you go and encounter a customer service individual; e.g., at the hair salon. Uber, receptionist at your doctor's office, ticket counter at a local theatre, etc. Sometimes

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION TIPS AND STRATEGIES ...

- Create an opportunity for an invitation. Think about where you go and encounter a customer service individual;
 e.g. at the hair salon, Uber, receptionist at your doctor's office, ticket counter at a local theatre, etc. Sometimes
 you meet an individual who is welcoming, kind, and exhibits a confidence and demeanor reflective of your work
 culture. Ask them if they'd be interested in exploring an employment opportunity with your program, give them
 your card and follow up. Don't forget to add that you may be able to offer no night or weekend hours.
- 2. Networking & Training Events. Yes, exactly! I am proposing that you network with the people in the room and meet as many people as you can with those you feel might be a potential applicant for your program and ask them for a few moments of their time to explore a potential job opportunity at your program. While this may seem wrong and feel like you are stealing staff, two things come to mind:
- a. We are all tapping into the same pool of talent whether they work for your competition or not.
 b. Staff may already be thinking of leaving if they are unhappy with their supervisors, work environment, or co-workers, or for other reasons. Why not see if your program provides better opportunity for them. Obviously, you have to do what you feel is the right and moral thing to do. If you're looking for ideas, this one might just open up a door or two for you.
- 3. Tap into Families. It is not unusual to receive referrals from families for child care services, but perhaps they know someone who might be a great fit as a staff person for your program. Always use this audience for a word-of-mouth campaign because they have heart, honesty and integrity. Shout it out on your Community Bulletin Board for all to see, attach a note to family tuition receipts or any other communication you have with families and see where this goes.
- 4. RSVP Yes please! Respond to an applicant within the first 24 hours. In a tight labor market, job seekers have options and easily can go elsewhere unless you respond to their interest within the first 24 hours of their application to your program. Otherwise, there is a very slim opportunity to convert an applicant to a hire.
- Nurture a Great Workplace Culture. Job seekers and new staff are discerning about where they plant their
 roots. They are looking for a great company with a great culture. If you're not paying attention to your work
 environment and what staff want, you could be opening a revolving door inviting staff to exit and go elsewhere
 for employment.

Showcase Your Employer of Choice Attributes

Here are two ways to showcase these nuts and bolts recruitment and retention strategies, privately (within your program) and publicly (on your marketing site and in job posts.)

PRIVATELY - WITHIN YOUR PROGRAM

Addressing staff needs, wants and aspirations bolsters your workplace culture and overall environment. If you want to become an employer of choice, think about ways to incorporate these elements as a start to embracing your staff as the fundamental part of this equation.

✓ Developing a Culture of Mutual Respect and Admiration

Share Regular Updates on the State of Your Program's Business When you let staff know what is going on with the business, including strategy or goals – whichever you feel most comfortable with sharing – it makes them feel trusted, secure, and respected. It helps them identify with your mission and overall vision for the program and it builds workplace culture and an environment where people want to stay.

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Becoming an Employer of Choice

Low-Cost, High-Impact Benefits for Staff



To request prescriptions or refills (when appropriate)

. If traveling and in need of medical care





GUIDED MEDITATION AND BUILD YOUR IMMUNITY TO ANXIETY

Try out a guided meditation to help staff manage their own emotions, anxiety and challenging times. This meditation is available for just \$7.00 and every purchase will receive these three additional free resources:

- "Practice Power Over Anxiety" 23 Minute Mindology Fitness Class
- · "Power Over Anxiety Emergency Relief" 3 Minute Meditation
- "Power Over Anxiety Rescue Deck" Peace in Your Pocket

Order Peace on Demand Power Over Anxiety resources:

Peace on Demand - 10 Minute Guided Meditation for Instant Power Over
 Anxiety

· And much more!

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"Recruit & Retain Staff through Affordable Benefits" Webinar



STEPS TO NEW
STAFF SUCCESS

Develop an onboarding process that will support retention and build positive working relationships between the entire team and the families you serve.

VIEW RESOURCES

Featured Tools & Resources



Recoming an HR Expert



Compliance & Quality



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Forms, Policies & Templates



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Telehealth



- Purchased 6K subscriptions to telemedicine - 6th months later added mental health & dental coverage
- 2K have activated their accounts: 20% utilization
- Plan: NAEYC renewal will have opt in/out question

Planning + Preparation = Your Best Foot Forward

Guides, Editable Tools & Templates

- Job Descriptions
 - > Ensure it is updated to align with the job
- Interview Guides
 - Behavior based interview questions
 - What is and is not legal to ask
- Salary Scale
 - Assess salary against competition and align to experience and to the job
 - > Be mindful of equity given challenges of current staffing pressures
- Benefits & Compensation strategy
 - > Put it in writing, include tangible & intangible benefits
 - Showcase what makes the program a wonderful place to work

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Early Childhood Education Salary Scale Sample

