

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONALISM TRACK

The Ohio Early Childhood Conference | April 24-26, 2025 | Kalahari Resort | Sandusky, OH

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:30 am -10:00 am

Leadership Retreat Part 1: Creating a Culture of Appreciation!

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Susan MacDonald

8:30 am -10:00 am

Strategies to Support a More Qualified Staff in Early Childhood Education with Job-Embedded Professional Development

Keri Anderson

8:30 am -10:00 am

Guiding Growth: Empowering Early Childhood Educators Through Mentorship

Melissa Adipietro

8:30 am -9:30 am

“Lifting as We Climb”: Advocating for Black Males in Early Childhood Settings

Troy Hunter & Brian Johnson

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Leadership Retreat Part 2: Micro-Moments of Connection: Moving Beyond Negativity and Judgment to Strengthen Relationships

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Susan MacDonald

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

What All Early Childhood Professionals Need to Know about State and Federal Policy to Ensure the Supports that Families and Children Need to Succeed

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Troy Hunter & Daniel Haines

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Grant Writing 101: Finding Funds to Meet Your Needs

Lisa Frasure

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Be Gone Pesky Ghosts! Decreasing Rumination and Thought Traps Part 1

Patrick McKelvey

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Amplifying Family Voices: Advocating for Meaningful Engagement in Early Childhood Education

Malissa Harris

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Be Gone Pesky Ghosts! Decreasing Rumination and Thought Traps Part 2

Patrick McKelvey

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Leadership Retreat Part 3: Onward! Creating a Roadmap to Inspire and Guide Your Leadership Journey

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Friday, April 25, 2025

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Sparkling Joy: Cultivating Positivity and Resilience

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8:30 am -9:30 am

A Project Management Approach to Implementation

Mollie Bauer

8:30 am -10:00 am

Cultivating Excellence: A Leadership Approach to Building Gender-Diverse ECE Teams

Dr. Chrystine Mitchell

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Personal Climate and Culture: The Key to Professional Success

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Gerry Brooks

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Create Effective Teamwork by Navigating Work Styles

Carrie Shockey

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Wading in the Water: Navigating the Changing Currents in ECE

Jane Pernicone

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Braving Burnout

Erin Finley

Bonus Session

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Change is Good... You Go First! 21 Ways to Inspire Change

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Pam Perrino

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Building Your Bounce: Promoting Adult Resilience Overview

Brandy Theis

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Secrets to Hosting Captivating and Effective Staff Meetings

Jennifer Sprafka

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Are Your Leadership Skills Helpful or Hurtful: Seeing Positive Intent in Your Staff

Yvonne Watkins

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3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Peak Professionalism and Peace: Only a TAP Away!

Tijana Coso

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

I Need a Break: The Importance of Downtime in Early Childhood Education

LaToya Dixon