Weekday Ministries Conference

August 1, 2, and 3, 2017
Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briar Park Dr., Houston, TX 77042

August 1 Keynoter
Katey McPherson

August 2 Keynoter
Paul McGhee

August 3 Keynoter
Jill Molli
Welcome

The purpose of this conference is to provide continuing education for teachers, caregivers and directors in church-related weekday early childhood programs that will enhance their abilities to nurture and educate the children entrusted to their care.

Dear Participants,

The 2017 Weekday Ministries Conference is fast approaching. We are excited to see our returning friends and can’t wait to meet new ones. The committee has been hard at work to prepare and plan for this wonderful event. You will find a variety of new and returning workshop presenters who are sure to provide a program full of interesting, informative, diverse, and fun workshops. It is our goal to have you leave the conference feeling equipped to enrich your classrooms with new curriculum ideas, new perspectives, and newly encouraged enthusiasm for learning!

We are also pleased to announce that three keynote speakers have been chosen for the event:
Katey McPherson on Tuesday, August 1
Paul McGhee on Wednesday, August 2
and Jill Molli on Thursday, August 3.

Please note the following:
• One registration form per participant
• Classes are assigned on a first-come – first-served basis, so please respond quickly
• Some classes repeat so be careful in making your class selections and some are limited in size
• Classes are identified as BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, and are indicated next to each class description

Conference Fee Schedule:
• Early Bird Registration Conference Fee is $70 per day/per person.
  Early Bird Registration ends June 5, 2017
• General Registration Conference Fee is $75 per day/per person.
  Registration ends July 10, 2017
• ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 10, 2017
• No refunds will be granted; however, participant substitutions may be made, if needed.

Thank you for your interest and support of the Weekday Ministries Conference.
We look forward to seeing you there!

General information

Have you ever wished you had enough time to attend all of the conference sessions? Much of the presenters’ handout information will be available. Visit the Presbytery of the New Covenant website at www.pbyofnewcovenant.org go to “Weekday Ministries Conference” on the home page and click on the link to download handouts from the 2017 conference.

Handouts will be online as they become available. Not all presenters wish to have their handouts placed on the web. Handouts will be available in each classroom based on the number of participants who have signed up for the class in advance. A limited number of additional handouts will be printed.

Hotel information

Room rates are available at the Marriott Houston Westchase for $119.00 per night. If you would like to stay at the hotel, contact Carrie Walker at the Presbytery office, cwalker@pbyofnewcovenant.org or 713-526-2585, ext. 205. Reservation deadline date is July 21, 2017.
Welcome Katey McPherson  
Tuesday, August 1

Katey McPherson is a former secondary school administrator and co-author of Why Teens Fail: What to Fix. She has been an educator for 19 years, serving as a secondary school teacher, middle school guidance counselor, and assistant principal. She is also the founder of the S.H.E. Forum (Sharing Healthy Experiences) serving teens and their families, and co-founder of the bullying prevention program, BE THE ONE. She has presented at major conferences throughout the United States and currently serves as a Cadre Supervisor of Student Practitioners at Rio Salado Community College as well as adjunct faculty at Grand Canyon and Arizona State University in the Educational Administration and Leadership program. Katey holds a Bachelor’s degree in Spanish and Secondary Education from Michigan State University and a Master’s Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Arizona State University.

Tuesday, August 1 Keynote  
“The Minds of Boys and Girls”

Teachers and parents often search for the latest resources and information regarding raising their children to be healthy, empathetic, and academically equipped learners. Katey McPherson, Executive Director of The Gurian Institute, will present her keynote, “The Minds of Boys and Girls”. This keynote will offer educators and parents an inside look at the inner workings of the minds of boys and girls, how to nurture the empathy and aggression that can accompany the formative years of development, and how the culture of their community, school, and friendship/play group plays a part in wrapping itself around the whole child. Educators and parents will walk away from this overview armed and equipped with immediate and intentional strategies that will allow them to support their child’s growth and development. Included in the presentation will be discussion of screen time, technology, and the impact on the developing brain.
Welcome Paul McGhee
Wednesday, August 2

Paul McGhee is currently President of The Laughter Remedy in Wilmington, Delaware, in the USA. His scientific contributions to the field of humor research make him unique among those who currently work as professional speakers discussing the importance of building more humor into your life. He has published 15 books and many scientific articles on humor and is internationally recognized for his contributions in three distinct areas: 1) scientific research on humor and laughter, 2) practical applications of humor in corporate and healthcare settings—including the only research-supported program for improving humor skills and 3) substantive, but entertaining, keynotes and workshops on humor.

Wednesday, August 2 Keynote

“Lighten Up! Humor is FUNdamental to Providing Quality Education and Care to Young Children”

This keynote shows how humor helps cope with the stress associated with teaching or caring for young children and helps you continue to provide quality education and care day after day—even on your toughest days. It is entertaining and fun and guaranteed to get you laughing, but also discusses substantive issues related to the education and care of young children. Paul always gets the audience actively involved in fun activities related to the substantive part of his program.
Welcome Jill Molli
Thursday, August 3

Jill Molli has a B.A. in Elementary Education and a Masters in Counseling. She possesses the gift of delivering this important message of Dr. Becky Bailey’s Conscious Discipline program with humor which makes for a wonderful learning experience. Jill was selected as an LGA because of her no-nonsense ability to get to the heart of a situation plus her commitment to living Conscious Discipline principles at school and at home.

