



# Infant & Toddler Sessions

**The Ohio Early Childhood Conference | April 23-25, 2026 | Kalahari Resort | Sandusky, OH**

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Coaching Through Challenging Behaviors: How Interactive Talk Supports Social-Emotional Development**

Marlo Parlin, 4C for Children & Luis Bernal, LENA

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Music for Infants and Toddlers: Songs of Security and Stepping Out**

David Kisor, Kisor Music LLC/Growing Sound

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Pivotal Practices for Early Childhood: Creating Effective Practices to Support All Children**

Alexa Nunnari, Katie DeSmith & Jody Baile, OCALI- Early Childhood Center of Excellence

8:30 am – 9:30 am

**Supporting Muslim Children in an Early Childhood Setting**

Yunus Brevik, Dayton Public Schools

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Tiny Bodies, Big Feelings: Trauma Support for Toddlers**

Colleen Wallace, Nationwide Children's Hospital

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Getting Down and Dirty with Potty Mastery - Helping Early Childhood Educators Support Children's Independent Toileting**

Joan Morgenstern, Senders Pediatrics

**Friday, April 24, 2026**

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Prime Time for Infants and Toddlers: Giving Children Individual Attention**

Gigi Schweikert, Lightbridge Holdings Group

8:00 am – 10:00 am

**Little Learners in a Digital World**

Erin Finley, Hopewell Health Centers

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**American Sign Language Combined with Music for Interactive Learning with Infants and Toddlers**

Georgia & Ken Frawley, KF Enterprises

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Challenging Behaviors in the Classroom (Biting, Running, Throwing, Hitting, Oh My!)**

Dr. Beth Trammell, Indiana University East

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**How to Build the Young Scientist**

Samantha Whatley, Step Forward

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Ohio's ASQ Online and Sparkler**

Julie Babcock, Bright Beginnings

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Best New Children's Books on DEI and SEL and More!**

Amy Vandament, The Book Vine for Children, Inc.

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Supporting a Child's Unique Developmental Journey (0-3)**

Heather Knoble & Stephanie Bondra, Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**The Toddler Challenge: The Joys and Struggles of Toddlerhood**

Karen Crockett & Anne McGlamery, Nationwide Children's Hospital Child Care Program

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

8:00 am – 10:00 am

**GIGGLES & WIGGLES! It's Circle Time**

Sharron Krull, Play Power/Discount School Supply

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Big Feelings, Little Teeth: Exploring Safe Ways to Express**

Patrick McKelvey, Nationwide Children's Hospital

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Math- It All Adds Up!**

Lori Kowit & Kassie Matamoros, Action for Children

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Nature Play with Fairy Gardens**

Dr. Kathleen Harris, Seton Hill University

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**How to Talk to Infants & Toddlers While They Play: Language that Fosters Connection, Confidence and Creativity**

Cara Tyrrell, Core4Parenting

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**“I Like You Just the Way You Are!” Reflecting on Fred Rogers’ Six Fundamentals of Learning and Growing to Awaken Essential Life Skills in Early Childhood Settings**

Dr. Kathleen Harris, Seton Hill University

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Speech and Language Development**

Kimberly Ohl, Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Supporting Young Minds: Creating Balance in the Classroom**

Nancy Secrest & Amy Hamilton, The Balanced Child Method

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Exploring Narratives in the 0-3 Space**

Hayley Venturino, State Support Team 15

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Pebbles and Prose: The Storytelling Power of Loose Parts**

Elizabeth Fields, Learning Beyond Paper, Inc.

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Re-Thinking Early Childhood Learning Environments**

Karen Crockett & KayCee McElroy, Nationwide Children’s Hospital Child Care Program

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Say, Sing & Sign! How ASL Combined with Music Benefits Infants and Toddlers**

Georgia & Ken Frawley, KF Enterprises