Early Childhood Education Salary Averages*

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	High School Diploma	High School + CDA	A.A. in ECE	B.A. in ECE	M.A. in ECE
Classroom Aide	21,000	21,500 - 22,000	A.A. III LOL	B.A. III EGE	MI.A. III EGE
1-2 years experience	21,000	21,500	N/A	N/A	N/A
	21,000	22,000	IN/A	IWA	IN/A
3-5 years experience Assistant teacher	21,000 - 22,500	21,000 - 23,500		*	
	21,000	21,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
1-2 years experience			IN/A	IN/A	I N/A
3-5 years experience	22,500	23,500	20 500 27 000	20 500 24 000	20 500 22 500
Classroom Teacher			26,500 - 27,000	30,500 - 31,000	32,500 - 33,500
1-2 years experience	N/A	N/A	26,500	30,500	32,500
3-5 years experience			27,000	31,000	33,500
Lead Teacher			28,500 - 29,000	29,500 - 32,000	32,500 - 35,000
1-2 years experience	N/A	N/A	28,500	29,500	32,500
3-5 years experience	a.		29,000	32,000	35,000
Master Teacher				32,000 - 34,000	34,000 - 36,000
1-2 years experience	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,000	34,000
3-5 years experience	1.000 N. 100 N.		00000000	34,000	36,000
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Program Director				35,000 - 38,000	38,000 - 42,000
1-2 years experience	N/A	N/A	N/A	35,000	38,000
3-5 years experience	0.000			38,000	42,000
Assistant Director				35,000 - 45,000	45,000 - 60,000
1-2 years experience	N/A	N/A	N/A	35,000	45,000
3-5 years experience				45,000	60,000
Executive Director					45,000 - 85,000
1-2 years experience	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45,000
3-5 years experience	30.000			10010000	65,000 - 85,000

^{*}Hypothetical in a particular geography; for illustrative purposes only.



ABC Learning Center Teacher Benefits & Compensation



Salary

- Teacher Salary \$15 / hour
- · Annual performance increase (dependent upon performance)
- Overtime



Paid Time Off

- . 9 sick / personal days / year
- 5 vacation days year 1
- 10 vacation days year 2 4
- 15 vacation days year 5+



Employer Subsidized Benefits

- . Telemedicine/Docs by Phone for you & immediate family
- Group Health
- · Group Dental / vision insurance
- Retirement/401k with 3% employer match



Professional Development

- · Job shadowing plan
- · Leadership training
- NAEYC membership
- · Paid attendance at 5 local training/pd events annually



Onboarding & Engagement Success

- · 90 day Orientation Plan
- · One year on-going engagement success plan
- · Mentor/partner assigned from day one



Other

- · VIP Teacher Mentor program
- · Staff emergency /crises fund
- · Flexible work schedule
- · Paid planning time
- . Longevity bonus \$500 after 5 years; \$1,000 after 10 years of service



Optional

- · Workplace Safety Committee Participation
- · Welcome Committee
- . Staff Activity Committee
- · Family Bulletin Board Leader

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Acquire4Hire

The Nuts & Bolts for Sponsors

- Sponsoring organization receives state specific job board
- Monitoring dashboard
 - Businesses registered
 - Jobs posted
 - Jobs active and open
 - Job views
 - Applications received
- ➤ Built in job descriptions and option to add state specific

The Nuts & Bolts for Businesses

- ➤ Self service tools
- Built in ECE specific jobs
- FAQ tips to help job post stand out
- ➤ One click distribution to 15+ job boards
- Manage applicants in a single dashboard
- Customizable workflow = equity in the process
- ➤ Basic Level of Acquire4Hire is free to users in ECE Shared Resources Network

Acquire4Hire - Georgia

IN THIS SECTION Becoming an HR Expert Becoming An Employer of Choice Compensation & Benefits > Child Care Jobs GA Discipline & Termination Employment Forms Tools & Postings > Employee Handbook Employee Orientation Toolkit Job Descriptions More HR Forms, Policies & Employee Morale Templates Goals Organization Charts HR Hotline Payroll Practices Interview Guides Performance Appraisals

Job Ads

CHILD CARE JOBS GA

The best place to find and post child care jobs in Georgia!

Powered by acquire4hire, Child Care Jobs GA is a free, all-in-one tool for both job seekers and employers who are looking to hire talented ECE program staff and support personnel.

Benefits of using Child Care Jobs GA:

Resume Templates

Workplace Culture >

Workplace Safety

. FREE TO POST: Unlike most job boards, posting jobs is FREE for members of the Provider Resource Hub!

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- . 8 JOB BOARDS IN 1: Each job post automatically appears across 8 other job sites including Indeed.com, LinkedIn, Jora, Job Rapido, Adzuna, Career Jet, Oodle, and Juju!
- . SHOW UP IN GOOGLE RESULTS: Your job post automatically shows up in Google search results! This is one of the easiest way for job seekers to find information about your opportunity.
- JOB DESCRIPTION TEMPLATES: The platform provides ready-to-use job description templates specifically created for Georgia child care professionals (directors, assistant and lead teachers, caregivers, contractors, admin and support staff)!
- . ONLINE APPLICATIONS: Job posters have the option of man:

DOWNLOAD THE FLYER

WATCH A HOW-TO VIDEO [3]

FOR EMPLOYERS

- 1. Register to post jobs
- 2. Create a job post using a set of pre-written job descriptions.
- 3. Distribute with one click to the most popular job sites across the w
- 4. Manage your hiring process using custom workflows and template:
- 5. And, finally, hire that talent!