Jill’s experience includes delivering state and national keynotes, teaching children with behavior disabilities, teaching elementary school and serving as a guidance counselor. Her background has proved invaluable in teaching schools and school districts how to implement Conscious Discipline. She has also taught hundreds of Conscious Discipline parenting classes which included imprisoned mothers, “Soccer Dads” and parents interested in learning more about how to parent their children. Jill is a contagious source of enthusiasm for and knowledge about Conscious Discipline.

Thursday, August 3 Keynote

“Aggression, Tantrums, and Defiance: Significantly Reduce all Three with the Skill of Emotional Regulation”

Emotional regulation is not about control or the lack of it. It is about effectively using emotions as signals that alert us to the actions needed to sustain a relationship. We are social beings with social brains. Our relationship with each other is what sustains us or destroys us. Aggression, tantrums and defiance are social signals that direct us to change our behavior, much like physiological signals of thirst, hunger and tiredness direct us to drink, eat and sleep. Ignoring children’s internal states risks malnourishing their social-emotional development, much like ignoring hunger risks malnourishing their physical growth. Our internal guidance system consists of our emotions and feelings. Most adults struggle to access this basic system and, as a consequence, find it difficult to help children learn to listen to theirs. The adult often overlays the child’s existing internal guidance with a secondary system that seeks approval and control of others rather than depending on the innate wisdom of internally motivated self-regulation. This workshop seeks to attune our adult systems in a way that will help us with our own families, colleagues, agencies, schools and, of course, the children in our care. It will enhance and strengthen all our significant relationships.
**Conference Schedule**

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**Tuesday, August 1 | SESSION 1**

**B101 Wired to Move**  
Katey McPherson, presenter  
In this breakout session, participants will be introduced to a variety of strategies and ways in which they can connect with their students and children. Strategies will be content driven and involve physical movement—hence, the title “Wired To Move!” Dr. Michael Gurian’s research will be discussed and dissected through a series of video clips to get to the heart of how best to nurture the youngest minds as they begin to develop and form relationships with others.  
**AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | ALL GROUPS, ALL AGES**

**B102 Many Months of Music**  
Naomi Black, presenter  
This workshop is a potpourri of music ideas geared to 3 to 6 year olds. It will include helping children find their singing voices, sound exploration, musical instruments to make, exploring rhythm, movement and songs! Come and have fun as we explore the many ways to make music together throughout the year!  
**Repeats as B114**  
**AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | CULTURAL DIVERSITY | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN**

**B103 How We Teach Our Kids to Think**  
Brenda Berleth, presenter  
Learn the importance of literacy skills, why creativity is so important, and how to encourage it. Personalize a plan to engage children, parents and administration. Create a safe environment for exploring, questioning, experimenting and making mistakes. Develop methods for enabling thinking: observation, curiosity, real information and perspectives. Design your own environment based on age group (0-8); practice and master techniques to progress through Bloom’s taxonomy.  
**Repeats as C202**  
**AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | INTERMEDIATE | 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN**

**B104 Move on to Smooth Transitions**  
Marilyn Bitsis and Margaret Schafer, presenters  
Let’s face it, the only one who likes change is a baby! However, transitions are necessary, especially in teaching young children. We suggest using movement; let us show you how.  
**Repeats as B115**  
**GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS**

**B105 Fun with Physics**  
Barbara Cargill, MSSE, presenter  
This training introduces teachers to the wonders of physics through magnets, electricity, color and light. Participants will do attention-getting experiments such as ‘Magnet Go Fish’ and ‘Water Magnet Play’. Using magnets for car races and painting are part of the fun! Energy sticks “light” up the room as we learn to teach about electrical circuits and conductors. Static electricity makes Rice Krispies dance and bubbles make painting fun! Shadow puppets and magnet puppets round out this hands-on session. Your students will love learning about physics!  
**CLASS LIMIT 50**  
**Repeats as B116**  
**AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN**

**B106 Childhood Learning: Learning Differences, Learning Interventions and Sensory Integration**  
Gayle Fisher, M.Ed. Tech., presenter  
What can you do to help a child with learning differences? This workshop covers the stages of learning, brains, immune systems, appropriate growing, the 5+3 senses and how they integrate into learning. We will experience first-hand how chaos feels and explore how you can re-direct a child’s learning to try to catch up with their peers.  
**Repeats as B128**  
**CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER CHILD INTERACTION | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE | ALL AGES**

**B107 Art - It’s the Process, Not the Product!**  
Diane Goyette, presenter  
The most valuable art experiences for young children are those that allow them to express themselves without the teacher having a finished product in mind. Gather many ideas for open-ended art activities and strategies for talking with children about their art. Then enjoy watching your children's artistry blossom and bloom!  
**Repeats as D311**  
**AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN**

**B108 “What if...” Emergency Crisis Planning**  
Janine R.Groth, M. Ed.  
Administrators will learn how to set up an emergency plan specifically for their school. We will examine community resources and the available partners to keep their students safe during a crisis. The Administrator has a crucial role in designing a plan that works for their situation. Participants will leave feeling prepared to take on the challenge, making them feel more secure in their role.  
**AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | CULTURAL DIVERSITY | ALL LEVELS | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN**

**B109 S.T.E.A.M. Tools and Techniques**  
Susan MacHugh, presenter  
Explore how to build upon children’s natural interest by providing opportunities to explore, identify, predict, investigate and problem solve in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. See how to develop a variety of discovery centers inside the classroom and on the playground. Learn how to expand the curriculum by providing activities that encourage children to explore, take risks and have a joyful experience.  
**Repeats as B120**  
**AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | CULTURAL DIVERSITY | ALL LEVELS | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN**
Come feel empowered as an early childhood professional as you learn how and why children should be taught the skills to become independent! Every day in preschool teachers are modeling and developing life-long character traits in the children they teach. We will discuss the daily challenges in our classroom such as independence, sharing, and conflict resolution. In today's world, we need to raise compassionate, kind and loving adults… walk away from the session knowing that we have the power ‘to do.’

