

Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series



Early Childhood Endorsement Program (ECEP)

To meet the need for a highly qualified early childhood workforce, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) has established the Early Childhood Endorsement Program (ECEP). This program is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation of knowledge for working with children of specific ages (infants and toddlers or preschool). The ECEP is a collaboration between the VDSS, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), and the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA).

The VDSS Early Childhood Endorsement Program offers four endorsements:

1. Infant/Toddler Endorsement
2. Preschool Endorsement
3. Early Childhood Endorsement I – Creativity Series (ECEI)
4. Early Childhood Endorsement II – Health, Safety, Nutrition Series (ECEII)

VDSS Early Childhood Endorsements can be valuable as:

- ✓ Entry-level credentials for employment in the field of early childhood
- ✓ Demonstration of foundation of knowledge working with infants and toddlers/preschool children
- ✓ Supplements to a child-related degree or credential that does not include instruction on infants and toddlers/preschool children
- ✓ Supplements to a degree or credential outside the field of early childhood

Successful completion of courses can also fulfill requirements for teaching licensure renewal, annual licensing, training for the **Child Development Associate (CDA)** credential, and professional development for those participating in Virginia Quality.

Participants have two options by which to achieve an Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series:

OPTION 1 - VDSS SPONSORED COURSES

The Early Childhood Endorsement I requires completion of the following 13 classroom-based or online courses. The courses can be taken in any sequence.

- ❖ Creative Junk for Fun and Learning
- ❖ Facilitating Brain Development in Young Children
- ❖ Incorporating Creativity into Early Childhood Curricula
- ❖ Movin' and Groovin': Using Movement to Help Young Children Learn
- ❖ Music in the Early Childhood Classroom
- ❖ Observing and Recording the Creative Process in Young Children
- ❖ Pinch, Pull, Twist, and Turn – Small Motor Development in Early Childhood
- ❖ Promoting Creativity and Including All Children
- ❖ Roles of Imagination, Play and Dramatic Play in Early Childhood
- ❖ Storytelling in the Early Childhood Curriculum
- ❖ Three-Dimensional Creative Activities for Young Children
- ❖ Two-Dimensional Creative Activities for Young Children
- ❖ Why is Creativity Important?

To achieve the Early Childhood I - Creativity Series Endorsement:

1. **Register** to take component courses (see list above)
To register go to: www.ccwa.vccs.edu (click on VDSS Child Care Training) or contact the Community College Workforce Alliance at (804) 523-2298 or VDSSclasses@ccwa.vccs.edu.
2. **Complete** all required courses
3. **Complete** course assessments within 4 to 6 weeks of completing the online course
 - Part I is online, through CCWA, and is multiple choice/true-false. Participants must receive a **passing score of 70% or higher on all courses**.
 - Part II is an independent study demonstrating application of content in a classroom setting
4. **Submit** the following materials to CCAVA:
 - ✓ Letter grade for Part I (a print out of your score, that includes your name clearly stated)
 - ✓ Completed written assessment for Part II (for grading)
 - ✓ Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series Application Form
 - ✓ \$10.00 processing fee for **each** course submitted for grading, **check or money order payable to CCAVA, or through [PAYPAL](#)**. Fees due with forms and assessment materials.

Make a copy of ALL materials for your own records BEFORE submitting to CCAVA

- ✓ **Mail all materials to:**

**CCAFA - Endorsement Program
804 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 101
Richmond, VA 23236**

For additional information, contact Jodi Roberts at 804.285.0846, or email jodir@va.childcareaware.org.

OPTION 2 - COLLEGE CREDIT COURSE

Upon successful completion of CHD 145, Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children, individuals become eligible for the VDSS Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series.

To achieve the Early Childhood Endorsement I:

1. **Complete** CHD 145, Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children. You must receive a passing grade to qualify for the endorsement.
2. **Complete** Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series Application Form
3. **Submit materials to CCAVA:**
 - ✓ Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series Application Form
 - ✓ A copy of your college transcript indicating completion of the course or a Letter of Completion from your instructor.
 - ✓ \$10.00 processing fee, **check or money order payable to CCAVA, or through [PAYPAL](#)**

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- ✓ **Mail all materials to:**
 - CCAVA - Endorsement Program**
 - 804 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 101**
 - Richmond, VA 23236**



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series APPLICATION FORM



Please type or print clearly

Full Name _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
City State Zip Code

Personal E-mail Address _____

Employer _____

Employer Address _____

City State Zip Code

Choose option 1 or 2, and then complete the information in the payment box.

OPTION 1: VDSS Sponsored Courses (Indicate courses completed; check all that apply.)
There is a \$10.00 processing fee for EACH completed course.

- Creative Junk for Fun and Learning
- Facilitating Brain Development in Young Children
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OPTION 2: Completion of College Course - CHD 145, Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children

CHD 145, Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children

Please indicate which materials are included (check all that apply) and mail with application to:

\$10.00 processing fee for EACH completed course (check or money order): **payable to CCAVA OR**
\$10.00 x _____ (# of courses) = _____ Enclosed

PAYPAL OPTION: I have submitted payment through PAYPAL (va.childcareaware.org/endorsement-program/)

Completed assignments and printout of letter grade for all courses checked above (**OPTION 1**)

College Transcript or letter from instructor indicating completion of CHD 145 (**OPTION 2**)

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