REGISTER

MANAGE ACCOUNT

Hiring: Job Descriptions, Interview Guides, Job Posting Service

Retention: Building Staff Culture

Employee Handbook, Performance Appraisals

Mandatory HR Forms and Postings

Compensation & Benefits

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Aquire4Hire- Nevada

Promote: Housed & Community
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- 66 Current Users
- 241 Jobs Posted

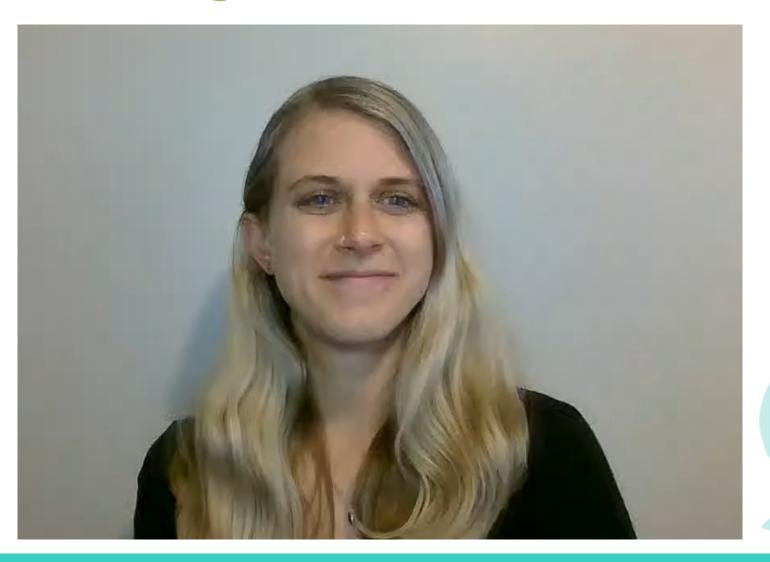
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Mountain View Lutheran

I enjoy the convenience of the service. The process is easy, and I like the pre-set job templates. We advertise for teachers and aides and received several responses. I love the email notifications when people apply, it is a great time saver.

Acquire4Hire - Virginia

Hundreds of providers report hiring new staff through the job hub.



Cost savings allows programs to invest in better wages.

July 2023 300 jobs posted 209K job views 9K+ applicants

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Find and Hire Staff Using the Virginia Child Care & ECE Job Hub

Simplify the hiring process so you can focus on finding the perfect applicant.

Child care and early childhood education programs can create job postings and manage the hiring process all in one place using Virginia Child Care & ECE Job Hub. This platform allows you to track interviews, monitor background checks, document notes, and send automatic emails to inform applicants of their status.

Virginia Child Care & ECE Job Hub allows programs to generate a job posting and automatically share it to 16 different job search websites simultaneously (including Indeed, Google, Linkedin, etc.). Click the button below to sign up for a free account and get started finding the perfect applicants today!

Sign Up Now



55,000 job applications were submitted through the job hub and job postings received a combined 1.5 million views



if you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to touch base with us.

Sincerely,

Child Care Aware of Virginia 804-285-0846 vachildeare.com lackyn@vachildeare.com

Acquire4Hire

Meaningful Impact

"I love the job board. I have hired several applicants who turned out to be awesome!"

Tralana Keaton, VA

"The Shared Services platform is vital to my success as a director. The last few hires for my center were found through the EC Jobs VT so I am incredibly grateful to be able to post jobs for free on this site."

Beth Workman, VT

"122 childcare programs posted 526 jobs saving an estimated \$315,000 they would have paid to post these jobs on other job boards."

Jackie Cowell – NH

"Helping our efforts in strengthening the workforce through the job board and the hiring tools."

Robin Schotter, KY

"Acquire4Hire has been a strong support for providers who are desperately looking for staff."

Susanne Rakes, VA

January - July 2023 63K+ applicants More than double growth over 2022

Acquire4Hire

Hiring Features

Everything from Basic Features plus:

- ➤ Prescreen Questions
- Personality Test for Candidates
- Expanded Automated Email Messages for:
 - Candidate communication updates (tied to workflow)
 - Pending job interviews
- Google Calendar Integration

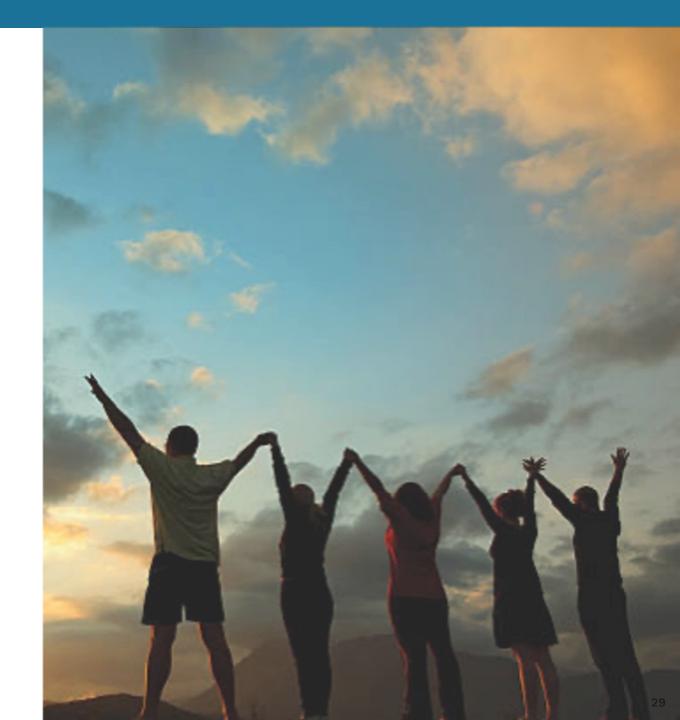
Onboarding Features

Coming in 2024

Everything from Basic Features plus:

- ➤ SMS text messaging reminders
- Customizable Job Offer Letter and "What to Expect on Your First Day" Letter
- ➤ New Hire Documentation Dashboard
 - Hiring manager can upload preemployment forms and send them to candidate
 - Ability to create checklists so hiring manager can see what they have sent candidate

Preparing for Onboarding & Orientation



Onboarding

Address New Employees Social & Emotional Needs

IN THIS SECTION

Employee Orientation Toolkit

Best Practices in Onboarding

Communication to Staff & Families

General Care & Communication

Orientation Checklists >



RESOURCES & TOOLS

- **Onboarding Best Practices**
- Best Practice Tips for Engaging New Employees



everyone on the team is tuned in and greets the new employee with a smile/hello, it helps them feel welcome and it conveys

"we are so glad you are here!"