**Repeats as B124 and D306**

**Child Growth and Development | Guidance and Discipline | Age Appropriate Curriculum | Teacher-Child Interaction | Professional Development | All Levels | All Ages**

**Tuesday, August 1 | SESSION 2**

**B110** | **I CAN DO IT! Fostering Autonomy, Problem Solving and Empathy in ECH**  
Erika Sanchez, presenter

**B111** | **TIMEOUT! Let’s Take a Time-out to Address Discipline**  
Michael J. Gonzalez, presenter

**B112** | **Expanding and Extending Read Alouds**  
Josie Field, presenter

**B113** | **Faith Development**  
Jan Dollinger, presenter

**B114** | **Many Months of Music**  
Naomi Black, presenter

**B115** | **Move on to Smooth Transitions**  
Marilyn Bitsis and Margaret Schafer, presenters

**B116** | **Fun with Physics!**  
Barbara Cargill, MSSE, presenter

**B117** | **Building Positive Culture and Communications**  

**B118** | **10 Ways to Support Language and Literacy for Infants and Toddlers**  
Diane Goyette, presenter

**B119** | **Encouraging Professional Development: Our Role, Our Vision, Our Actions. 360° Approach to Staff Evaluations**  
Janine R. Groth, M. Ed., presenter

**B120** | **S.T.E.A.M. Tools and Techniques**  
Susan MacHugh, presenter

**B121** | **Hooked on Books!**  
Devora Miller, presenter

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**CLASS LIMIT 50 Repeat of B105**

**AGE Appropriate Curriculum | Teacher-Child Interaction | Professional Development | 3 to Kindergarten**

**Repeat of B102**

**AGE Appropriate Curriculum | Teacher-Child Interaction | Cultural Diversity | Professional Development | All Levels | 3 Through Kindergarten**

**Repeat of B104**

**Guidance and Discipline | Beginner and Intermediate | 3 to 5 Year Olds**

**Repeat as B130**

**AGE Appropriate Curriculum | All Levels | 3 to Kindergarten**

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**Repeats as C212 and D309**

**Guidance and Discipline | Beginner | Intermediate | 3 to 5 Year olds**

**Repeat as D327**

**Child Growth and Development | Teacher-Child Interaction | Intermediate | Infant/Toddler**

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**Repeats as B114 and D306**

**Child Growth and Development | Guidance and Discipline | Age Appropriate Curriculum | Teacher-Child Interaction | Professional Development | All Levels | All Ages**
B122  Terrific True Books for Curious Kids  
Pat Miller, presenter
Curiosity develops long before imagination. Are you feeding that curiosity with enough nonfiction read-alouds? This workshop will introduce you to 40 age-appropriate books on topics of great interest to little ones—you'll enjoy them too! Three-page bibliography provided.

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

B123  Are Teachers Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution  
Debbie Simpson-Smith, Ph.D., presenter
Teachers must model appropriate behavior in the classroom; positive guidance strategies must include both direct and indirect techniques. Every child learns differently and needs supportive adults as they grow and develop. This presentation will focus on a variety of guidance strategies that teachers need to accept change in themselves and their attitudes before a child's behavior can change. Repeats as B133

GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INFANT TO 5 YEAR OLDS

B124  I CAN DO IT! Fostering Autonomy, Problem Solving and Empathy in ECH  
Erika Sanchez, presenter

Repeat of B110 and as D306

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

B125  Minimum Standards Update  
Dorris Burnworth, presenter
Provides an update on the newer Minimum Standard Rules and the Health and Safety Audit checklist now required to be completed during every annual inspection. Repeats as B135 and C235

HEALTH AND SAFETY (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES) | INTERMEDIATE | ADMINISTRATORS

B126  The Young Writer  
Josie Field, presenter
There are so many varieties of writing for us to share with preschoolers. Sharing these with your children will get them excited and empowered to become enthusiastic young writers. We will explore six appropriate and fun varieties of writing.

AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | ALL LEVELS | ADMINISTRATORS | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

B127  Director's Round Table  
Naomi Black and Candice Alexander, presenters
Here's your chance to share information with other program directors, ask questions, and know that you are not alone! We'll discuss such things as motivating staff, monitoring work performance, handling difficult parents, and more. Bring your questions, your success stories and your challenges.

ADMINISTRATION | DIRECTORS

B128  Childhood Learning: Learning Differences, Learning Interventions and Sensory Integration  
Gayle Y. Fisher, M. Ed. Tech, presenter

Repeat of B106

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE | ALL AGES

B129  Get Them Moving! Activities for Physical Health and Learning  
Diane Goyette, presenter
Music and movement activities are an enjoyable way for children to improve their physical health and development. They benefit children's learning and behavior, too! Participants will try out 20 activities that they can take back to the classroom. Then they will be ready to get themselves and the children moving!

