

Marion County PRO Chapter has a new beginning!

MC PRO chapter meetings and trainings are scheduled for the 2nd Mondays of each month 6:00PM – 8:00PM Including a couple of Saturday training's that are currently being planned.

PRO chapters are an important part of the networking experience. All PRO members are welcome to attend any of the chapter meetings regardless of the county they live or work in. Note: some chapters charge for special events so be sure to RSVP if you are planning to attend. Chapters provide friendship, support and ongoing educational development for all the members.

MC PRO chapter welcomes non-PRO members to attend one training or event without membership. After the first one we ask you to join PRO. Joining PRO costs \$60 annual fee and includes the chapter trainings events and socials. Plus, monthly statewide virtual trainings in English and Spanish, valuable resources on the website, networking, discounts on cohorts and conferences and more!

Our chapter calendar is attached, we have left some dates open for our June 8th meeting so that we can hear your ideas and suggestions for training and round table topics and other events. We look forward to your feedback.

We can't wait to welcome you! Come gather with us!

Dianne and Nancy

Calendar June 2026 thru June 2027

2026

June 8th 2026 Dinner at Dianne's Meet & Greet! 6:00PM – 8:00PM.
Training Title: Building Community of Practice and Professional Networking Set 1 CKC: FCS 2 hours

July 13th 2026 Trainer Lucy Escobar Training Title: 5 Levels of Leadership in Early Childhood Ed. CKC:PPLD Set 2. 6:PM – 8:PM Dianne's Location. Dinner included. Training description: This session explores John Maxwell's 5 Levels of Leadership adapted for early childhood education. Participants will explore how leadership extends beyond titles and practice strategies to build trust, strengthen relationships and increase influence in their daily practice. Educators will leave with a personal action plan to grow from positional leadership to purposeful impact.

July 25th Saturday Social Event at Coria Estates Winery 12 noon 8252 Redstone Ave SE Salem, Or 97306 A fun suggestion from one of our PRO members! I reserved outside seating for 8, we can expand the seating arrangement if needed. Please RSVP to Dianne by July 13th. Bring a plus 1? Yes partner, friend or spouse. This is a beautiful winery and it's 10 minutes from Dianne's house, 15 minutes from downtown Salem restaurants, dinner afterwards, anyone?! No host event.

Aug 10th 2026 Trainer David Orzoco Building Trust Collaborative Relationships with Families CKC: FCS set 1 2 hour certificate 6:00PM – 8:00PM Dianne's location Dinner included

Training description: Participants will learn the importance of family engagement and how to build a stronger collaborative relationship with the families they serve based on trust and respect. Also, how

to work with families to build strong and effective partnerships so they can help children and families thrive – all while maintaining clear and professional boundaries.

Sept 14th 2026 Trainer Ashley Acers Training Title: Children Under Stress CKC: UGB & HGD Set 2, 2 hours certificate. 6:00PM – 8:00PM Dianne's location. Dinner included.

Training description: This workshop rests on the idea that young children, under optimal circumstances, develop great abilities in social and emotional areas by the time they enter school. Healthy self-views and stability contribute to their successes and well-being. Proper intervention in early childhood is critical to successful adaption and long-term mental health. Participants will develop strategies to assess behavior challenges, understand the effects of stress and trauma on development. And build a child's capacity to respond to others appropriately. Trauma-informed care principles will be woven throughout the training, emphasizing safety, connection, regulation, and resilience.

Oct. 12th 2026 Trainer Nancy Mueller Training Title: Circle Time Magic & Story Telling CKC: LEC set 1 2 hours 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Nancy's Location 151 NW Kingwood Ave Salem 97304. Dinner included. Nancy's love of circle time activities and story telling will be shared with you at her West Salem Kids Care program. She and her staff will present and have a make and take activity for you to take back to your classrooms!

Nov 9th 2026 Host Dianne Rodriguez Training Title: Creating Classroom Materials That Work CKC: UGB Set 1 2 hours 6:00PM – 8:00PM Dianne's Location. Dinner included. AKA: Craft Night.

This event was inspired by a PRO member who suggested a craft

night. Training description: we will incorporate fun ways to make and create sensory materials for your programs that calm kids. This night will be a free make and take sewing and craft night. Sensory bins examples. Sewing and craft materials provided. You can craft or sew anything you want; it doesn't have to be an item for your early learning program. We will have topic discussions on fidgets, calming baskets, restless energy. Balancing brain and self-regulation handouts. All while keeping the spirit of a craft night!

Dec 14th 2026 Round Table Training Topic: Exploring Curriculum CKC: LEC set 1 6:00PM – 8:00PM Location is Flight Deck Restaurant 2680 Aerial Way SE Salem 97302. Appetizers will be hosted by Marion County PRO chapter. No host meals and drinks. Training Description: come ready to share your curriculum ideas both past and present.

2027

Jan 11th 2027 Round Table TBA

Feb 8th 2027 Round Table TBA this Round Table could be held via Zoom in case of winter weather.

March 8th 2027 No chapter meeting. Hope to see you at the PRO Spring Conference this month!

April 12th 2027 Trainer Phil VanLeerdam Training Title: Fire Safety CKC:HSN set 1, 2 hours 6:00PM – 8:00PM Dianne's location. Dinner included. Phil is an experienced fire fighter & paramedic, FF1 instructor. He will bring first-hand knowledge of fire safety for homes and childcare programs. Including wildfire smoke safety in Oregon and more. This training description will be updated later.

May 1st 2027 Weekend Retreat w/Cindy Ryan at Dianne's and Airbnb down the street, Saturday 10AM – Sunday 1:00PM Training, dinner, a couple of options for Saturday night activities around Salem area. Sunday breakfast & training. Get 6 – 7 training hours, relaxation and fun! Fee \$ ____TBA. Cindy Ryan will be our trainer for the weekend. Training on Leadership and Self Care! Schedule and more details to come! Friday April 30th Lodging options too.

May 10th 2027 Round Table TBA

June 12th 2027 Nancy's Saturday Tour Early learning programs: Nancy Mueller, Tara Zielinski, _____ & _____ 9:00AM – 2:00PM. CKC: LEC & PM + It is a 5 hours set 1 and set 2 Fee \$ _____TBA Training description: Tour of early learning programs both in-home and centers in Marion County. Training and lunch included. More details to come!

June 14th 2027 Round Table TBA

MC PRO chapter meetings will usually be at Dianne's or Nancy's and will be posted on the calendar.

We are happy to accommodate Spanish support for trainings and handouts upon request, and this calendar is available in Spanish.

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We welcome anyone who would like to host a chapter meeting at their early learning site. Please let us know, we would love the opportunity to visit your early learning program!

