

# FACE

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## CENTER-BASED NEWS

### FACE News

The Spring 2022 Center-based FACE Committee Pilot met four times this spring and will meet once more with a final session in May. Topics have included: addressing barriers to adult participation, supporting parenting adults with a positive school environment, reaching practitioners with relevant professional learning opportunities, and engaging families with Family Service Learning and virtual reality technology. Throughout sessions, each participating teacher, coordinator, and administrator contributed invaluable insight to the discussions. For those interested in similar opportunities in the future, we encourage you to apply when they become available!

**MAY  
2022**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Virtual Two-Day Families Learning Conference**  
*October 25-26, 2022*

**Families Learning Conference In-Person Meet-Ups**  
*November 4—Nashville, TN*  
*December 2—Phoenix, AZ*

### Site Spotlight

Check out this exciting update from the Oneida Nation Elementary School!

The Oneida Center-based Program held its annual “in-school flight” this past week! We decided to fly to Australia because we were learning about koalas and kangaroos this month. The center-based team of teachers and parents worked together to plan this special day for preschoolers. We planned the flight and activities, prepared them, and worked together to make the experience educational and fun! Parents took on the roles of security, ticket attendant, baggage claim, flight attendant, and pilot! All of the little details they did for each area was awesome! What a wonderful thing when we, as FACE staff, receive assistance from our parents in our planning and activities. We have been looking forward to it all month. Almost daily, we heard the children say, “When do we get to fly to Saustralia?” It was the cutest! The reviews from the preschoolers after the flight and trip to Australia were awesome and they all asked when we could go on our next flight!



## Families Learning Conference

Mark your calendar for the [2022 Families Learning Conference](#)! This year, we're shaking things up by holding a two-day virtual conference on October 25 and 26, and then hosting two optional in-person meetups in Nashville on November 4 and Phoenix on December 2, 2022.

This updated format reflects the changing professional learning needs of our attendees. Polls of our audience have informed us that attendees want the high quality content they've come to expect from our conference, but that they're missing the connections made by being in person. The virtual conference will offer dozens of highly relevant, curated presentations from experts in our field plus virtual networking opportunities. Later, the regional meetups will be a space for connection, idea sharing, and action planning among a smaller group—each regional meetup will be capped at 150 registrants.

In the coming months, more information will be shared about the theme of the conference, each day's schedule, presenters and sessions, and the event venues and lodging options in Nashville and Phoenix.

Ready to secure your spot? Click [here](#) to register.



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## Parent Engagement Idea

Springtime brings a variety of colors in nature to life. These two activities will get you and your child outside to enjoy the beauty that is spring while also engaging your child's developing math and science skills in observing, categorizing, counting, comparing, and ordering.

### Counting Petals:

- Go on a walk with your child and collect different flowers from your neighborhood. As you are collecting, talk with your child about the variety of colors, shapes, and sizes of the petals on the flowers you find.
- Ask your child: How many petals? Pluck each petal off as your child counts it to be sure the same petal is not counted twice.
- Keep the conversation going by asking: Do any of these flowers have the same number of petals? Which flower has the greatest (or least) number of petals? The biggest (or smallest)?



### Nature Scavenger Hunt:

- You will need a white paper bag (or a white piece of paper and a small bag) and crayons or markers. Choose the colors you want your child to hunt for and use your crayons or markers to scribble squares onto the front of each bag (or on the white paper.)
- Give your child the bag and let them have fun finding objects in nature that match the same colors on the bag. When they find an item that matches one of the colors, place it in the bag. Have fun listening to your child show and tell you about all of the items they have found!



## FACE Celebrations

Beep beep! Good news ahead!

EPA Administrator Michael Regan, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, and partners celebrate EBCI's purchase of new electric school buses.

These buses have zero tailpipe pollution, which means students, drivers, and members of the community will be exposed to significantly less harmful diesel emissions.

Nichole Efird shared, "Our Pre-K class was invited to take the first ride and sing at this historic event! We sang 'Tsa-la-gi A-ya (I am Cherokee)'."

Check out more by clicking [here](#).



## Resources

As a leader in #FamilyEngagement, NCFL takes pride in keeping our network abreast of the latest news and information. Our newsletters cover a vast array of educational resources, professional development, and industry news. Click the links to sign up now!

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**[NCFL Webinars:](#)** Get first alerts for educational opportunities offered by the NCFL professional development team.

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