Tips and Strategies

· Prepare the new employee - Let the new employee know what first few days will look like BEFORE they start on day one. It will be reassuring for them to know what they are walking into.

Prepare your team for meeting new employee - When

Assign a buddy - A buddy provides social, emotional, and logistical suptraining. This should be a staff member who is a colleague and not a informally every day or two in a friendly, caring way and answer quest care how this goes for you; you are important to us". Always be sure comfortable taking on this responsibility and that you've provided gui is expected of them in this role.

Assign a mentor - A mentor should be a high performing staff memb provide guidance, learning and support. A mentor is a more formal re

- Post a welcome sign on the front door! Imagine walking up to the fro there is a big welcome poster!
- · Welcome card signed by entire staff team Have each member of yo



- Set up coffee/tea/hot cocoa and snacks in the staff room or kitchen. take a few minutes to chat throughout the morning or afternoon
- · Have a buddy or co-teacher invite new employee to have lunch toget days to help the new employee connect with other:

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Tips for Checking In

- At 3 months
- At 6 months
- At 12 months



- · providing them with clearly defined responsibilities and expectation

- · allowing them to learn at their own pace, and
- . helping them build solid relationships with their coworkers and



The "Orlentation Checklist" on your shared resources website will help get you to 90 days which many consider to be a probationary period an employer uses to assess whether a new hire is a good fit for the position. As you approach the end of these first 90 days, be sure clear and ongoing communication has occurred throughout, that any performance concerns have been documented and discussed with the new employee and that you have been clear if performance changes are needed. And of course, be sure you are communicating all the things your new

Incorporate elements of your performance appraisal to help ensure there are no surprises for your new employee when you get to the 12-month performance appraisal. If you haven't already, share your performance appraisal documents. Be sure continued training and feedback incorpor and responsibilities outlined in your job description such as:

- · interactions with children including guiding behavior
 - · interactions and relationship building with families,
 - interactions with co-workers including contributing to strong team environment.
 - · exhibiting program philosophy and curriculum planning,
- · understanding and adhering to program policies and procedures and licensing regulations

Orientation

Check All the Boxes

IN THIS SECTION

Orientation Checklists

Day 1-HR & Workplace Safety

Requirements

General Care & Communication

Health

Program Operations &

Professionalism

Supervision & Safety

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RESOURCES

The following resources align with the subjects in the Human Resources portion of the orientation.

- Benefits for ECE Professionals Sample (English) (Spa
- Compensation / Salary
- Goals
- Health Risk Disclosure Form
- · Occupational Safety & Health
- OSHA Hazard Communication Fact Sheet
- Organizational Chart Chain of Command
- · Performance Appraisals
- Staff ID Template
- Affordable Care Act
 - FAQ on the Affordable Care Act Notice to Emplo
 - Model Notice for employers who do not offer a l
 - (English) (Español)
 - Model Notice for employers who offer a health; employees
 - (English) (Español)
- Workplace Safety Plan & Compliance Resources

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Staff Orientation Checklist - Before Day 1 Staff Member Information

Directions to the Hiring Supervisor

This checklist and related materials provide a toolkit to implement a comprehensive orientation for a new employee. It will require your careful review and revision to include policies and procedures unique to your center or as required by State laws and licensing requirements. This checklist is designed to be edited, deleted, and customized as needed. Implementation of the checklist is intended to be delivered over several weeks and additional qualified staff may assist in the process.

Before the New Staff Member's First Day

Complete the following items as soon as possible or at least one week before the arrival of your new

[] Review Transition / Teacher / Staff Change Policy and follow accordingly
	[] Inform current staff of new hire
	[] Inform families of new hire
[] Have new employee write a letter to families introducing themselves
ĺ	Arrange time for families to meet new employee
]] Send a welcome letter including key information about the job, benefits, and their first day (when to arrive, location, dress code, etc.)
] Schedule time on your calendar for the staff member welcome and one-on-one meeting] Set up email account, password, etc. (if applicable)
]] Prepare Orientation: [] Prioritize the checklist sections [] Set a timeline for completion
	1 Assign appropriate staff to assist with the Orientation if appropriate (for example, a Buddy and

Notify all staff of new staff member including start date, classroom assignment, etc. 1 Download materials from your ECE website

] Sign and date each checklist, and file in employee folder completed

Click to Enter New or Delete

[] Begin an Employee Folder to include the following documents:

] Employment Documents (W-4, background check, State Forms etc.) Note: I-9 Forms must be maintained separate from Employee Folder.)

] Job Description

Letters of Reference/Recognition

Policy acknowledgements and agreements

Orientation Materials

Records relating to job offer, promotion, transfer, rates of pay, education and training records Goal setting and performance appraisal documents

State licensing, criminal records release, finger print records, etc.

