

**Beyond Centers & Circle Time Comprehensive Program, 3rd Edition (2019)**



**OVERVIEW**

*Beyond Centers & Circle Time* is a play-based curriculum substantiated by research and grounded in the theories of Vygotsky, Piaget, Freud, and Erikson. It examines the development of the child engaged in the three types of play—sensorimotor, structured construction, and dramatic play—from ages birth through five. The curriculum provides early educators with knowledge of how to embed cognitive and social/emotional skills and knowledge in children's play, assess children's development through their play behaviors, and how to plan and arrange rich developmentally appropriate experiences. While many curricula focus on memorization of alphabet and number knowledge, this curriculum provides early educators with knowledge of why play should be the vehicle for early learning and how to use research based scales to assess children's development.

**CURRICULUM PRICING**

[Beyond Centers & Circle Time Comprehensive Program, 3rd Ed. \(\\$499.95, item # 33633\)](#) provides teachers with an understanding of children's play, well-planned and organized play opportunities, and concrete information for creating and scaffolding engaging play environments. The set includes a textbook, 10 theme manuals, access to six online training videos, classroom posters, support materials including reproducible family letters and recipes, an assessment manual, and one set of assessment checklists.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS**

The comprehensive program features six training videos that can be used at any time to train staff and review relevant subject areas. The videos enable caregivers to: design and implement a quality, structured play area and scaffold a complete play experience; recognize the stages of children's development; use daily observations of children's experiences for authentic assessment; and much more. Additional free support materials can be found online at [www.bcttseries.com](http://www.bcttseries.com).

Implementation training is available for a fee upon request. In-classroom technical assistance and demonstration, as well as mentor coaching, are also available for a fee. Call 800-334-2014, ext 3252 for current rates and to discuss training opportunities.

The Creative Preschool Model program located in Tallahassee, Florida and operated by Dr. Pam Phelps, the author of the curriculum, has an "open door" policy allowing visitors (by appointment only) to tour the curriculum in action.

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