

Responsive, Inclusive Early Learning and Care Environments



The Responsive, Inclusive Early Learning and Care Environments module series provides key design concepts that can be applied to any child care setting—home-based or center-based. In this module series you'll discover ways that the environment can create a sense of belonging, facilitate responsive and inclusive care, and support children's natural desire to learn.

Consider this module series if you have the following interests:

- Learning about key design concepts for creating responsive, inclusive spaces for young children
- Exploring ways to create a climate of caring and belonging to promote responsive and inclusive care
- Discovering strategies to enhance responsive and inclusive learning environments for young children

This series has four modules. The first two modules apply to any early learning and care setting. Module 3 is specific to home-based child care environments. Module 4 is specific to center-based environments.

Why This Module Series Is Unique

- Includes inspiring real-life images of responsive, inclusive early learning and care environments.
- Encourages learners to reflect on the social and emotional climate as well as the physical environment of their early learning and care setting.
- Provides strategies to build nurturing and responsive relationships with children and families to enhance the social and emotional climate.
- Offers practical design concepts that can be applied to all early learning and care settings to create more responsive, inclusive environments.

Here is a sample of what you will find in these modules:

Module 1: Design Concepts for Early Learning and Care Environments (2 hours)

Explores key design concepts for a well-planned physical environment that can be applied to any early learning setting—home-based or center-based.

Module 2: Creating Responsive Social and Emotional Environments (2 hours)

Describes the powerful effect of a responsive social and emotional climate on children's development and learning. Offers strategies to enhance the social and emotional climate wherever you care for young children.

Module 3: Ideas in Action: Home-Based Child Care Environments (2 hours)

Offers real-life images, from home-based child care settings, as examples of ways the physical environment can invite children to explore, be curious, create, and delight in learning. The images also provide examples of ways the physical environment can promote a responsive social and emotional climate.

Module 4: Ideas in Action: Center-Based Child Care Environments (2 hours)

Offers real-life images, from center-based settings, as examples of ways the physical environment can invite children to explore, be curious, create, and delight in learning. The images also provide examples of ways the physical environment can promote a responsive social and emotional climate.



This module series is available at no cost. To enroll, create a free account on [California Early Childhood Online](#).