

These workshops are offered to both parents and early childhood educators, and are available in both **English and Spanish**. In addition to instruction, each workshop participant receives educational materials and a free children's book.

Workshop 1 “Smart Use of Media” (1.5 hours)

Today's kids are technology natives. In this workshop we will explore ways to make tv and other media a healthy part of early childhood. Developing media literacy as well as emergent literacy skills are important tasks for parents, caregivers and other teachers of young children. Explore PBS on-air and online resources that support this important work.



Workshop 2 “Sesame Street’s ‘Healthy Habits for Life’ ” (1.5 hours)

Establishing an early foundation for healthy habits can make them last a lifetime.

Discover ways to help children and families make this healthy start tasty and fun while making it key to children's learning and development. This interactive workshop will highlight sesame Workshop online resources and clips such as “Grover's Workout Video,” “Mango Tango,” and Cookie Monster singing “Cookie Is a Sometime Food.”



Workshop 3 “Sesame Street’s ‘What’s the Word in the Street?’ ” (1.5 hours)

Walk with us on a street made up of words, and help children leap into literacy. On Sesame Street, we're learning 26 new and exciting words. Why? Because words are the key to reading and writing! Join us in a hands-on approach to language. Together we'll rhyme, sing and play our way into literacy. The road to reading begins with words, so lace up your shoes and join us on a word walk. You won't need to travel far because this learning adventure takes place right outside your door.



Workshop 4 “What Do You Do With The Mad That You Feel?”

A Mister Rogers Workshop for early childhood professionals and staff (2.5 hours)

(Materials are available in both Spanish and English, but instruction for this workshop is in English.)

This training workshop provides educators with techniques for helping children manage anger and learn self-control. Developed by Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Child Care Partnership, it features video clips with Fred Rogers and his neighbors, as well as early childhood educators responding to real life situation with children.

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood is a PBS KIDS Legacy Program.



Additional ASSET-Eight early childhood workshops.

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Workshop 1

“With Sid the Science Kid You Are Never Too Young to Become a Scientist!” (2 hours)

Find out why Sid the Science Kid is the latest and greatest resource for your future scientists. The "Sid the Science Kid" workshop is designed to further develop children's natural wonder and build a strong foundation for early science exploration. Learn all about encouraging questions and problem-solving on a shoestring budget with resources you have around the house. Complementary online and offline activities motivate children to practice and internalize scientific methodology: "Observe! Compare! Contrast! Describe!" Learn how the Sid website is crafted to support a collaborative learning experience between child and adult and offers features that help adult mentors to support and participate in the child's learning process.



Workshop 2 “Raising Readers” (2 hours)



Come explore the remarkable breadth and depth of resources available through the PBS KIDS Raising Readers initiative. Participants will get hands-on experience with the high quality, research based television programs such as “SuperWhy!” “Word World” and “Martha Speaks” and web based interactive learning resources such as PBS KIDS Island. It’s all free and available for you to use with young learners. PBS KIDS Raising Readers is a national project funded as part of the U.S. Department of Education’s Ready To Learn grant and is managed by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), PBS and The Ready To Learn Partnership through a cooperative agreement.

Professional development certificates can be provided, and all workshops are offered free off charge.

**To schedule workshops or for more information, please contact:
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