Repeats as D334

TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | HEALTH AND SAFETY (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES) | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT TO KINDERGARTEN

B130  Hooked on Books!  
Devora Miller, presenter

Repeats as B121

AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | ALL LEVELS | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

B131  Behavior Management: Sensory Processing. The Home and School Connection  
Robin Rettie and Dr. Tina Casoglos-Adamopoulos, OTD, presenters
An interactive workshop for educators baffled by behavior of children lacking social awareness, are rigid to routine and who experience meltdowns turning a planned day into chaos. With Autism on the rise, educators need support with unfamiliar behaviors. Learn about the 7 sensory systems and gain insight to strategies that work! Repeats as C238, D321 and D332

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

B132  “Let’s Talk”: Professional Ethics in the Preschool Setting  
Erika Sanchez, M. Ed., presenter
Early childhood programs are often such fun, loving places that we tend to forget how serious the business of educating young children really is! Using the NAEYC Code of Ethics and Statement of Commitment as a guide, this session is an opportunity to really explore the problems that we face as we work with children, families and colleagues. As a refresher course for seasoned directors or a first look for the newer administrator come and feel confident that you have an ethically outstanding program!

Repeats as C226 and C234

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED | ADMINISTRATORS

B133  Are Teachers Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution  
Debbie Simpson-Smith, Ph.D., presenter

Repeat of B123

GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT TO 5 YEAR OLDS
B134  Add Snap to Your Storytime and Revive Your Read-Alouds  
Pat Miller, presenter  
A well-done story time increases listening ability, grows language skills, breeds a love of books and bonds you and your students. And it's fun! This session will give you techniques to increase engagement with story rituals, make dynamic book selections and enhance your story voice.  
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

B135  Minimum Standards Update  
Dorris Burnworth, presenter  
Repeat of B125 and as C235  
HEALTH AND SAFETY (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES) | INTERMEDIATE | ADMINISTRATORS

B136  Encouraging Professional Development: Our Role, Our Vision, Our Actions. 360° Approach to Staff Evaluations  
Janine R. Groth, M. Ed., presenter  
Repeat of B119  
GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ALL LEVELS | ADMINISTRATORS

B137  Successful Strategies for Starting the New School Year  
Josie Field, presenter  
Thinking about how to begin a new school year brings to mind all the things we need to plan. We will look at organizational methods for planning your curriculum implementation, classroom designs and environment, using the Texas Pre-Kindergarten Guidelines to guide instruction and use of rules and routines to create happy and effective classrooms. By proactively planning, we can be more successful in having positive classrooms with appropriate learning expectations and opportunities.  
AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | ALL LEVELS | ADMINISTRATORS | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

B138  Faith Development for Young Children  
Susan MacHugh, presenter  
Learn how to develop a faith based Christian together time for preschoolers. See how songs, Bible stories, art projects and drama can build upon a young child’s curiosity and understanding of God’s creation of the world leading to the birth of Jesus Christ and His ministry. Find out how puppets, flannel figures and concrete activities can illustrate to young children just how much God loves us!  
AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

B139  Blow it! Roll it! Knock it Down!  
Jan Dollinger, presenter  
Engage in Physical Knowledge Activities and find out how to create these activities using everyday items. Investigate activities that promote a child’s understanding of the forces of gravity, weight and wind, activities that promote higher level thinking. Learn to support young children in their use of question-asking, predicting and problem solving. PKA are the foundation of science for young children.  
Repeats as D326 and D342  
CHILD GROWTH DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE

Wednesday, August 2 | SESSION 1

C201  The Playful Brain: Development of Young Children's Humor  
Paul McGhee, presenter  
This workshop describes basic developmental changes in young children’s humor from infancy until about age seven, along with the social, emotional and cognitive developmental benefits resulting from young children’s humor.  
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

C202  How We Teach Our Kids to Think  
Brenda Berleth, presenter  
Repeat of B103  
AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | INTERMEDIATE | 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

C203  Move Over Time-Out  
Marilyn Bitsis and Margaret Schafer, presenters  
Do you use time-out in the classroom? How well does it work for you? Let us show you how to use movement and the 14 basic KidBuilders skills as alternatives to traditional time-out.  
Repeats as C215  
GUIDANCE AND DEVELOPMENT | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS

C204  Assessment - Don’t Get Anxious, Get Evidence!  
Diane Goyette, presenter  
Authentic assessment may seem to be an intimidating process, but it doesn’t have to be worrisome. All it involves is gathering evidence about children from different sources in different time and places, then organizing and interpreting the information. Come away knowing how to assess children and use the information effectively.  
AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT TO KINDERGARTEN

C205  Join the Movement Toward a Better Education  
Janine R. Groth, M. Ed., presenter  
Movement in the classroom enhances learning and inspires students. The presenter will discuss the latest brain research and implications regarding education. By incorporating brain research with motor development, Conference attendees can comprehend the importance of this research and develop a sense of purpose with lesson plans. Participants learn many themes with activities to insert into existing lessons.  
Repeats as C239 and D335  
AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | INTERMEDIATE | ALL AGES
C206 “But They’re Only Playing”: Interpreting Play to Parents
Juan Gutierrez, presenter

Many times parents view their child’s play as a waste of time and not part of learning. Helping parents understand that their child is learning as they play, means no longer will they approach you frustrated when their child goes home and says, “I played.”

Repeats as C218
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | BEGINNER | ALL AGES

C207 Literacy Resources: Books, Games, Storytelling, Songs. Activities and Family Fundraising Ideas
Aileen Kirkham, presenter

Participants will explore picture book and professional resources, participate in kinesthetic and interactive games, experience a thematic storytelling program, review fundraising opportunities and accept door prizes.

