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Class is even more enJOYable! Learn how below!

Picture this: Your child is walking into the classroom on a rainy day. Your child just did not want to go to school this morning! They associated the rain with a fun day at home with you, their favorite person in the world- their caregiver! But- you as the caregiver have to go to work, and your child knows that ultimately they do have to go to school. Although your child loves their teacher, they want to stay home on a rainy day like this and spend it with you.

BUT as your child walks up to their classroom door- they are met by their teacher who is embodying sunshine on the rainiest of days! Their teacher meets and greets them with a JOYFUL TOGETHER ACTIVITY! This activity is your child's favorite! When your child gets home from school they tell you all about how enJOYable their day was from their first step outside their classroom door! Joyful Together transforms everyday moments like stepping inside a classroom and infuses them with JOY!

What is Joyful Together?

- Joyful Together is an evidence-based program that limits toxic stress in children while enhancing childhood resiliency and adding positive childhood experiences.
- Joyful Together adds easy-to-do activities to everyday moments to build loving relationships between caregivers and children to enhance relational health and wellness.



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- Joyful Together uses play to enhance relational health through everyday moments between children and early childhood care and education professionals.
- This program equips early childhood educators and administrators with tools to implement the model into routines within early childhood education centers and classrooms.



WHAT'S NEXT AND FEEDBACK



Monthly Newsletter

The Institute of Family and Community Impact will be releasing **monthly and quarterly newsletters** like this one to communicate our projects, innovations, and other happenings while **strengthening our relationship** with the community in an **accessible** manner. These newsletters will aid in our **ongoing communication** with the community and **strengthen** our bond as we seek to **serve, advocate and partner** with you.

Feedback

Thank you for reading our first Quarterly Newsletter from the Institute of Family and Community Impact! This was our **first series release**, and we would love to hear from **YOU**—the reader! What would you like to see? If you are reading this as a participant in our **research** and you would like to be featured in an **upcoming Monthly or Quarterly newsletter** to share your story, please email us at Research@ohioguidestone.org.

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