



Early Childhood Conference

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Wednesday, April 27, 2022

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM KEYNOTE

Being More Than One Thing, Finding More Than One Way

“What’s been important in my understanding of myself and others,” Fred Rogers said, “is the fact that each one of us is so much more than any one thing.” As helpers who serve children, families, and other helpers, what we do for the human beings around us – young or old – is often so much more than just our job descriptions and titles. When the conditions around us limit what we are accustomed to doing, we can all find our resilient and creative ways to be helpful. The ways we learn, and grow are rooted in the human relationships we build around us. Presented by: Junlei Li & Dana Winters

Thursday, April 28th

8:00 AM - 9:00 or 9:30 AM

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Conflict Resolution in Preschool (Conscious Discipline)

This session will provide attendees with information on problem-solving strategies used with Conscious Discipline. Participants will gain insight and reflect on adult self-regulation skills. Content will introduce tools for conflict resolution in preschool settings. The session will provide steps on how to help children and staff manage their emotions to further learning outcomes. Presented by: Kenedria Thurman

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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Appreciating the Power of Simple, Ordinary Interactions

In this session, we will be using the “Simple Interactions” approach to closely examine adult-child interactions in early childhood contexts. We will practice appreciative “noticing” and reflective “wondering” to understand the dynamics within even the simplest human interactions. We will discuss

how these interactions weave together four basic dimensions of the human relationship – connection, reciprocity, inclusion, and opportunity to grow – to make positive developmental impacts. We will also extend these principles to reflect on the “parallel processes” of adult-adult interactions that support professionals and families. Presented by: Junlei Li & Dana Winters

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Reboot! Strategies for Thriving in 2022

There’s no denying that the ongoing stress and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic has drained our energy and made bringing our best to our work challenging. Children and families need us to provide a nurturing, secure, and positive learning environment now more than ever. Small actions can support positive changes that will help you experience higher levels of engagement at work and boost your energy. This workshop provides well-researched and actionable strategies to guide you in finding meaningful ways for staying optimistic, productive, hopeful, and passionate. You will leave inspired to reconnect with the joy, wonder, and magic of being an early childhood educator! Presented by: Susan MacDonald

Friday, April 29, 2022

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

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Illuminating the Magic and Wonder in Each Child

Explore the powerful impact that seeing the best in every child can have! This session will focus on strategies for using the principles of Appreciative Inquiry to illuminate each child's strengths. When children are viewed through their strengths, they become more resilient and confident. Finding new ways to acknowledge and validate the child's unique gifts will help you to build a more positive learning environment where children can thrive. Presented by: Susan MacDonald

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Conflict Resolution for Early Childhood Educators

Does your team have moments of misunderstanding, hurt feelings, frustration, and challenging communication? Whenever we put together a dynamic group of passionate educators full of ideas, we are bound to have disagreements from time to time! In this session, we’ll explore the situations that trigger conflict on teams and how to avoid them. We’ll discuss principles for working through conflict with peers, administrators, and teachers. Presented by: Cori Berg

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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Fill Your Cup: Self-Care for Educators

Beyond massages and bubble baths, educators need culturally relevant self-care strategies to keep their nervous system balanced and available to respond to children, families, and colleagues. This session discusses obstacles to self-care and principles for building a self-care foundation. We'll explore research on self-care activities that help reset the mind and body. Presented by: Cori Berg

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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Teaching Growth Mindset

A growth mindset is the belief that one's abilities, qualities and intelligence can be developed. This session is focused on the development of growth mindset in teachers and encouraging them to do the same with their children. This will help equip children with the resiliency skills needed to put in the effort and dedication required to overcome the many challenges they will face in school or in life.

Presented by: Ron Mohl

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:00 AM - 9:00 or 9:30 AM

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Embracing Hope Through Resilience Lessons from Nature

The work of early childhood education can be challenging both personally and professionally. Educators play a key role in the lives of families and communities. Our children count on us! This session uses examples of phenomena from the natural world to teach strategies for coping with adversity, connecting to others under stress, managing a professional mindset, and protecting your passion.

Presented by: Cori Berg

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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Unlock the Power of Positivity!

Positive thinking leads to positive outcomes! Positive strengths-based energy is essential for creating vibrant learning communities where children, families, and educators can thrive. This workshop is designed to support early childhood educators as they move through this period of stress and uncertainty due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Presented by: Susan MacDonald

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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The Passion & Pain During the Pandemic: Taking Care of YOU!

I love my job, but... Each day across America, this sentiment echoed from the mouths of hundreds - if not thousands of early care and education professionals. How can we re-spark the passion, even when pain and the pandemic have taken such a toll on each of us? You are invited to join Dr. Nefertiti B. Poyner in a research-informed, strength-based discussion of strategies to support early childhood educators to be and feel their best. You do your best even as the pain runs deep, and a global pandemic continues to loom. Presented by Nefertiti Bruce

1:00 PM - 2:00 or 2:30 PM KEYNOTE

Music Play is Learning Play: A Joyous Way to Learn

In this energizing and JOYFUL session, Jim Gill will share examples of his ACTIVE musical games that early education and care professionals can bring back to their classrooms, playrooms and family rooms. Most importantly, Jim will discuss how music play inspires young children not only to move, but to regulate their movements....not only to sing, but to make connections between the words they sing and the printed word and the world of numbers. Presented by: Jim Gill