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CCA For Social Good is not engaged in the practice of law, nor can it advise you on legal matters. These resources are comprehensive but may not be all inclusive, it is recommended that you review the provisions of this document with a qualified local

5 Records Required for Every New Hire

In order to comply with certain federal and state laws, an employer must complete new hire paperwork when bringing a new employee on board. ADP provides an overview of what new hire forms are required, and how employers can satisfy these requirements.

SEE OVERVIEW

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Summer

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We're here to help make running a child care and early childhood education business a **breeze**.

Child Care Aware of Virginia aims to increase the accessibility, availability, and quality of child care in Virginia through services for families, child care professionals, and the community. We are here to help you start or sustain a thriving child care business. This summer we are providing you with a variety of resources that will assist you in achieving your goals.

Read more about us

VIRGINIA SHARED SERVICES NETWORK

This web-based platform is available to assist all child care centers and family day homes.

Access customizable templates for policies and procedures, lesson plans, business support, discounts on every day items and more by becoming a member today.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY FEATURES:

An Employee Orientation Toolkit is available as well onboarding best practices to assist you with training and onboarding your new staff.

Learn more here



Orientation

Editable Tools, Templates & Policies

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

INTRODUCTORY PERIOD.
PERSONAL DATA CHANG

OPEN COMMUNICATION.

PERFORMANCE EVALUAT

SECTION 3: SCHEDULE

BREAKS/LUNCH FOR HOL WORKWEEK & PAYROLL.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.

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EMERGENCY CONDITION:

WORK SCHEDULES.

RECORDKEEPING ..

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RESOURCES & TOOLS

- Employee Handbook
 - Acknowledgement & Release Form
- Performance Appraisal
- Employee Warning Notice Form
- Workplace Safety Plan
- Workplace Survey

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE FORM - Employee Copy

(Employee's Copy-to Remain in Handbook)

I understand that I am an at-will employee, and I therefore understand that my employment may be terminated at any time, with or without prior notice, and with or without cause or reason by The Organization. Likewise, I understand that I am free to resign at any time, for any reason. No employee, agent, or representative of The Organization other than lie sexecutive officers has authority to enter into any agreement guaranteeing employment for any specified period of time, or to make any representations, promises or agreements contrary to the foregoing. I further understand that any such agreement authorized by executive officers shall not be enforceable unless it is in writing and signed by both an executive officer and myself.

No employee handbook can anticipate every circumstance or question about policies. As The Organization changes, the need may arise to change policies described in this handbook. The Organization reserves the right to revise, supplement, or rescind any policies or portions of the handbook from time to time as it deems appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion. As soon as practical, The Organization will notify all team members of such changes, and they will be applicable even if I have not signed a new Acknowledgment and Release Form for them. This Handbook supersedes any previous Employee Handbook.

I understand and acknowledge that violation of the Employee Handbook or any other workplace rule may result in immediate disciplinary action against me, up to and including termination of employment.

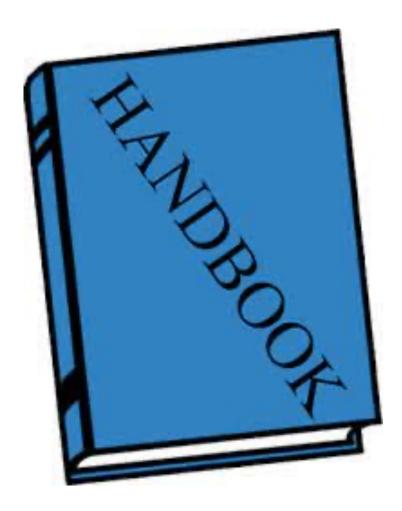
My signature below indicates that I have read and understood this statement and have received a copy of the Employee Handbook. My signature further acknowledges and agrees that I will read and familiarize myself with its contents and follow the policies and rules indicated.

Employee Printed Name	
Employee Signature	Date

In Practice - Nevada

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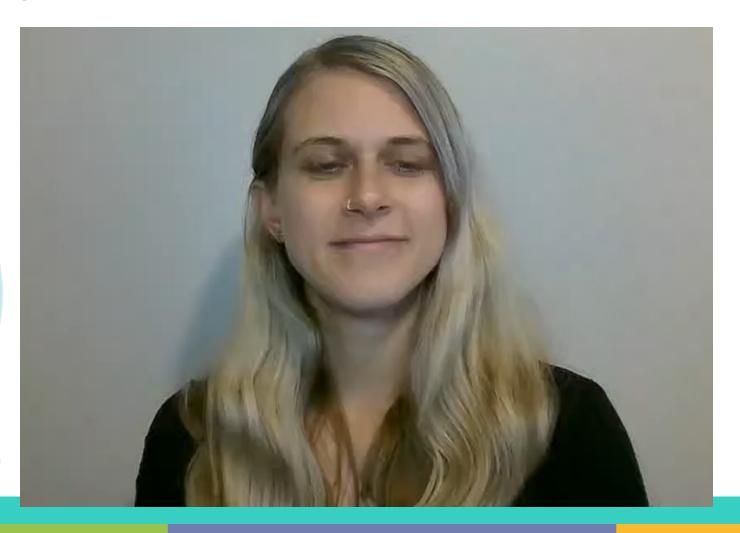
- Office of Early Learning & Development identified a gap
- NE Nevada AEYC (Association for Education of Young Children) mini conference
- Templates



In Practice - Virginia

Director Forums

Gather routinely
Discuss what works
in daily practice
Platform solutions &
ECE Job Hub
embedded



A focus on best practices in hiring & retaining quality teachers

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In Practice - Virginia

Embedding the "How" into Training

Training of Trainers
Strengthening Business Practices



Training of Trainers

Strengthening Business Practices for Child Care Programs



The National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance is pleased to offer a new training-of-trainers curriculum series, Strengthening Business Practices for Child Care Programs. Through this series, trainers in the early childhood field will have the tools to deliver business training to center-based and family child care providers. The training content and activities are designed to strengthen providers' foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management and business operations.

