

THE Complete Solution for FCC/FNN Providers



**Information for Quality Specialists,
Coaches & Mentors**

What is Gee Whiz?

Gee Whiz a complete solution for FCC/FNN providers working with children in a home setting. We are an innovative digital curriculum solution backed by free webinar training and resources. **Our goal is to help bring educational equity to the millions of children cared for in home settings every day.**



- **Intentional curriculum** based on the latest ECE research and state standards - approved in many states
- **FREE live and recorded webinars** for providers on both implementation of the curriculum and important ECE topics + **train-the-trainer webinars** as well
- Numerous **FREE support materials** for Quality Specialists, Trainers & Mentors

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"I love the curriculum. With my busy schedule, it's perfect to follow!"

Who We Are

Gee Whiz was founded in 2012 to meet the unique needs of FCC/FNN providers.

Gee Whiz is quickly becoming THE solution for providers caring for children in a home setting because we have experience. Our Partners have been in the early childhood business for decades. We've written curriculum for centers and Head Start. We've trained teachers and child care professionals and even parents/guardians in states across the nation. Our main goal in founding Gee Whiz in 2012 was to utilize our skills and experience to help bring equity to those children in a home-based setting.



Beth Smith – Partner

B.S. Juniata College

M.Ed. Penn State University

Beth has over 30 years of experience in the education field. She's taught public school KG and 1st grade, worked in early childhood centers, been the lead curriculum developer for HighReach Learning and trained at both the state and national levels.



Sherry Mayberry – Partner

B.A. UNCC

M.Ed. UNCC

Sherry has been in Education for 46 years with experience as a public school KG teacher, owning and operating a child development center and founding HighReach Learning.



Mike Mayberry – Partner

B.S. UNCC

Mike has been working in early childhood education for the past 25 years and has a wide breadth of knowledge about the industry. Former president of HighReach Learning.

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*"I like that all age groups are addressed in the lesson plans.
This program is a real time saver!"*

Aligned & Approved

Recognized as a leader in early childhood, Gee Whiz is aligned with state AND national ECE standards. Our curriculum is also approved in many states. Our website contains full details and alignment charts for all 50 states + the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.



[Click here to see the Gee Whiz alignment and/or approval documentation for your state on our website](#)

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“All the components together make this my choice for curriculum in Ohio as a 5-star rated Type A (large group) family child care.”

Much more than Curriculum

FREE Webinar Training

Live (during the week in the evening) AND recorded so providers can watch and learn when it works for them. Topics range from using the curriculum with fidelity to the “why” behind experiences.

[CHECK OUT OUR WEBINAR PAGE](#)

Helpful Resources

Do your providers need help with family involvement? Ideas for strengthening the learning environment? Our website is packed full of free resources and printable materials designed just for them.



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“I love what you are doing! You come up with great topics all the time.”

Comprehensive Lesson Plans

**All ages ... all developmental areas ... every day.
That's Gee Whiz!**

Family child care and FNN providers deserve lesson plans written for a home setting that are comprehensive, easy-to-adapt and simple to execute. They also NEED hands-on experiences designed for a mixed-age group. Plus, most providers do not have an assistant nor do they have extra \$ to buy materials. At Gee Whiz, we understand ALL of this. That is why our Teaching Guides are written specifically for FCC and FNN providers.



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How Do We Do It?

How does Gee Whiz address all ages in one curriculum?

With a lot of thinking and hard work! We make sure our experiences are easily adaptable to different developmental levels. This allows providers to do one activity in different ways for different children.

We also make sure we utilize materials providers have on hand like blankets and clothesbaskets.

Please view our sample lesson plan to see how we achieve these goals. You can visit our website or [CLICK HERE](http://www.geewhizeducation.com).



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"I LOVE this! It makes planning easy and is so inexpensive."

Linking the 10 Developmental Areas to Learning Experiences

The Gee Whiz curriculum uses picture codes within each experience to help providers connect developmental areas to the learning experiences they do with children. Here are the 10 developmental areas covered in the Gee Whiz curriculum with the associated picture codes:

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| ☑ Language Development 🗨️ | ☑ Literacy Knowledge 📖 |
| ☑ Approaches to Learning 😊 | ☑ Logic & Reasoning ? |
| ☑ Science Knowledge 🔍 | ☑ Math Knowledge ① |
| ☑ Social Studies Knowledge 🌐 | ☑ Social and Emotional Development ❤️ |
| ☑ Creative Arts & Music 🎨 & 🎵 | ☑ Physical Development and Health 🖐️ |

Our User's Guide includes an entire section dedicated to the 10 developmental areas. [VIEW NOW](#)



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One Experience... Many Different Levels

Experimenting with Movement

(Toddlers–4 years, 🗨️ ? 😊 🖐️ 🧠 ❤️)

Materials:

- ☐ **Baking sheets OR wooden boards OR pieces of cardboard OR all three!**
- ☐ Toy vehicles (cars, trucks, etc.)
- Experimenting challenges children to use higher-order thinking skills as they test their ideas. This experience will invite children to explore how using a ramp to make vehicles move in different ways. Because children at different developmental levels will approach this experience differently, we are providing different options for this experience.
- Set out the materials listed above and invite interested children to use them to experiment. Challenge them to use the materials to make the vehicles move faster and slower.
- Toddlers/Twos/Young Threes: This group will probably just have fun pushing the cars/trucks to make them go faster or slower. Provide plenty of language to describe not only how the vehicles move, but how the children's actions affect the speed as well. This is very important for ELL/DLL children. In addition, you may want to set up a baking sheet, piece of cardboard or board to make a ramp for the children to use.
- Older Threes/Fours/Advanced Preschoolers: This group can experiment to see how they can use ramps to make toy vehicles speed up or slow down. As the children explore, engage them in conversations and challenge them to share their thought processes with you.

