

Iowa Head Start Association CIRCLE Literacy Refresher

Goals and Objectives:

1. Participants will be provided an overview of the components of CIRCLE.
2. Participants will be presented with key findings in early language and literacy research.
3. Participants will gain an understanding of children's communication and language development.
4. Participants will recognize the importance of phonological awareness and its importance in learning.
5. Participants will become familiar with the alphabetic principle and the relationship with literacy development.
6. Participants will gain an understanding of the continuum of writing development.
7. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss successful strategies and activities in the context of meaningful daily experiences that support children's language and literacy development.

Activities:

1. The workshop will include power point presentation and video vignettes to introduce participants to the content.
2. Participants will have the opportunity to explore strategies/activities involved in supporting early language and literacy development.
3. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss accomplishments and challenges as they develop and implement curriculum that supports early language and literacy development.

Agenda November 7th:

- 9:30 Welcome, Overview of Circle - lecture
- 10:00 Key findings in early language & literacy research – lecture
- 10:20 Understanding children's communication & language development – lecture, video & small group
- 11:15 Phonological awareness – lecture
- 11:30 – Break
- 1:30 Phonological awareness continued – video & small group activity
- 2:00 Successful strategies for language & literacy development – small group, large group discussion
- 2:30 Implementation Plan – Taking it home!
- 3:30 End

Agenda December 19th:

9:30 Welcome, revisiting Part 1

10:15 Writing Development - lecture

11:00 Analyzing children's writing samples – small group

11:30 Successful strategies to support writing development – large group

12:00 – Break

1:00 Alphabet knowledge – acquisition & importance - lecture

2:00 Successful strategies for alphabet knowledge acquisition – small & large group
discussion

2:30 Implementation Plan – Taking it home!

3:00 End