



# The Early Childhood Conference

A Spectacular Virtual Experience

## FAMILY CHILD CARE TRACK

### Conference Sessions Just For You!

Friday, April 23, 2021

6.5 hours OA Credit

***Family Child Care: Controlling the Crazyness 10:00 am - 11:30 am***

When everything around us seems to be going crazy – the kids, the parents, the staff – we’re the ones who need to keep our sanity, right? Wrong! Learn how embracing the craziness of your business can be the key to creating a positive, stress-free environment for all the families and staff in your care. Take back strategies to tackle problems head on with a smile!

**Patricia Dischler**

***Making a Difference in the Life of a Child 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Keynote***

Everyone wants to make a difference in their life. What we often overlook is that we can make a difference every day with small moments that can lead to a big impact. Patricia inspires audiences to tap into their potential, to find their own way of making an impact in this world: through their job, through their relationships, through their actions big and small. Living life with the attitude that you are making a difference can change everything. Looking for a new, positive outlook on your life? Join us and find out that EVERYONE has something to contribute to making this world a better place, let’s find yours! **Patricia Dischler**

Saturday, April 24, 2021

***Family Child Care: Your Space Their Space/Creating Inspirational Environments 8:00 am - 9:30 am***

A child care space needs to do so much – support education, inspire, provide safety, minimize conflicts. Yet it should do even more – reflect the personalities of those who are in it! Learn how to create a space that not only supports the goals for the children – but supports those who teach in it as well! The children deserve a great place to learn – and you deserve a great place to work! **Patricia Dischler**

***Family Child Care: Early Childhood Mentoring = Growing Leaders 10:00 am - 11:30 am***

The biggest misconception about being a leader is that you are the one in front of everyone else. The truth is, great leaders never take the front seat but do all they can to provide support from behind, get out of the way when they witness growth in others, and shine a spotlight on those who do great things. Join us for a session on building leadership skills in order to support others. We’ll start with you: building your own leadership skills including building relationships, clear communication and uncovering the creative ideas of others. Then we’ll cover what you are hoping to inspire in others: professionalism in early childhood, including a professional attitude and image, marketing and business skill and operating a quality program. Let’s grow some leaders! **Patricia Dischler**

***What's Your Story and Why is it Important? Family Care Providers Empowered! 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm***

Do you ever feel burnt out and want to leave the field because people do not appreciate all you do for children and families? Participate in this interactive session and discover a unique way to illustrate your story and emphasize the importance of your work to parents and colleagues. Learn how to identify competencies, core knowledges, and support systems that will help your business flourish. As our field is beginning to be recognized as a profession, our work cannot be accomplished in isolation. **Mary Beth Bush**

***Family Child Care Providers Networking You’re Not Alone! 3:30 pm -4:00 pm***

Family child care providers will socialize, network and casually discuss focused topics of interest. Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with old and new friends and catch up with "what's happening" in regards to successful trends and new ideas. Get to know and learn from providers from around the state who share your interests and challenges.

**Mary Beth Bush**