The training-of-trainer series contains four modules of business practices content:

- . Budgets, Projections, and Planning
- · Financial Reports and Internal Controls
- + Marketing for Child Care Programs
- * Staff Recruitment and Retention for Center-based Child Care Programs

Module 4: Staff Recruitment & Retention - Objectives:

- Understand best practices related to recruiting, interviewing, and hiring new employees.
- Have a framework for building an effective orientation plan for new employees. Be familiar with the components of a staff handbook.
- Identify strategies for providing feedback to employees.

ECE Shared Resources Companion Tools to Support Implementation - The How:

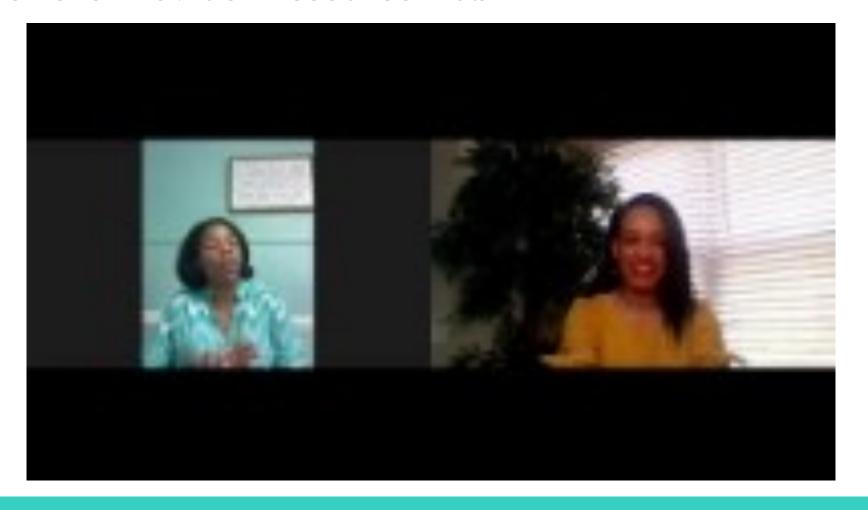
- Becoming an Employer of Choice
- Recruitment & Retention Tips & Strategies
- Coaching Your Team for Higher Performance
- Compensation & Benefits
- Job Ads
- Job Descriptions
- Job Posting Tool
- Behavioral-Based Interview Questions
- Interview Guide on What You Legally May/May Not Ask
- Employee Handbook

- Employee Orientation Toolkit
- Onboarding Best Practices
- HR Hotline guidance to address HR questions or challenges
- Performance Appraisal Tools
- Mindology Fitness Emotion Regulation Tools
- Workplace Survey Guide, Tips and Template
- Workplace Culture Guides & Tip Sheets for Beating Burnout, Boosting Morale, Honoring Strengths as Differences, Tapping Team Wisdom

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In Practice - Georgia

Promotion of the Provider Resource Hub



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Member's Feedback

"As a high-quality early learning educator, we often seek resources from the community and the best tools are those that help us simplify our efforts while also extending our impact. The PRH has helped us with cost savings, provided simple and easy to use forms and policies (saving us the time in drafting them) and is one of our top resources for both the business and programmatic side of our work."

Executive Director, Scottdale Early Learning Inc.

"The Provider Resource Hub is an essential tool for directors, administrators, and owners. You get the benefits of support you would have when working for a larger organization, but the freedom to work the way you want to. We at GAEYC think that PRH addresses a need in our field that will ultimately lead to programs being able to provide higher quality care for children."

GAAEYC



Building Workplace Culture

Where Staff Want to Stay

IN THIS SECTION

Workplace Culture

Beating Burnout

Boosting Morale

Conducting a Workplace Survey

Honoring Differences as Strengths

Tapping Team Wisdom

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- Leadership Essentials Building a Positive Workplace (
- Workplace Culture A Step-by-Step Process for Engag
- Healthy Workplace Survey
- Tips for Conducting a Workplace Survey
- Comprehensive Guide to Conducting and Analyzing a S
- · Healthy Workplace Survey Memo to Staff



BUILDING YOUR WORKPLACE CULTUR

A positive workplace culture is one that values i precious resource. Building a great workplace of And it's best accomplished when each member eating a great place to work. Employees who will not only be more engaged, they will also be all help you build a strong and positive workpla



A Step-by-Step Process for Enga-team through the process of develop expectations that support those value is on the same page.

- O Developing and Living by Core in how we work with children and environment is equally importan directly impacts staff morale, over and even staff retention. Our attibehavior all contribute to our convalues need to be real and incorp our day-to-day work.
- Healthy Communications and A respectful communication expect about how you want to work top have interpersonal conflicts from and communication expectation Workplace gossip can be very ser cause turnover of good employer When developing core values and expectations that address and m

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DEVELOPING CORE VALUES AND COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS



Building a positive and fulfilling workplace ou is a process that takes time as well as ongoing attention and nurturing. It starts by identifyin strong core values related to the work environ and the way people work together. Employee need to know about and buy into these cores Leaders must be genuine in not only approach this work but also on following through on eff Leading by example ("walking the talk"), good

Developing and working by core values is besgreat place to work. If you already have core y effect on how well they are working. It may t this process in the richest and most meaning! process to engage in with your team.



