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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - "Issues in Childhood Education" will be offered in October by Youngstown State University's Office of Continuing Education and Education Outreach.

The course is designed for teachers and staff members who work in nursery schools, day-care centers and head start programs.

This course will provide 10 of the 15 hours of Continuing Education required by the Ohio Department of Human Services for child care staff.

Participants will learn about child developmental stages; developmentally appropriate practices; how to recognize and refer children with special needs; and general classroom management skills including planning and problemsolving. Developmental appropriate practices will be stressed during the course.

Ester Hallaman, who will instruct the course, holds a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. She has worked with pre-school children at the Easter Seal Center and the Children's Therapeutic Program, Child and Adult Mental Health Center.

"Issues in Early Childhood Education" will be offered from 7:40-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Oct. 12 for five weeks.

The course fee is \$90. A reduced fee of \$75 is available to those registering before Sept. 28. Registration and information is available by calling the YSU Office of Continuing Education at (216) 742-3358.

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