

Approved CARES Plus Component A Training

Title: Infant Classroom Assessment Scoring System® (CLASS®) Training

Approved: August 18, 2015

Contact: Local CARES Plus Lead Agency

Training Information

- **Type:** Statewide
- **Delivery Method:** In-person; must be delivered by a Teachstone™ certified Infant CLASS Trainer.
- **Length:** Introduction to CLASS: 4 hours or 6 hours (locally determined)
Two-day Infant CLASS Observer: 15 hours
- **Availability:** Statewide
- **Language:** English; other language(s) determined by local county
- **Age-level Focus:** Infant
- **Cost:** Determined by local county

Training Description: Participants will learn about the Infant CLASS tool, including research behind effective interactions with infants and the five dimensions that comprise the Infant CLASS. The Observer training also provides opportunity for observers to practice rating teacher-infant interactions and prepare for the Infant CLASS Observer certification test.

Training Methods: Handouts, demonstration and practice during training, hands-on activities, required reading, self or program assessment, peer discussion, interactive learning activities.

Learning Objectives

Competency Area	Performance Area	Topic/Competency Context(s)
Child Development and Learning	Facilitate child development and learning	Infant, toddler, and preschool development and learning; learning through play; supporting, planning, and guiding early learning and development
Relationships, Interactions, and Guidance	Supporting children's emotional development; social-emotional climate	Strategies to support children's emotional development; Positive relationships

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Learning Environment and Curriculum	Strategies to support learning and development	Multiple strategies to address developmental domains and content areas; intentional teaching; scaffolding; infant, toddler, and preschool learning and development

Training Provider: First 5 California-Approved Statewide Training

Training Category (Competency): Child Development and Learning

Training Topic(s):

- Introduction to the Infant CLASS Tool
- Infant CLASS Observer Certification Training