Beyond Centers and Circle Time©
Curriculum Pre-K
Theme Series
Item #14936 at $850.95

Ordering

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Summary

The Beyond Centers and Circle Time© (BCCT) curriculum theme series, published in 2007, is written in an effort to offer support to educators and parents who wish to maintain a balance between supporting their preschool age child's acquisition of skills and knowledge that will prepare him for later school success and the joys and delights of experiencing a playful childhood.

The research and theory that has guided the BCCT curriculum, used at the Creative Pre-School (located in Tallahassee, Florida) for over 35 years, provides children with emergent literacy experiences within well planned and implemented play opportunities that use cooking, dramatic
play, fluid and structured construction, and fine and gross motor opportunities to meet the individual and cultural needs of each child while providing him opportunities to develop skills and knowledge in all domains.

The following nine themes are presented in this theme series:

- Me and My Family
- Real and Make-Believe
- The Farm and The City
- Insects and Spiders
- Birds in My Neighborhood
- Animals of the Jungle
- Amphibians and Reptiles
- Oceans and Ocean Life
- Authors and Illustrators

A daily schedule that can be used by full day and part day programs will be presented. Each theme will provide four weeks of activities that include early morning set-ups, sharing circles, outside play ideas, center time experiences, and literacy circles. Teachers can follow the theme outline specifically or pick and choose their own ideas and following the children's interests.

The Beyond Centers & Circle Time© theme series is designed to prepare a student for early literacy, it enhances the age-appropriate progress of students in attaining the state-adopted performance standards and prepares students to be ready for kindergarten based on the statewide kindergarten screening. The assessment addresses these critical areas of development for school readiness:

- Gross Motor Development
- Pre-Scissor and Cutting Development
- Marker/Crayon and Easel Painting
- Sensorimotor and Dramatic Play
- Structured Construction Play
- Patterning Development
- Writing Development

Teachers must be prepared for each day's program and provide intentional experiences that maintain the children's interests and enhance their skills and knowledge. A set of six training DVDs are provided featuring the following videos:

- Beyond ABCs and Writing My Name
- From Theories to Play
- Food, Fun, and Family-Style Meals
- Literacy Throughout the Day
- Scaffolding Dramatic Play
- Authentic Assessments

Detailed list of materials submitted

The Beyond Centers & Circle Time© theme series (ISBN: 978-0-88076-711-8) includes:

− Set of 15 11”x17” posters, (no ISBN), published 2007
− *BCCT Curriculum Pre-K Theme Series Training DVDs,* (no ISBN), published 2007
− *Support Materials (Parent Letters and Recipes),* (no ISBN; item #14940), published 2007
− *Developmental Portfolios,* (no ISBN; item #14939), published 2007
− Additional supplemental material available on [http://www.bccseries.com](http://www.bccseries.com) (available starting 3/26/2014), (no ISBN), published 2014:
  − Science Supplement
  − Math Supplement
  − Outdoor Classroom Article
  − Implementation Plan for BCCT and the 3 year old classroom

**Professional development**

**Training Components Included With Beyond Centers & Circle Time® Curriculum Pre-Kindergarten Theme Series**

This theme series contains a series of videos and DVDs, which can be used at any time to train staff and review relevant, subject areas:

− Learn to support the design and implementation of a quality structured construction play area and demonstrate how to scaffold a complete construction play experience.
− Illustrate how to build excitement of literacy with well-planned and scaffolded emergent literacy experiences.
− Utilize the learning opportunities, which are present during well-served meals.
− Review the stages of development of children from infant to toddler to preschool to build caretaker competency about relating to young children and setting up the environment for successful play activities.
− Scaffold successful dramatic play opportunities that support later school success.
− Learn to recognize and support the stages of cutting and easel development.
− Learn how daily observations of children’s experiences can be used for authentic assessments.
− Enhance circle time with thoughtful and engaging literacy experiences.

