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Gigi Schweikert

With 18 published books, in three languages, and 30 years of experience, Gigi Schweikert is a highly demanded, internationally known, thought leader in early childhood education and child care. Her best-selling book series, *Winning Ways for Early Childhood Professionals*, has changed the field through innovative ideas about leadership, child development, and professionalism.

Gigi was recently featured in Forbes sharing her secrets to finding and pursuing her life purpose, helping young children and their families. As a parenting expert, Gigi has appeared on CBS, Fox News, CNN and the Wall Street Journal Lunch Hour News. She has offered advice in parenting magazines, held a column in *Children's Ministry Magazine*, and written for Highscope, Child Care Information Exchange, and FamilyLife among other magazines and journals.

Gigi managed the Johnson & Johnson Early Education Programs and directed the United Nations Child Care Centre in New York City where she attended Bank Street College of Education. Gigi is currently the President & CEO of Lightbridge Academy. Gigi also hosted the television show, "Today's Family."

As the working mother of four children, Gigi's practical ideas and realistic perspective on parenting and child care will have you laughing and learning.



Conference Sessions

Thursday, April 23

8:30-9:30 AM

Leadership Retreat Part 1- Supervise with Confidence: Using your Teacher Skills to Guide Adults

1:00 -2:30 PM

Leadership Retreat Part 2- Good Enough Never is: The Benefits and Challenges of Change

3:00 -4:30 PM

Leadership Retreat Part 3- 10 Steps to a Winning Team: Positive Staff Relations

Friday April 24

8:30-10:00 AM

Prime Times for Infants and Toddlers: Giving Children Individual Attention