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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.

Joyful Together Early Care Education

- 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.



MAY READING CORNER & COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Reading Corner: Joyful Together for Early Childhood Educators

Joyful Together is the Institute's research-based model that builds childhood resiliency and reduces toxic stress in children by enhancing student-teacher bonds with joyful play. Joyful Together ECE provides easy-to-do activities for Early Childhood Educators and explores the importance of joy, play, and relationships to early childhood brain development.

Reading Corner: Play in Early Childhood: The Role of Play in Any Setting



This article and Youtube Video explore play as an effective way of supporting the three core principles that guide society to help children and families thrive. The three core principles are supporting responsive relationships, strengthening core life skills, and reducing sources of stress.

Community Resource: Lorain with Littles

Lorain with Littles hosts and shares affordable (and mostly free) fun in the Lorain County area. Their main goal is to get caregivers and their little ones of the house. They host parent café sessions at the Amherst Public Library where they host parent-led discussions. Children 2-5 years old can participate in an educational play-group that is facilitated by 2 trained childcare professionals, and babies under 2 are welcome to stay with their caretakers during the parent discussions.



Community Resource: Neighborhood Leadership Institute



The Neighborhood Leadership Institute is a community education organization. What do they do? The Neighborhood Leadership Institute builds the capacity of their engagers so that they return to their community as empowered assets, ready to connect themselves and other residents to each other and to resources. Their work is focused on four areas: neighborhood leadership, True2U mentoring, Community Health, and Youth Engagement.

Reach out to ifci@ohioguidestone.org today or call 440-260-8865 for more information on Joyful Together Early Care Education!



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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 <u>Research@ohioguidestone.org</u>.

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