Repeats as C219
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ADVANCED | ADMINISTRATORS

C208 Gather Round - It’s Circle Time
Marylin Kramer, presenter

Circle Time is an important part of the early childhood classroom, but are we teachers making the most of it? Participants will discover how to take advantage of 3 to 5 minute fun segments of circle time to teach a wide variety of objectives including reading, writing, math and science! They will learn different activities and strategies that will keep students interested and engaged.

Repeats as C220
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

C209 Themes, Curriculum and the Daily Schedule
Susan MacHugh, presenter

Explore strategies for creating goals for the preschool year. Learn about the importance of maintaining a daily schedule. See how developing an age-appropriate curriculum within a theme-based classroom provides the framework for a successful early childhood experience.

AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT TO KINDERGARTEN

C210 What to Do with Speech and Language Disorders
Mimi McClain, presenter

What are speech and language disorders and how do I help children with them in the classroom? Developmental norms will be reviewed as well as warning signs of a delay. Suggestions for intervention will be discussed.

TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT TO 5 YEAR OLDS

C211 Creating Calmness Every Day
Joyce Trigger, presenter

In this session, we will learn to regard relaxation as a way of being, rather than something that we do to ourselves and others. We will practice ways of transforming stress and anxiety in life. Participants will gain skills to develop a more relaxed, gentle, calm, and life-enhancing approach to living that will transfer to classrooms of all ages.

PROFESSIONALISM | ALL LEVELS | 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

C212 TIMEOUT! Let’s Take a Time-out to Address Discipline
Michael J. Gonzalez, presenter

Repeats of B111 and as D309
GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS

C213 Science Fun for Everyone
Barbara Cargill, MSSE, presenter

Let’s encourage children’s natural curiosity by exploring chemical reactions! Common products like Jell-O, Alka Seltzer, milk, dish soap, vinegar, etc. are combined to cause unique reactions. Energy expands a monster glove and makes instant snow. Blowing bubbles in bubbles and incorporating art and math into science add to the fun!

CLASS LIMIT 50
Repeats as C228
TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE | INFANT AND TODDLER | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

C214 “Duck, Duck, Butterfly”
Jimena Lieb, presenter

Teaching stillness, balance, flexibility, focus, peace, grace, connection, health, and well-being to kids through yoga!

Repeats as D313
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | HEALTH AND SAFETY | ALL LEVELS | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

Wednesday, August 2 | SESSION 2

C215 Move Over Time-Out
Marilyn Bitsis and Margaret Schafer, presenters

Repeats of C203
GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS

C216 Calming Your Classroom: Helping the Explosive Child Cope
Diane Goyette, presenter

Sometimes a child may have an extremely challenging behavior that feels like an explosion because it happens so quickly and is so powerful. Learn strategies to help this child (and others) develop new skills to cope with stressful situations, and your classroom become a much calmer place for everyone.

GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

C217 Cooperative Learning Components
Janine R. Groth, M. Ed., presenter

Setting up engaging learning opportunities takes more than just creativity. There are components that help the success of the activity. Valuable cooperative learning groups are the best way for teachers to utilize every minute of their day. A great cooperative activity gives the teacher an opportunity to pull small groups while the whole group is engaged and self-directed. The key to successful lessons are the components that create a solid approach to cooperative learning activities. This session will go down the checklist of techniques to assure that the lesson runs smoothly and the teacher can be effective in their role.

TEACHER CHILD INTERACTION | CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN
C218 “But They’re Only Playing”: Interpreting Play to Parents
Juan Gutierrez, presenter

Repeat of C206
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | BEGINNER | ALL AGES

C219 Literacy Resources: Books, Games, Storytelling, Songs. Activities and Family Fundraising Ideas
Aileen Kirkham, presenter

Repeat of C207
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ADVANCED | ADMINISTRATORS

C220 Gather Round - It’s Circle Time
Marlyn Kramer, presenter

Repeat of C208
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

C221 Together Time with Infants, Toddlers and Twos
Susan MacHugh, presenter

Come and discover the importance of creating an age-appropriate setting for the youngest children. See how you can engage these children by designing an inviting and tranquil setting where infant and toddlers can gather together to explore and learn.

Repeats as C240
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT/TODDLER

C222 Songs and Games Children Love!
Devora Miller, presenter

Join Ms. Miller for a session filled with songs, chants and games that will keep your students singing and playing throughout the year! Suggestions for using instruments, simple props and books will be included. Repeats as C230
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | ALL LEVELS | 3 YEAR TO KINDERGARTEN

C223 A Singing Bucket Saves the Day
Rhonda D. Richardson, PhD., presenter

In this training session learn how a singing bucket, with its easy-to-access format, can save the day. Take back original songs, simple games and creative ideas to enhance learning and encourage self-regulation skills in children. Repeats as C231
GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT TO KINDERGARTEN

C224 Strategies for Working with Challenging Behaviors
Joyce Trigger, presenter

We will use the lens of executive function skills to look closely at challenging behaviors. A checklist of specific social/emotional skills will be provided to guide our work with children whose behaviors are often seen as disruptive and interfering with learning in the classroom.
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

C225 A Sense of Wonder
Jan Dollinger, presenter
Rachel Carson said, “A child’s world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood.” Come, see how to keep alive your child’s sense of wonder in the natural world – and, in the process, rediscover and deepen your own.
Repeats as C233
AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

C226 “Let’s Talk”: Professional Ethics in the Preschool Setting
Erika Sanchez, M. Ed., presenter

Repeats of B132 and as C234
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED | ADMINISTRATORS

C227 Positive Guidance in the Classroom Setting
Latanya Atherley, presenter

This training is geared towards teachers working with children who have challenging behaviors in the classroom setting. Participants will have hands on activities that promote pro-social behaviors and desired outcomes. Repeats as C242
GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

