

## **CLASS Introductory Trainings**

**Program Owners and Directors:** Consider making CLASS training part of your onboarding process. You may copy and paste the text below directly into your employee handbook to introduce new staff to the CLASS framework and the required introductory trainings.

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) is a research-based tool that focuses on the quality of interactions between educators and children. Through supportive relationships, engaging learning experiences, and meaningful conversations, positive educator-child interactions help promote children's learning and development. CLASS provides a shared understanding of effective teaching practices and supports educators in strengthening their skills to create positive learning environments where children can thrive.

To support high-quality interactions, our program uses a series of introductory online trainings that provide a foundation in effective interactions and the CLASS framework. All staff for whom CLASS is new are expected to complete these trainings within their first six months of employment, or prior to a scheduled CLASS observation, whichever comes first.

The training series includes:

- Foundations of Quality Educator-Child Interactions
- Mastering Educator-Child Interactions with the Infant/Toddler CLASS Tool
- Understanding Effective Educator-Child Interactions in Pre-K: The CLASS Approach
- Enhancing Infant-Toddler Settings with the CLASS Environments Tool
- Enhancing Pre-K Classrooms with the CLASS Environments Tool

These self-paced trainings can be accessed at

<https://training.vtaeyc.org/register/37d04a99-cc80-4795-abb5-813cf36e1948>.

Completion of these trainings helps ensure a shared understanding of effective interactions and supports continuous professional growth across our program.

## How to Access Online Courses

1. Visit:

<https://training.vtaeyc.org/register/37d04a99-cc80-4795-abb5-813cf36e1948> or  
scan this QR code:



2. Create an account using your email address
3. Look for an email from Reach 360 to register your email address
4. Enter your name and create a password to login to the online portal
5. Access courses in the library

Additional Resources for Asynchronous Trainings

Course: Foundations of Quality Educator-Child Interactions

Resource	Link
“Leading with Interactions” video	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPVDJ9s2HE8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPVDJ9s2HE8</a>
“To Thrive: a Goal for Children Everywhere” article	<a href="https://earlychildhoodmatters.online/2019/to-thrive-a-goal-for-children-everywhere/">https://earlychildhoodmatters.online/2019/to-thrive-a-goal-for-children-everywhere/</a>

Course: Mastering Educator-Child Interactions with the Infant/Toddler CLASS Tool

Resource	Link
“Get to Know the Emotional and Behavioral Support Domain” video	<a href="https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_pyfvii97">https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_pyfvii97</a>
“Get to Know the Engaged Support for Learning Domain” video	<a href="https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_86x5fze3">https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_86x5fze3</a>

Course: Understanding Effective Educator-Child Interactions in Pre-K: The CLASS Approach

Resource	Link
“Things Teachers Don’t Say” video	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwzyJlCk5zc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwzyJlCk5zc</a>
“Get to Know the Emotional Support Domain” video	<a href="https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_opgtym07">https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_opgtym07</a>
“Get to Know the Classroom Organization Domain” video	<a href="https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_s7befuze">https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_s7befuze</a>
“Get to Know the Instructional Support Domain” video	<a href="https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_m103roo7">https://cdnapisec.kaltura.com/p/966871/embedPlaykitJs/uiconf_id/50383692?iframeembed=true&amp;entry_id=1_m103roo7</a>

Course: Enhancing Infant/Toddler Settings with the CLASS Environments Tool

Resource	Link
“Do Learning Environments Make a Big Difference?” video	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEBvHriwWFw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEBvHriwWFw</a>

Course: Enhancing Pre-K Classrooms with the CLASS Environment Tool

Resource	Link
“Do Learning Environments Make a Big Difference?” video	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEBvHriwWFw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEBvHriwWFw</a>

General Resources

Resource	Link
“Seeing What Matters: An Intro to CLASS Observations” video	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_Hu6xAHDa0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_Hu6xAHDa0</a>

Link to request PD around any portion of the CLASS tool