



# Keynote + Featured Speaker

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## Dr. Nefertiti B. Poyner

Dr. Nefertiti B. Poyner is a nationally recognized speaker, author, and expert in early childhood education and educator well-being. With a career spanning over two decades, she's on a mission to help those who care for children rediscover their purpose, build resilience, and lead with joy.

For 24 years, Nefertiti served with distinction at the Devereux Center for Resilient Children, where she helped shape national conversations around social-emotional learning, staff retention, and trauma-responsive education. After nearly a quarter-century of service, she followed a divine nudge to launch Mighty Works Education Group in 2025, a consulting and professional development firm devoted to strengthening "the village"—the educators, caregivers, and leaders who nurture young children from birth through third grade.

Known for her calm yet commanding presence, Nefertiti is a sought-after keynote speaker who weaves evidence-informed strategies with soulful storytelling. Whether on stage, in workshops, or behind the scenes as a coach or consultant, she delivers practical tools wrapped in compassion and clarity.

Nefertiti is the author of *She Knows What She's Doing*, co-author of *Building Your Bounce: Simple Strategies for a Resilient You (2nd Edition)*, and *Socially Strong, Emotionally Secure*. Her work is a reflection of her deepest truth: nurturing joy, resilience, and intention in the earliest years.



Keynote & Conference Session

Saturday, April 25

10:45 -11:45 AM

Keynote

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

1:00 -2:30 PM

Lights On, Joy Up: Reframing Challenging Behaviors and Reigniting Your Purpose