C228 Science Fun for Everyone
Barbara Cargill, MSSE, presenter

CLASS LIMIT 50 Repeat of C213
TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE | INFANT AND TODDLER | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

Wednesday, August 2 | SESSION 3

C229 Connecting Games to Play with Preschoolers
Diane Goyette, presenter

Warm, caring relationships between adults and children are the foundation for children's lifelong learning, behavior and health. Connecting activities help to create and maintain these relationships. Participants will play at least 20 games that help them connect with preschoolers and will leave ready to implement them into their classrooms.
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

C230 Songs and Games Children Love!
Devora Miller, presenter

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C232  Transforming a Playground into an Outdoor Classroom
Sharon Young, presenter
Participants will use an activities planning guide to transform a playground into an outdoor classroom. The activities will create a positive tone in supporting a child's natural curiosity for playing and learning in the outdoors. Repeats as D341
AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED | ADMINISTRATORS | 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS

C233  A Sense of Wonder
Jan Dollinger, presenter
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C234  “Let’s Talk”: Professional Ethics in the Preschool Setting
Erika Sanchez, M. Ed., presenter
Repeat of B132 and C226
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED | ADMINISTRATORS

C235  Minimum Standards Update
Dorris Burnworth, presenter
Repeat of B125 and B135
HEALTH AND SAFETY (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES) | INTERMEDIATE | ADMINISTRATORS

C236  Yoga! Why is it so Important and Why is it Everywhere?
Jimena Lieb, presenter
Join Jimena Lieb, Certified Lyengar Yoga Teacher, as she shows you simple but effective ways to keep your body strong and flexible while reducing stress at work! No experience necessary just be ready to breathe! Repeats as D333
HEALTH AND SAFETY | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ALL LEVELS | ALL GROUPS

C237  Biters and Hitters and Kickers, Oh My!
Candice Alexander, presenter
Every preschool teacher is faced with challenging behaviors in the classroom. It is important to understand the reasons behind aggressive behavior and to develop a strategy to implement in the classroom to address them. Repeats as D302
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT/TODDLER

C238  Behavior Management: Sensory Processing. The Home and School Connection
Robin Rettie and Dr. Tina Casoglos-Adamopoulos, OTD, presenters
Repeat of B131 and as D321 and D332
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

C239  Join the Movement Toward a Better Education
Janine R. Groth, M. Ed., presenter
Repeat of C205 and as D335
AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | INTERMEDIATE | ALL AGES

C240  Together Time with Infants, Toddlers and Twos
Susan MacHugh, presenter
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CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT/TODDLER

C241  Storytelling - There’s More Than One Way
Naomi Black, presenter
Come explore various ways to tell a story and to involve children in the process. Using a variety of books, chants, folktales and stories the children write themselves, we’ll look at some of the many ways to present a story!
AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | ALL LEVELS | 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

C242  Positive Guidance in the Classroom Setting
Latanya Atherley, presenter
Repeat of C227
GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | 3 TO KINDERGARTEN

Thursday, August 3 | SESSION 1

D301  I Know You Know Better: Bridging the Gap Between “Knowing and Doing”
Jill Molli, presenter
Knowing right from wrong and doing right from wrong are two very different skills that are often confused as one and the same. Many children “know” it is helpful to share, but aren’t willing to give up the toy. Many adults “know” how to effectively address conflict in the classroom, but are not able to access the skill in the heat of the moment. This session helps you understand the difference between knowing and doing, and gives you the skills to unify knowing and doing within yourself, with coworkers and with children.
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | ALL LEVELS | ALL AGES