**Training Opportunities for Beyond Centers & Circle Time® Curriculum Pre-Kindergarten Theme Series Purchasers**
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

One FREE annual option is included with each kit purchased.
Each kit purchased will allow one free professional development registration each year of the adoption. Upon initial adoption of the Beyond Centers and Circle Time© curriculum users are requested to register their purchase with Kaplan at www.Kaplanco.com/flprek. This registration allows users notifications of professional development opportunities and access to one free professional development implementation training each year of the adoption. Registration is maintained by one school email address, transferable one time each year. Additional unlimited school use membership subscriptions may be purchased at $250 each year at www.Kaplanco.com/flprek.

Free Option. REGIONAL PRE CONFERENCE INTRODUCTORY IMPLEMENTATION SESSION
Regional pre-conference introductory one day implementation session will be presented annually at several regional conferences for the life of the adoption, based on interest. The pre-conference session will allow users to combine attendance at professional development conferences with curriculum implementation training.

The one full day pre-conference session is designed to introduce and assist teachers on how to effectively implement the curriculum on a daily basis to increase children’s school readiness skills.

A schedule of preconference sessions will be maintained on the Kaplan website at www.Kaplanco.com/resources/events and www.kaplanco.com/flprek. Detailed invitations will be sent to registered users who maintain a working email address.

While the attendance to the Kaplan preconference session will be free of charge from Kaplan, the hosting conference organization may require a nominal registration fee. Participants are required to register for the preconference session following the requirements outlined by the hosting organization.

BEYOND CENTERS & CIRCLE TIME©: A TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN
Held annually in March in Tallahassee, FL, this train-the-trainer institute provides adults who work with young children, and professionals who direct early childhood programs, knowledge through interactive training. The training is designed to provide an understanding of typical child development as a basis for observing the development of young children and implementing developmental play strategies. All participants will learn the importance of structuring the play environment for age-appropriate milestones, and be able to evaluate children’s play and play products. Emphasis will be on the application of theory and research to the play of young children.

Each participant receives PowerPoint CDs, Training DVDs, a textbook, handouts, pre- and post-tests, and a certificate of completion once the institute is finished. Each day of the institute runs from 8:30AM until 4:30PM (closing at 12:00PM on the final day), with an overview of the institute, four workshops on the Beyond Centers and Circle Time© Curriculum per day, and a Question and Answer session at the end of the day. Breaks and lunch are provided. Limited space is available at $599 per person. Information regarding the next year’s institute will be available when it gets closer at http://www.cccrt.org or http://www.bectseries.com (website available starting 3/26/2014).

CUSTOMIZED ON-SITE, ONE TO TWO DAY, INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP TRAINING
In an effort to help school districts, preschool programs, head starts, etc. meet needs specific to their program, customized on-site implementation training is available. Customized sessions will include a mini needs assessment and planning session over the phone. This allows specific areas of concern for administrators and staff to be addressed during the implementation process.

Fee is based on size of program, length of training, and additional customizations needed. For planning purposes, the initial daily training rate is $2500 per day for a maximum of 40 participants. Our professional development department will be happy to customize a training proposal specific to your unique needs. Please email info@kaplanco.com for more details.

Technical Assistance/Demonstration—In-classroom technical assistance and demonstration allow for the highest impact of curriculum implementation. Beyond Centers and Circle Time© experts will be available to provide one-on-one assistance to teachers during their classroom day. For planning purposes the initial technical assistance rate is $2500 per day. Please email info@kaplanco.com for more details, including pricing.

Open door policy to visit (by appointment) The Creative Pre-School Model Program located in the author’s center (Dr. Pamela Phelps) The Creative Pre-School, located in Tallahassee, Florida where the Beyond Centers & Circle Time© Curriculum has been implemented successfully.

Further Opportunities!
There are well over 100 Certified BCCT Trainers in the State of Florida, authorized to provide individualized local training for centers, agencies, etc., who reside in Coalitions, childcare environments, and preschools in a grassroots effort to extend the reach of BCCT. These trainers have access to the related resources and handouts to support BCCT in your selected location. Note: Fees to be determined by individual trainer.