- Agreement about WHAT kind of work en Ask everyone to reflect and brainstorm t phrases or statements that describe the
- to do this incividually first. Ask staff to take turns sharing their ideas
- Reflect together on the big list and consi
- Rank together and get the list to the top. dots and giving people time to walk arou

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Staff Survey

Click here to enter Name of Program

- 1. Please select the best answer for each question
- 2. Please return the survey by [Click here to Enter Date] in the envelope provided to the doubtox local
- 3. Thank you. We sincerely appreciate your feedback. It is crucial to our commitment and quals to create a

1. Staff agree on program philosophy and educational goals and objectives.

- □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neither □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree
- 2. Staff share a common vision on what the workplace culture should be like. ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagr
- 3. Staff are adequately updated about what is going on organizationally
- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
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Workplace Culture Leadership Essentials

Enhancing Retention



- Ineffectiveness
- Decreased job satisfaction
- · Reduced commitment to the job and organization
- · Greater levels of personal conflict among team members · Disruption of coworkers' capacity to perform their work
- Burnout is more likely when employees:

. Expect too much of themselves and never feel that the work

- they are doing is good enough
- Feel under appreciated for their work efforts Are placed in roles that are not a good job fit.
- · Lack adequate information or training to do their jobs
- Receive inconsistent or insufficient feedback · Perceive unfairness in the workplace
- Have limited participation in decision making or otherwise feel exclud

Most managers don't recognize that an employee is burned of

burnout afflicts the most highly engaged members of the team; those who are work to the point of overload. Without supervisor support and the ability to re most dedicated employees can eventually burn out and leave their jobs. And f burnout leads to lower productivity, negatively impacts the rest of team, ever lives and ultimately potentially affecting the children they support.

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A 2020 worldwide survey by Gallup which included more than 25,000 individuals working in center-based child care, found a close and sweeping relationship

between employee engagement and business performance. Organizations of high levels of engagement enjoyed up to 23% higher profitability, 81% lower absenteeism, and employee turnover rates 18% less than those scoring the levels of employee engagement. Unfortunately, only 36% of U.S. employees engaged in their workplace.

Simply put, employees want to know that their efforts are appreciated, and employees who are not recognized become disengaged. Early childhood dir can gain the edge by exercising intentional leadership and implementing the ideas to build a workplace culture of appreciation. Typical thinking is that m rewards are strong drivers of job satisfaction, however, studies have found in rewards have limited effect, instead, it has been shown that simple and sino of appreciation can substantially increase employee retention, productivity, long-term engagement. Timely expressions of heartfelt appreciation can del outsized returns on modest investments of dollars and time. Have you ever! expression "Pay it Forward?" Implementing practices that recognize and app staff can result in staff actually treating each other better, tool

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For each topic

- How to Guide
- Tips from Low Time/Cost to More Time/Cost



valuable ideas and incorporating their suggestions into day-to-day operations. When staff feel safe to voice concerns and intribute honestly, teams can better leverage the strength of their natural diversity. Most importantly, when staff are sought out to help with decisions, it affirms that they are trusted and their ideas are valued, even if they only give input consideration in making a final decision

The decision-making structure of a business indicates the amount of influence staff have on program or operational direction through their participation in strategic, budgetary, and program planning, and the implementation of employment policies and everyday practices. While not all decisions can be made collaboratively, many can be. By seeking input from staff members and ensuring they weigh in on as many key decisions as possible, administrators. promote growth and strengthen workplace culture in the following ways:

- They run a well-managed program. Engaging front-lines players in the decision-making process provides input om those with intimate understanding of goals and processes, and this "insider" knowledge can result in impressive savings of money, time, and frustration. Many challenges can be solved most effectively together
- They attract a loyal following. Positive change happens when staff are invited to offer ideas and work with the ctor to refine them. Done well, these experiences strengthen goodwill between employer and employer and by extension the program's public reputation and capacity to recruit new staff and new clients.
- ✓ They experience increased retention of staff. When asked in an effective and singere manner, staff can provide. redback on what they like, what they wish was different and what can be improved, which opens opportur to try new things, adopt new measures and refine existing ones that improve job satisfaction and lower rates of
- ✓ They coach stronger teams. Participation in the decision-making process gives each employee the opportunity to voice their opinions and to share their knowledge with others. This encourages tighter bonds among colleagues. showcases how they work together and points to opportunities for next level training, all of which can lead to

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Give feedback in real time: Make the most of impromptu moments to celebrate day-to-day successes as well as high achievement with each employee When the apportunity arises use these situations to provide additional learning.

Play relaxing music: Start the day playing soft music in the entry area & classrooms.

Have dance breaks: These can be adult only times or for adults & children in the classroom together. notes of wonderful & amazing things that happen. month.

Model healthy habits: Incorporate yoga in the member, parent, or volunteer to lead for 10-15 minutes a couple times a week. Eventually, some teachers may end up feeling comfortable leading

Acknowledge the hard stuff: Build in a regular check in time during staff meetings to talk about one hard thing staff are experiencing and together brainstorm strategies to manage it.

staff meeting agenda for team members to share what they are doing for self-care.

pencils and supplies in staff room. Potluck lunch: Pick a day every few months when everyone brings a dish to share & set it up in the staff

especially challenging moment so they can "Take 5" to regroup and recharge.

short yoga sessions themselves.

team. See your ECE shared resources platform for in classroom routines with children too! sample job descriptions and other useful tools.

