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# Accessible Online Tools for Contextualized Learning: Early Childhood Education

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# Can Teaching Trades Transform Young Lives?



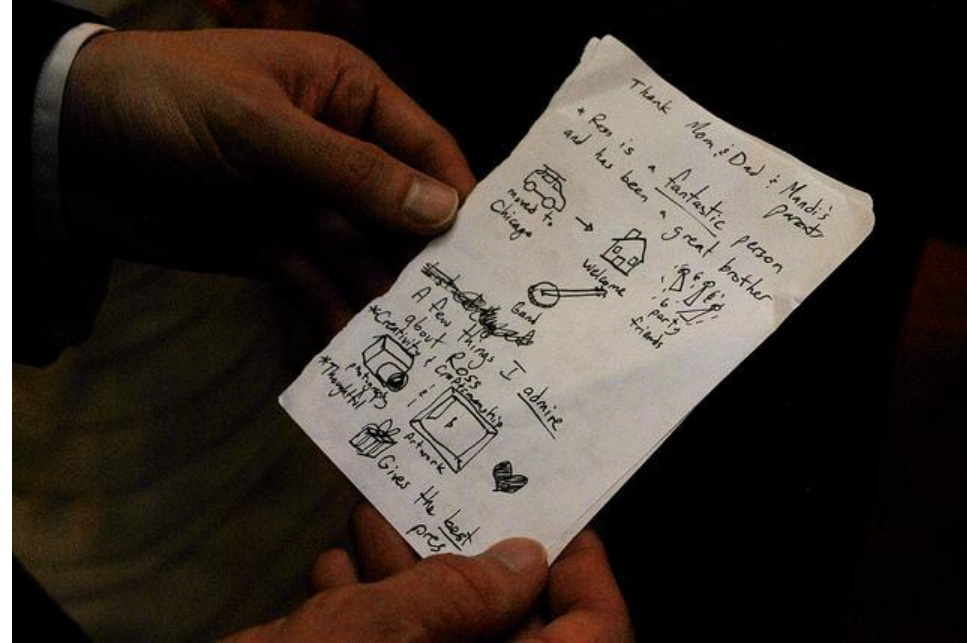


# What to Expect

**Objective:** You will leave this session with new tools & strategies to enliven instruction with occupational skills training.

- **Contextualized Lesson Plan**  
Blank template for all industries
- **Early Childhood Education Lesson Plan**  
Week 4, Day A: Containers
- **Top Picks for DC Educators**  
A curated selection of learning tools for Early Childhood Education

Get a pen or pencil and  
**Take Notes!**





What is your earliest  
**Workplace**  
**Memory?**



# Contextualized Lesson Plan Template

Keep learners engaged!

Download from [Blog.MustSeed.org](http://Blog.MustSeed.org):

- Lesson Plan Template, blank or with notes
- Sample contextualized lesson plans for seven industries
- Slideshows from all OSSE/UDC webinars







Sample Lesson  
from

→ [The Literacy  
Cooperative's  
Contextualized  
Curriculum](#)

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Aspire, and Project LEAD of Summit County) and workforce development organizations to collaborate on an industry-based curriculum for healthcare, manufacturing, hospitality, construction, and IT.

All instructors using the curriculum will be part of a three-year study that will be conducted by The Literacy Cooperative. The study will include surveys on the effectiveness of the curriculum, sharing aggregate classroom data on the progress of students when using contextualized curriculum, and the instructor feedback on the ease of use.

## Instructor Resources



Healthcare  
Contextualized  
Curriculum



Manufacturing  
Contextualized  
Curriculum



Digital Literacy  
Contextualized  
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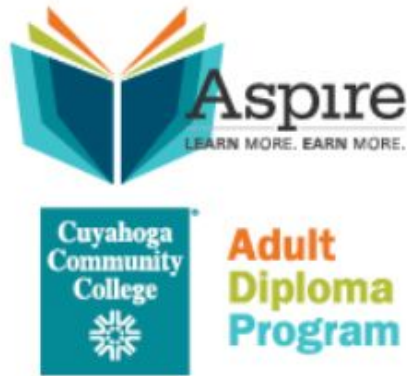


Construction  
Contextualized  
Curriculum



Hospitality  
Contextualized  
Curriculum

# Hospitality Contextualized Curriculum



the **literacy**  
cooperati**ve**



# Hospitality Highlights

Lessons are applicable for any **English language learner**, or anyone entry-level workers using **customer service** skills.

→ **Recommended Learning Materials**

Effective free & paid resources

→ **12 Week Course of Study**

Use individual lessons or whole set

→ **Model Lesson**

Week 1, Day B: Job Titles

# Three Key Strategies:

Interdisciplinary



Contextualize



Differentiate



Source: Farrell, M. (2013) "Teaching Adults: GED Test Resource Book" New Readers Press



How can we

# **Contextualize Early Childhood Education?**

## All the Activities!

Model real-world job scenarios:

- Circle Time
  - Stations
  - Small Group Work
  - Individual Teaching Moments
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# Reading, Listening, Speaking & Math

## Vocabulary

Use objects, images, acting, & repetition

## Sorting by Size

Make observations to sort smallest to largest

ELA

Industry

## Container Sentences

Use CLOZE sentences and Language Experience Approach

## Name Containers

Practice for food service or retail industries



# Industry Vocabulary



## Tip

Words are easier to retain with concrete objects or realistic pictures.



## Sample Lesson: Hospitality

→ **Week 4, Day A: Containers**

→ **Student Activities**

- Naming Containers
- Sorting by Size
- Container Sentences

# Highlighted Resource

for DC Educators:

[Department of Employment  
Services, Economic Insights](#)  
“Hot 50 Jobs”





# Highlighted Certification

for DC Residents:

[T.E.A.C.H. D.C. Scholarship](#)



# Highlighted Program

for DC Residents:

University of the District of  
Columbia: Career Pathways, AA,  
BA, or MA

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# Top Picks for Online Learning

## Hospitality:

[Bridging the Employment Gap](#)

[On-the-Job](#)

[Food Standards Agency on YouTube](#)

[ServSafe](#)

## OSSE Resources:

[Main Page](#)

[Career Coach DC](#)

[Essential Education](#)

[Virtual Job Shadow](#)

[Northstar DLA](#)

## Early Childhood:

[NAEYC](#)

[Ed.gov Resources](#)

[ECTA](#)

[Protective Factors](#)

[DC WORKS](#)

*Links subject to change*

# ALL THE LINKS!



Just want the websites? They're listed in order near the end of the document.

Any other  
**Questions?**





**Thanks for Coming!**

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