



Winter/Spring 2010



**About Square One**

Square One serves as a regional, public-private collaborative partnership on early care and education. Square One's mission is to help all children in Hampton Roads enter school healthy and ready to succeed and, ultimately, to provide the region and state with a competitive workforce in the global economy.

Square One is dedicated to early childhood issues that impact a child's earliest experiences and their ability to learn and succeed in school and later in life. Our services include providing professional development training to those who work with young children (ages 0-5) and their families.

Visit [www.SqOne.org](http://www.SqOne.org) to learn more.

The **Square One Audio/Web Conferences** provide a 1 hr. training opportunity to learn about specific topics pertaining to the health and early care and education of young children. Access to a phone and computer is needed to participate.

<http://forums.sgone.org> was created to provide educators, early care providers, home visitors and caregivers with increased access to research and resources to enhance children's early development.

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**FREE "Training Scholarships" Offered!**

Square One is offering **FREE "Training Scholarships"** for PEI courses — **One (1) person per agency** may apply for a **FREE "Scholarship"** per PEI course. Ten (10) "scholarship slots" are available per course. Plan to attend a **Saturday training on Feb. 20 and/or March 13** at the Norfolk Workforce Development Center!

Visit [www.SqOne.org](http://www.SqOne.org) to **download a registration form and view a course calendar**. **For those not receiving a scholarship, a cost of \$10 per hour/per course will be charged-** Lunch is on your own. Training certificates will be awarded.

**Winter/Spring PEI Course Schedule (Feb.- May 2010)**

**PEI 2901: Supervision Skills-** Mon., Feb. 1- 9 AM-12 Noon- Va. Beach Central Library-

Focuses on issues related to supervisory styles, the art of delegation, evaluating job performance and improvement strategies.

**PEI 4901: Advanced Supervision Skills-** Mon., Feb. 1- 1-4 PM- Va. Beach Central Library-

In depth review of leadership characteristics, goal setting, and strategies in working with difficult people.

**PEI 1021: Infant Care/Dev./Health (0-12 mo.)-** Sat. Feb. 20- 9 AM -12 Noon- Norfolk WDC- Addresses the physical, social/emotional and cognitive needs of an infant. Feeding and sleep issues are discussed.

**PEI 1031: Infant Care/Dev./Health (13-36 mo.)-** Sat. Feb. 20- 1-4 PM - Norfolk WDC-

Addresses the physical, social/emotional and cognitive needs of a young child. Safety issues are also discussed.

**PEI 1141: Case Documentation/Court Appearance-** Mon., Mar. 8- 9-4 PM- Va. Beach Central Library- Documentation techniques through observation and effective preparation for court appearance are discussed.

**"Introduction to the ECERS/CLASS"-** Sat., Mar. 13- 9-11:00 AM- Norfolk WDC- Learn about the "Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale" and the "Classroom Assessment Scoring System" assessment tools. Providing a quality learning environment is discussed.

**"Observing/Documenting Child Behaviors"- (NEW)-** Sat., Mar. 13- 11AM-1 PM- Norfolk WDC- Best practice information on observation and documentation methods.

**PEI 1041: Infant Care/Dev. Health (37 mo.-5 yrs.)-** Mon. Mar. 22- 9-12 Noon-Va. Beach Central Library- The physical, social/emotional, and cognitive needs of a preschool age child including behavior issues are discussed.

**PEI 1051: Parental Health-** Mon., Mar. 22- 1-4 PM- Va. Beach Central Library

Includes good health practices, teen parenting issues, father involvement and parental adjustment/postpartum depression information.

**PEI 4231: Advanced Brain Development-** Tues., Apr. 13- 9 AM-12 Noon- Norfolk WDC

Exploration of neurobiological development including the role of the amygdala and stress. Critical learning opportunities according to age are discussed.

**PEI 1131: Mindful of Cultural Diversity-(NEW)-** Thurs., Apr. 29- 9-1 PM- Norfolk WDC

Learn about the importance of culture and how it impacts our diverse perceptions and behaviors. This course will help to increase cultural understanding, knowledge and awareness.

**PEI 1081: Ethical Issues-** Tues., May 11- 9-4 PM- Norfolk WDC

Acquaints trainees with ethical dilemmas involved in working with families. Cultural differences and setting boundaries are discussed. **(See Audio/Web Conference schedule on back...)**



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### Upcoming State Conference

March 18-20, 2010 —VAECE Annual  
Conference, Richmond, VA.  
Visit [www.vaece.org](http://www.vaece.org) for information.



### Square One Audio/Web Conferences (1:30-2:30 PM)

**February 23- "Helping Children Deal with Grief/Loss"**- Presented by Pat Barner.  
Focuses on the grieving process and understanding a child's concept of loss.

**March 25- "The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children"**- Presented by Candice Feathers, MSW. Find out what happens to children who witness domestic violence.

**April 19- "Child Mental Health Issues"** -Presented by Beverly Bullock, MSW.  
Learn what constitutes a young child's "good mental health."

**Cost:** \$12 per person/\$50 "agency rate" for 5 or more participants per conference. Dial-in information will be provided after you register. (Need computer and phone access) Visit [www.SqOne.org](http://www.SqOne.org) for all Square One course information/registration forms. **REGISTER NOW!**

### "ECERS/CLASS" Assessments/Customized Training for you...

Learn about the "Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale" (ECERS) and the "Classroom Assessment Scoring System" (CLASS)— Call Square One to schedule an assessment of your preschool/childcare center or to schedule staff training. This training will help your center work towards getting a "Star Rating" in Virginia's new "Quality Rating and Improvement System" (QRIS). **Other customized training topics can be scheduled as well**— Visit [www.SqOne.org](http://www.SqOne.org) to learn more or call 757-552-0293. We welcome your suggestions on "new" training topics.

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