Share the wealth: Set aside a regular segment of your

Coloring poster or adult coloring books: Lay out colored

Provide healthy snacks: Kick off the week right by Create a Love Wall: Fill the wall with the pictures & setting up health snacks in the staff break room once a

Call the Fun Squad: Assemble a group of enthusiastic classroom with children & teachers. Recruit a staff staff members who exhibit a creative flair and knack for spreading cheer. The team can plan free team building activities. Consider providing a nominal budget the fun squad can use for small gifts that emphasize self-care.

how to take positive action on those you can.

Teletherapy is a new service on your shared resources platform that can be added to Telemedicine (part of Docs by Phone). Employees have 24/7 access to board certified doctors for common health concerns and to experienced behavioral health practitioners. Both can he provided for less than \$200 per year

"Take 5": Encourage the team to help and support Find "Your Peace, Your Power": Make use of the 60one another when a colleague is in the midst of an minute Mindology fitness webinar and other free ondemand resources accessible through your ECE shared

Define roles clearly: Ensure that all staff members Mindfulness Minutes: Encourage staff to stop several have a formal job description, know their role, and times a day to take 5 conscious breaths: focus on your Set up a Zen space in your facility that are aware of their expected responsibilities to the full inhale, pause, full exhale, etc.; This can be included

> Ask for advice: Add a suggestion box in your break area and invite staff members to share if there is something they want you to consider. Recognize there may be suggestions that can't be accommodated and conside

Build in collective time off in your calendar: While some childcare

businesses have long done this, it's a growing trend as the staffing shortage nakes it increasingly difficult to accommodate staff's time off. Establish 2-3 days a year the business closes for rofessional development or just to ensure everyone has time off to

Build a recharging station:

features natural lighting, soft seating, calming earth tones, live plants, essential oils, and soothing sounds. Note that the most effective Zen rooms are free from clutter and electronic disturbances.

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Workplace Morale

Working with Multi-Generational Teams

✓ Lead by example. Be willing to share what you are parties.

you can create a culture where staff feel comfortabl

easy and fun for some staff while others value privac

this sharing is not sought after. Never expect everyo

"would anyone like to share?". Be sure to respect th

as a person. Curiosity builds trust and stronger relati

communicating. Instead of treating everyone the sai

take a custom approach with each employee. Tailori

time and attention to understand what makes each

well worth the payoff in stronger working relationsh

 Lead with curiosity. Build a culture of authentic curic you are curious about someone, you honor their opi

✓ Adapt your approach. Each member is a unique indi



Putting it into Practice

By valuing and appreciating employees' differences as strengths, directors increase their ability to lead teams more effectively, so the entire program benefits from the contributions of each individual. Engage with your staff and prepare to be surprised by what a difference a few basic stepts; can make. The following strategies will create opportunities for employees to learn from one another, increase their cultural sensitivity and see one another's differences or transference.

- Short on time and money? Incorporate icebreakers into team meetings to help staff learn about one another. Be clear this can be casual like a favorite summer activity or a favorite recipe or holiday tradition or deeper and more personal such as sharing what makes you tick. Incorporate open ended questions into check in meetings with staff and in performance reviews such as "What are three things that are important to you in your role at work?"
- Can afford to invest a little more? Start a mentoring program that offers employees an opportunity to teach one another or work on a project tagether. Besides making a way for senior staff to support their younger co-workers, consider a "reverse mentoring" program where newer employees help older ones grow in their awareness of new perspectives and gain cross-cultural understanding. This not only helps employees build new skills, it also improves how they work alongside each other and deepen relationships with one another.



RESOURCES & TOOLS

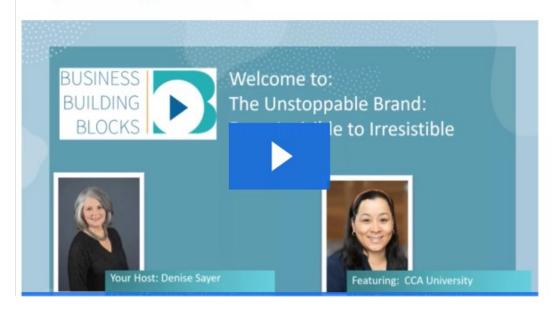
- How To Guide
- <u>Tip Sheet</u>
- <u>Tactics for Leading Across Generations</u>
- Leading with Generational Differences in Mind
- 6 Important Cultural Differences in Teams
- <u>15 Tips for Building Stronger Relationships</u>
- Understanding and Adapting Your Leadership Style

Coaching

Coaching Your Team for Higher Performance

A Success Focused Framework

- Grow Coaching Workbook
- Grow Coaching Webinar slides





HR Hotline

Unlimited HR Support for Everyday HR Challenges

HR management is a complicated part of managing a business. HR laws and regulations are extensive and complex. Having support from an HR expert will help ensure you respond appropriately when personnel matters and questions arise. This can help protect the business from liability and risk that occurs from mishandling an HR related issue.



THE CHALLENGE

Think about how many times in a week you are faced with HR questions that you could use guidance Where do you go for guidance?

Here are common issues that child care administrators frequently address:

- · Have a conversation regarding job performance which is sensitive and can be difficult;
- Take disciplinary action regarding a performance concern which is serious;
- Handle an employee's safety concern which can be complex and must be addressed correctly.





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