D302  Biters and Hitters and Kickers, Oh My!
Candice Alexander, presenter
Repeat of C237
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT/TODDLER
D303 We Are the World: Social Studies in ECE
Janine Groth, M. Ed., presenter
It is so important to teach Literacy and Math; however, Social Studies needs to be integrated intentionally every day. We must learn to make informed and reasonable decisions to be a socially responsible citizen. Multicultural education is the key to understanding our immediate surroundings, as well as our society’s issues. Participants will learn how to enhance their daily routines and activities to make the most of every day opportunities. Building a community of learners will kick start a lifetime of responsibility and pro-social behaviors. \textit{Repeats as D316}\n
D304 Don't Burn the Bacon
Marilyn Kramer, presenter
Participants of this workshop will learn the safety issues of cooking with young children, benefits of classroom cooking, TEKS that can be implemented through cooking, and examples of how to successfully implement cooking projects in the classroom. \textit{Repeats as D317}\n
D305 Literacy Lessons for Learning Success
Susan MacHugh, presenter
Learn about the importance of developing an awareness and exploration of literacy in a print rich environment that will have a significant impact on how well children learn to read and write in kindergarten and beyond. See how to set up a literacy center, create a classroom post office, build a nursery rhyme and story tree, as well as directions for developing the “Special Person” project, classroom election day voting, and drama. \textit{Repeats as D318}\n
D306 I CAN DO IT! Fostering Autonomy, Problem Solving and Empathy in ECH
Erika Sanchez, presenter
\textit{Repeat of B110 and B124 and as D306}\n
D307 Investigating Nature with Infants and Toddlers
Rhonda D. Richardson, PhD., presenter
Investigating nature with infants and toddlers should be an exciting and valuable part of your early childhood curriculum. Come to this session and find out more! Experience simple indoor and outdoor learning activities, learn important safety tips, and take back ideas to involve families in the wonders of nature. \textit{Repeats as D322}\n
D308 The Role of Play in an Inclusive Classroom
Mila Sengupta and Nina Saha-Gupta, presenters
Participants will learn to use play as a mode for learning and supporting children’s development. Participants will also learn ways to adapt and modify the same play activities for children with disabilities in the same environment. \textit{Repeats as D333}\n
D309 TIMEOUT! Let’s Take a Time-out to Address Discipline
Michael J. Gonzalez, presenter
\textit{Repeat of B111 and C212}\n
D310 Science for Little Scientists
Deborah Shearer and Gregory Vogt, presenters
Children are natural scientists. They explore, touch, taste, smell, drop, push and pull everything. Join us and experience some hands-on and inexpensive fun science activities you can use to inspire your young scientists. \textit{Repeat as D338}\n
D311 Art - It’s the Process, Not the Product!
Diane Goette, presenter
\textit{Repeat of B107}\n
D312 1,2,3 Read and Play with Me! STEM for Littlest Learners
Christine Alderman, M. Ed.
Begin STEM instruction with your littlest learners in developmentally appropriate ways! Explore the latest brain research on the benefits of reading to babies from birth and learn how to use board books for interactive read aloud and more, integrating these small but powerful teachable moments into daily routines, including mealtimes, diaper care, circle time and lap time. Appropriate for infant and toddler teachers. \textit{AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | CULTURAL DIVERSITY | BEGINNER | INFANT/TODDLER}\n
D313 “Duck, Duck, Butterfly”
Jimena Lieb, presenter
\textit{Repeats as C214}\n
D314 Strategies for Including Children Who Have Autism in the General Preschool Classroom
Libby Hall, M.Ed., CALP, presenter
With an estimated 1 in 68 children in the U.S. diagnosed as having autism spectrum disorder comes the awareness of the unique needs of individuals with ASD in the classroom. This session introduces ideas and strategies for building a positive learning environment for children who have ASD. Participants explore must-haves in the classroom, specific language strategies to use with children, and how to present lessons and behavioral intervention techniques effectively. \textit{GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | BEGINNER | INFANT/TODDLER TO KINDERGARTEN}
Thursday, August 3 | SESSION 2

D315 Disaster and Emergency Planning … This is Not a Drill
Laura Varnell, M. Ed., presenter

This session is designed to help providers understand the process of becoming prepared for emergency situations or disasters that might affect their program. During this interactive session, we will discuss the various types of disasters and emergencies and develop a plan to train your staff. **Repeats as D329**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY | ALL LEVELS | ALL GROUPS**

D316 We Are the World: Social Studies in ECE
Janine Groth, M. Ed., presenter

**Repeat of D303**

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D318 Literacy Lessons for Learning Success
Susan MacHugh, presenter

**Repeat of D305**

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D319 Music Magic for 2s and 3s
Devora Miller, presenter

Need some new song and game ideas to “get the wiggles out” of your little ones? Join Ms. Miller for an active session of music activities appropriate for 2 and 3 year old’s. **Repeats as D331**

AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | ALL LEVELS | TODDLERS AND 3

D320 Get Moving with Math!
Christine Alderman, M. Ed., presenter

Come ready to dance, move and sing! Teach counting, colors, shapes, patterns and other math skills with music, movement, games and literature! Reduce discipline struggles with active learning. Participants will receive lesson plans, books and music lists for teaching math. **Repeats as D336**

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | CULTURAL DIVERSITY | ALL LEVELS | 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

D321 Behavior Management: Sensory Processing. The Home and School Connection
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D322 Investigating Nature with Infants and Toddlers
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D324 Science Detectives: Birds, Spiders and Insects
Aileen Kirkham, presenter

This make and take session includes lessons, recommended books, songs, and other curriculum based activities. **Repeats as D339**

AGE APPROPRIATE | ALL LEVELS | ADMINISTRATORS | INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED

D325 Red Flag Behaviors: What to do RIGHT when You Think Something Might be WRONG
Erika Sanchez, presenter

Learn about the characteristic red flag behaviors teachers may observe in the classroom. (Infant thru Preschool) Participants will learn strategies for observation, documentation, and how to talk administrators and parents. Explore what is and what is not typical development. Find out what you can do to initiate the early intervention process. **Repeats as D340**

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | ALL LEVELS | INFANTS THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

D326 Blow it! Roll it! Knock it Down!
Jan Dollinger, presenter

**Repeats as D342 and of B139**

CHILD GROWTH DEVELOPMENT | GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE | AGE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | BEGINNER | INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED

D327 10 Ways to Support Language and Literacy for Infants and Toddlers
Diane Goyette, presenter

**Repeat of B118**

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTION | INTERMEDIATE | INFANT/TODDLER

D328 Let’s Be Professional, Please!
Monica Allen-Nelson, presenter

Participants will be able to understand the development of professionalism in the work place. This session will provide valuable information on strategies for getting cooperation and collaboration to improve staff relations. **Repeats as D337**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | ADMINISTRATION | DIRECTORS
Thursday, August 3 | SESSION 3

D329 Disaster and Emergency Planning ... This is Not a Drill
Laura Varnell, M. Ed., presenter
Repeat of D315
HEALTH AND SAFETY | ALL LEVELS | ALL GROUPS

D330 Playground Active Play
Susan MacHugh, presenter
Explore how small group instruction and interactive sensory stations can effectively enhance learning. Discover how to use props and other materials to heighten center development and provide a rich choice of activities for young children outside of the classroom.
CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | Age Appropriate Curriculum | Teacher-Child Interaction | Health and Safety | All Levels | All Groups