Picture codes link the activity to the main developmental areas it addresses.

Note the use of common household materials

The first bullet point explains the "why" behind the experience.

Adaptations/modifications for different developmental levels + tips for ELL/DLL children

Questions to Spur Thinking

- What do you think is going to happen when you let go of the (name of vehicle)?
- Why do you think the (name of vehicle) went faster than the (name of vehicle)?
- What happened when you made the baking sheet steeper? Why do you think that happened?

Open-ended questions included for each Gee Whiz experience

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Monthly Teaching Components

Tools to help you promote learning & exploration.



Want more details on these components? [VIEW OUR SLIDE DECK](#)

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"Love you curriculum! I've shared it with many other providers."

Monthly Family Components



Keeping parents & guardians both informed and involved is so important!

Gee Whiz makes this goal easier to reach for providers.

What types of materials does Gee Whiz include for parents/guardians?

- Family Letters
- Digital Family Notes
- “All about My Week” Reports
- **NEW!** Let’s Read Together! Booklets *(starting September 2021)*

All of these components are available in both English & Spanish.

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“This is a great tool and investment for my program!”

Monthly Per Child Components

But what about the children?

What types of materials does Gee Whiz include for each child?

- **NEW! Let's Read Together!** - A short, printable book for each child. Providers simply print, cut, stack and staple. Each short story or rhyme reinforces the unit topic and contains open-ended question suggestions. These are designed to promote family involvement. (2 per month/1 per unit... available in English & Spanish)
- Make It! Sheets (4 per month/2 per unit)
- Individualization Web (1 per unit)



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"I love the fact that I can download the materials."

Assessment



Formal child assessments.
Environmental assessments.
Developmental screenings.
Oh, my!

At Gee Whiz, we work hard to incorporate tools into the curriculum that make assessment easier and more efficient.

What types of assessment tools are included with Gee Whiz?

We have an entire section on our website dedicated to discussing how we approach assessment. From our comprehensive section in our User's Guide related to Individualization and Anecdotal Notes to the "Connecting the Dots" component included in each unit, our goal is to give providers the tools they need to make assessment less stressful and more efficient. Please take a few minutes to check out the section on our website dedicated to assessment.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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"Gee Whiz is simple to follow. The learning standards as specified for each activity. I know what to expect and how to observe for progress."

Questions & Answers

Question: Do providers need to sign up for a whole year?

No! Providers control the length of their subscriptions. Once they sign up, [they may cancel your recurring payment at any time.](#)

Question: What is the research base behind Gee Whiz?

We are constantly reviewing new research related to family child care and incorporating it into what we do. The establishment of the Gee Whiz Cohort is a great example of this! To review ALL of the research upon which our approach is based, please review this section in the Gee Whiz User's Guide.

Does the program address state standards and national (e.g., Head Start) standards?

Yes! Please see our alignment page for complete details.

Does the program include an assessment tool?

The Gee Whiz curriculum is designed to be comprehensive enough that providers can choose the formal assessment tool they feel will work best for their children. Our new "Connecting the Dots" component helps providers connect the experiences in the Gee Whiz curriculum to 10 developmental areas and our 40 Learning Indicators (skills). Using this component then makes it extremely easy for them to connect to their chosen formal child assessment tool. We have a recorded webinar on this topic in the Webinar Training page of our website.

Question: How does Gee Whiz support Quality Specialists as they work with providers?

At Gee Whiz, it is just as important for us to support you as it is for us to support providers. We conduct "train-the-trainer" webinars during the year just for Quality Specialists so they can support providers using Gee Whiz.

Question: What if I want to purchase subscriptions for a group of providers?

We are here to help! Simply reach out to Sherry Mayberry at smayberry@geewhizeducation.com. She can provide a price quote and help you set up multiple subscriptions quickly and easily..

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"I will definitely share my experience with other FCC providers I train in the field."

Subscription Options

3 Different Options

At Gee Whiz, we want providers to choose the subscription option that they feel works best for them.

Providers choose how often they want to be charged (monthly, quarterly or yearly) and when they want to cancel. **ALL of these options include webinar training at no charge.**



Monthly Price

\$18.95/month

Quarterly Price

\$53.95/quarter

Yearly Price

\$192.95/year

Best value!

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"What I like most about it is that it is affordable for all ages and its content is very important and applies to daily life."

Reach Out Any Time

At Gee Whiz, we work with Quality Specialists, Coaches, Trainers and Mentors all the time. If you have a question, please reach out to one of us directly so we can assist you!

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"Thank you for providing all of the components which allows me to pick and choose what my group needs."