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CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS ONLINE CLASS (3 clock hours)

CLASS DESCRIPTION: You have a great opportunity to shape the experiences and learning of children in your care just by how you arrange the environment. This class will show how the environment can influence and support your program goals. You will also learn specific strategies to help you design a great place for children to learn and play! This class is designed for providers in toddler and preschool classrooms.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Identify how the environment can influence young children
- Identify how a given value can be reflected in environmental design
- List ways that they can design an environment to meet the needs of children
- Use basic principles of room design and classroom organization to design/arrange a room
- Use a checklist to evaluate a child care environment
- Identify at least three ways that they can account for other issues when designing an environment for children
- Describe skills that are promoted in various learning centers
- List appropriate materials for learning centers

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING:

I loved the article about how over-cluttered environments cause children stress and how it is important for children to have full access to materials - not enough people know this. I also liked the various pictures of different centers because it helps you pinpoint what is wrong with your classroom and gives you ideas.

The information on room design and arrangement of centers was very useful.
– Bridgett C., PA

I learned new ways to look at our classroom set up.
– Leah A. OR

It was good to learn best arrange my centers in the classroom and how to paint our center walls based on colors and their effects on the children.
– Susan O., OH