D331 Music Magic for 2s and 3s
Devora Miller, presenter
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Age Appropriate Curriculum | All Levels | Toddlers and 3s

D332 Behavior Management: Sensory Processing. The Home and School Connection
Robin Rettie and Dr. Tina Casoglos-Adamopoulos, OTD, presenters
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Child Growth and Development | Guidance and Discipline | Teacher-Child Interaction | Professional Development | All Levels | All Ages

D333 Yoga! Why is it so Important and Why is it Everywhere?
Jimena Lieb, presenter
Repeat of C236
Health and Safety | Professional Development | All Levels | All Groups

D334 Get Them Moving! Activities for Physical Health and Learning
Diane Goyette, presenter
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Teacher-Child Interaction | Health and Safety (Including Risk Management and Prevention of the Spread of Communicable Diseases) | Intermediate | Infant to Kindergarten

D335 Join the Movement Toward a Better Education
Janine R. Groth, M. Ed., presenter
Repeat of C205 and C239
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D336 Get Moving with Math!
Christine Alderman, M. Ed., presenter
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Professional Development | Administration | Directors

D338 Science for Little Scientists
Deborah Shearer and Gregory Vogt, presenters
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Age Appropriate Curriculum | Teacher-Child Interaction | Professional Development | All Levels | 3 to Kindergarten

D339 Science Detectives: Birds, Spiders and Insects
Aileen Kirkham, presenter
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D340 Red Flag Behaviors: What to do RIGHT when You Think Something Might be WRONG
Erika Sanchez, presenter
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Child Growth and Development | All Levels | Infants through Kindergarten

D341 Transforming a Playground into an Outdoor Classroom
Sharon Young, presenter
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D342 Blow it! Roll it! Knock it Down!
Jan Dollinger, presenter
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Kirkham, Aileen  
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- Science Detectives: Birds, Spiders and Insects (D324, D339)

Kramer, Marlyn  
- Gather Round – It’s Circle Time (C208, C220)  
- Don’t Burn the Bacon (D304, D317)

Lieb, Jimena  
- “Duck, Duck, Butterfly” (C214, D313)  
- Yoga! Why is it so Important and Why is it Everywhere? (C326, D333)

MacHugh, Susan  
- S.T.E.A.M. Tools and Techniques (B109, B120)  
- Faith Development for Young Children (B138)  
- Themes, Curriculum and the Daily Schedule (C209)  
- Together Time with Infants, Toddlers and Twos (C221, C240)  
- Literacy Lessons for Learning Success (D305, D318)  
- Playground Active Play (D330)

McClain, Mimi  
- What to Do with Speech and Language Disorders (C210)

McGhee, Paul  
- The Playful Brain: Development of Young Children’s Humor (C201)
Welcome to the following presenters

McPherson, Katey
- Wired to Move (B101)

Miller, Devora
- Hooked on Books (B121, B130)
- Songs and Games Children Love! (C222, C230)
- Music Magic for 2s and 3s (D319, D331)

Miller, Pat
- Terrific True Books for Curious Kids (B122)
- Add Snap to Your Storytime and Revive Your Read-Alouds (B134)

Molli, Jill
- I Know You Know Better: Bridging the Gap Between “Knowing and Doing” (D301)

Rettie, Robin (with Dr. Tina Casoglos-Adamopolous)
- Behavior Management: Sensory Processing. The Home and School Connection (B131, C238, D321, D332)

Richardson, Rhonda
- A Singing Bucket Saves the Day (C223, C231)
- Investigating Nature with Infants and Toddlers (D307, D322)

Saha-Gupta, Nina (with Mila Sengupta)
- The Role of Play in an Inclusive Classroom (D308, D323)

Sanchez, Erika
- I CAN DO IT! Fostering Autonomy, Problem Solving and Empathy in ECH (B110, B124, D306)
- “Let’s Talk”: Professional Ethics in the Preschool Setting (B132, C226, C234)
- Red Flag Behaviors: What to do RIGHT when you Think Something Might be WRONG (D325, D340)

Sengupta, Mila (with Nina Saha-Gupta)
- The Role of Play in an Inclusive Classroom (D308, D323)

Schafer, Margaret (with Marilyn Bitsis)
- Move on to Smooth Transitions (B104, B115)
- Move Over Time-Out (C203, C215)

Shearer, Deborah (with Gregory Vogt)
- Science for Little Scientists (D310, D338)

Simpson-Smith, Debbie
- Are Teachers Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution (B123, B133)

Trigger, Joyce
- Creating Calmness Every Day (C211)
- Strategies for Working with Challenging Behaviors (C224)

Varnell, Laura
- Disaster and Emergency Planning… This is Not a Drill (D315, D329)

Vogt, Gregory (with Deborah Shearer)
- Science for Little Scientists (D310, D338)

Young, Sharon
- Transforming a Playground into an Outdoor Classroom (C232, D341)

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Attention directors:

Tuesday, August 1, Session 3
B127 - Director’s Round Table
Led by Naomi Black and Candice Alexander

Take time to share information with other directors and ask questions. Discuss motivating staff, monitoring work performance, handling difficult parents and more. Bring questions and success stories and your challenges.

Thursday, August 3, Session 2 and 3
D328 and D337
Let’s Be Professional, Please!
Led by Monica Allen-Nelson

Understand the development of professionalism in the work place. Valuable information on strategies for getting cooperation and collaboration to improve staff relations will be provided.
Visit the Vendors

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