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## Lesley Jennings

**Lesley Jennings** is the manager of Teaching Strategies' new Early Literacy Certification Program that builds early childhood educators' knowledge of foundational literacy skills so that they can confidently support young learners' journeys to reading and writing fluency. Previously, Lesley worked at Teaching Strategies for three years as an educational consultant and spent 32 years in education as an early childhood teacher, literacy coach, instructional specialist, Head Start supervisor, and program supervisor for Detroit Public Schools Early Childhood Department. She received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, and her master's degree in educational leadership from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. Lesley lives in the Detroit area with her husband (empty nesting). She loves to take her travel trailer to enjoy the fall foliage in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



Conference Session

Friday, April 24

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

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