




## February 2026 Classes

Free virtual classes for parents and caretakers of children of all ages.

You can also register for these classes on our website: [dcearlychildhood.org](https://dcearlychildhood.org)

Or Contact Diane Smith at [dsmith1@douglas.co.us](mailto:dsmith1@douglas.co.us)

Title & Registration	Date/Time	Description
<b>Understanding Universal Preschool How to Enroll for 2026-27</b>  <a href="#">Registration Link</a>  	<p>Tues., Feb. 10</p> <p>All classes 6:30 - 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>Virtual</b> Zoom link sent prior to class</p> <p>Teacher: Gigi Whalen</p>	<p>Universal Preschool pays for 15 hours of preschool per week from August to May for all children who are in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten. They must be 4 years old by October 1st of 2026. Some children are eligible for 30 hours per week based on specific factors.</p> <p>This session will help you understand how to enroll your child in this program for the 2026-27 school year which can save parents about \$6000 per year in childcare costs. <b>Registration began December 9, 2025.</b></p> <p>The presentation will take about 20 minutes, so there's lots of time for questions.</p>
<b>Understanding and Supporting Sensory Needs</b>  <a href="#">Registration Link</a>  	<p>Wed., Feb. 11 12:30 - 1:30 PM</p> <p>Wed., Feb. 11 6:30 - 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>Virtual</b> Zoom link sent prior to class</p> <p>Teacher: Diane Smith</p>	<p>Challenging behaviors can have many sources. One important consideration is the sensory needs of your child. This session will explore the wide range of sensory needs and share some strategies for managing the resulting behaviors. These strategies include visual supports, sensory breaks, and relaxation and calm-down strategies. You'll find that these strategies are effective for supporting behavior for all children, not just those suffering from sensory issues.</p> <p>(For Providers: Domain 4 - Social Emotional Health and Development Promotion)</p>
<b>Early Childhood Vaccines</b>  <a href="#">Registration Link</a>  	<p>Tues., Feb. 24 12:00 - 1:00 PM</p> <p>Tues., Feb. 24 6:30 - 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>Virtual</b> Zoom Link sent prior to class</p> <p>Teacher: Matt Hughes</p>	<p>A class to discuss the history and science of childhood vaccinations and address some contemporary concerns and misconceptions. Join us to learn more about this important and timely topic presented by an epidemiologist with the Douglas County Health Department.</p>