


Sessions Approved for DODD Credit



Department of
Developmental
Disabilities


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Thursday, April 23, 2026

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Want Them to Learn? Then Let Them MOVE!

Laurie Gombash

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Pivotal Practices for Early Childhood: Creating Effective Practices to Support All Children

Alexa Nunnari, Katie DeSmith, Jody Baile

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Coaching Through Challenging Behaviors: How Interactive Talk Supports Social-Emotional Development

Marlo Parlin & Luis Bernal

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM **FEATURED**

Music for Infants and Toddlers: Songs of Security and Stepping Out

David Kisor

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM **KEYNOTE**

Your Tuesday, Their Forever

Rachel Giannini

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1:00 PM -2:30 PM

Bridging the Gap: Partnering Between Early Intervention and Child Care to Support Children with Disabilities

Troy Hunter & Dr. Kathy Lawton

1:00 PM -2:30 PM **FEATURED**

Enlivening the Multi-Sensory Classroom with Music, Movement and Story

Ben Gundersheimer (MISTER G) & Katherine Jamieson (MISSUS G)

1:00 PM -2:30 PM **FEATURED**

Rethinking Play

Kisa Marx

1:00 PM -2:30 PM

Tiny Bodies, Big Feelings: Trauma Support for Toddlers

Colleen Wallace

1:00 PM -2:00 PM

The Social Resilience Model and the Brain Body Connection

Libby Wagner & Linda Richmond

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Navigating Tough Conversations: Addressing Developmental Concerns with Preschool Families

Pamela Caruso

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM **FEATURED**

Every Teacher's Best Friend: MUSIC!

Red Grammer

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Getting Down and Dirty with Potty Mastery - Helping Early Childhood Educators Support Children's Independent Toileting

Joan Morgenstern

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM **FEATURED**

The Power of Play — Living Your Why, Building Brains, and Bringing Joy

Dani Svantner & Wendy Turcott

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Equity and Inclusion in Schools... Invisible Barriers to Learning

Joanie Calem

 **Friday, April 24, 2026**

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Aprendizaje Atravez Del Juego Para Estudiantes Neurodiversos De Edad Temprana

Karen Miranda

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM **FEATURED**

I'M GONNA FIND A WAY: Introduction to Songs for Coping with the Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences

David Kisor

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

From Possible to Practical: Supporting Children with Disabilities and Their Families in Child Care

Troy Hunter & Wendy Grove

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

The Power is in Your Hands (ASL)

Paige Pray

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM **KEYNOTE**

Be the Educator That You Are! Finding Your Authentic Voice in Early Childhood Education

Joe Dombrowski (Mr. D)

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Teaching PLAY: Engagement and Fun to Support Autistic Students in the Classroom

Katie Scott

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **FEATURED**

American Sign Language Combined with Music for Interactive Learning with Infants and Toddlers

Georgia & Ken Frawley

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Ohio's ASQ Online and Sparkler

Julia Babcock

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Process over Product Art: Creative Expression for Regulation, Release, and Joy

Dani Svantner & Wendy Turcott

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Supporting a Child's Unique Developmental Journey (0-3)

Heather Knoble & Stephanie Bondra

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

The Toddler Challenge: The Joys and Struggles of Toddlerhood

Karen Crockett & Anne McGlamery

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Enhancing Memory Retention and Learning Rates for STEAM Concepts: A Neurodevelopmental Approach (K-3)

Dr. Maria Sargent

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM **FEATURED**

Taming the Tiger — Understanding and Nurturing Big Emotions

Dani Svantner & Wendy Turcott



Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Belonging in the Circle: Creating an Engaging and Inclusive Circle Time

Heather Knoble

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Big Feelings, Little Teeth: Exploring Safe Ways to Express

Patrick McKelvey

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM **KEYNOTE**

Let Joy Be Your Compass: Reclaiming Our Direction, Purpose, and Well-Being

Dr. Nefertiti Poyner

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Speech and Language Development

Kimberly Ohl

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How to Talk to Infants & Toddlers While They Play: Language that Fosters Connection, Confidence and Creativity

Cara Tyrrell

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **FEATURED**

Wonderful Play! Using Music to Support Early Childhood Development (Part 1)

Mr. Jeff Klemm

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

From Classrooms to Communities: Advancing Equity and Advocacy in Early Childhood

Crystal Ann Hall

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

The DEC Recommended Practices: How to Support Students with Special Needs in Your Classroom

Elizabeth Diedrick

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Exploring Narratives in the 0-3 Space

Hayley Venturino & Jennifer Buckler

3:00 PM - 4:30 **FEATURED**

Say, Sing & Sign! How ASL Combined with Music Benefits Infants and Toddlers

Ken & Georgia Frawley

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Wonderful Play! Using Music to Support Early Childhood Development (Part 2)

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