

2024 Ohio Early Childhood Conference Suggested Topics April 25-27, 2024 | Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH

TEACHING WITH PURPOSE TOPIC IDEAS:

- Arts (Performing & Visual Arts) - Sessions on this topic address art, drama, dance, puppetry and other creative art experiences in the early childhood curriculum.
- Assessment of Young Children - Sessions on this topic address observing and assessing children's growth and learning.
- Children with Disabilities/Early Intervention - Sessions on this topic address including and supporting children with disabilities in early childhood settings.
- Cognitive Development - Sessions on this topic address brain development and how children think and reason.
- Curriculum - Theories & Approaches - Sessions on this topic address the philosophies and educational goals for meeting the learning and development needs of young children.
- Developmentally Appropriate Practices- Sessions on this topic address the DAP statement as a framework of principles to support a teacher's intentional decision-making for practice.
- Guidance/Discipline/Challenging Behaviors - Sessions on this topic address appropriate strategies for preventing or responding to challenging behaviors.
- Language & Literacy - Sessions on this topic address language development and early literacy experiences for young children including dual language learners.
- Learning Environment - Sessions on this topic address the indoor and outdoor spaces in which children learn.
- Mathematics - Sessions on this topic address math experiences in the early childhood curriculum.
- Music - Sessions on this topic address music experiences in the early childhood curriculum.
- Nature Play & Outdoor Spaces- Sessions on this topic address nature and outdoor learning in the early childhood curriculum as well as nature/forest schools.
- Physical Development - Sessions on this topic address children's physical growth including fine and gross motor skills.
- Play - Sessions on this topic address investigating the world and building meaningful knowledge through open-ended, firsthand experiences.
- Reggio Emilia – Sessions on this topic explore this student-centered approach in experiential learning in relationship-driven environments
- Science - Sessions on this topic address science experiences in the early childhood curriculum.

- Social Studies - Sessions on this topic address social studies experiences in the early childhood curriculum.
- Social/Emotional Development - Sessions on this topic address how children learn to understand and manage emotions and develop relationships with others.
- Trauma informed Care – Sessions on this topic will cover how to Implement Trauma-informed Care to build resilience to childhood trauma.
- Teaching & Instructional Practices - Sessions on this topic address the use of effective teaching approaches that enhance children's learning and development.
- Technology & Digital Media - Sessions on this topic address using technology and digital media as part of children's learning experiences.

LEADING WITH EXCELLENCE TOPIC IDEAS:

- Diversity & Equity - Sessions on this topic address issues of diversity and equity in all sectors of the early childhood field.
- Family Connections & Support - Sessions on this topic address building meaningful relationships with families.
- Global Perspectives - Sessions on this topic address international perspectives of early childhood education.
- Health & Mental Health – Sessions on this topic address self-care and building adult resilience.
- Men in Early Childhood - Sessions on this topic address including men in the early childhood field.
- Professionalism, Leadership & Ethics - Sessions on this topic address the skill set needed to be an effective early childhood professional.
- Program Administration, Evaluation & Financial Management - Sessions on this topic address administration and management issues for program and school leaders including staff retention & recruitment.

PREPARING & ENGAGING PROFESSIONAL LEARNERS TOPIC IDEAS:

- Educator/Teacher Preparation - Sessions on this topic address higher education programs for preparing teachers and educators entering the early childhood field/profession.
- Professional Development-Training & Technical Assistance - Sessions on this topic address strategies and models for providing ongoing professional learning and support to early childhood practitioners.

CREATING CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS TOPIC IDEAS:

- Advocacy/Public Policy - Sessions on this topic address public policy work at the federal, state and local levels as well as issue-driven advocacy.
- Community Partnerships - Sessions on this topic address building partnerships among early childhood community stakeholders.
- NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs - Sessions on this topic address the process of seeking, achieving, and maintaining NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs.
- Research - Sessions on this topic address scholarly research conducted on early childhood education issues.
- Standards - Early Learning Standards, Program Standards - Sessions on this topic address standards that guide children's learning and program quality.
- State Systems - Data, Financing, Professional Development, Standards, QRIS - Sessions on this topic address state systems and other large initiatives for improving and expanding quality in early childhood settings.

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