

PLAY & DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICES

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

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:30 am -10:00 am

Whispers of Wonder: How Play Ignites the Soul

Malori McCloskey & Annette Tille

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

How Developmentally Appropriate Practice Impacts You

Marie Economos & Heather Reister

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Purposeful Play in Early Childhood Education

Debby Spitzer

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Back to the Basics: What Really Matters?

Malori McCloskey & Jen Lee

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Bonus Session

Hello Gorgeous! Brains! Hearts! Porridge! (Still Teaching in the 'Key of Life')

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Mimi Brodsky Chenfeld & Vincent Nunes

Friday, April 25, 2025

8:30 am -10:00 am

Intentionally Planning to Maximize Engagement

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Ron Mohl

8:30 am -9:30 am

\$5 Fun: Playful Ways to Build Resilience and Grow Responsive Relationships at Home and in the Classroom

Tiarra Williams

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Tiny Hands, Big Ideas: Loose Parts Play for the Littlest Learners (Infant-Toddler)

Sheila Bridges & Jaclyn Gordon

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Everyone Can Be an Artist: The Value of Open-Ended Art

Nancy Okuley & Staci Cook

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Rethinking Play

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Kisa Marx

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Make Room for Active Learning

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Lance Reed

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

GIGGLE & WIGGLES! It's Circle Time

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Sharron Krull

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Child Centered Curriculum: Beliefs, Myths and Possibilities

Karen Crockett

8:30 am - 9:30 am

The Importance of Play in Early Childhood Environments

LaToya Dixon

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Every Moment Matters

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Rachel Giannini

8:30 am - 10:00 am

THE ART OF CREATIVITY! Process Over Product

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Sharron Krull

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

START YOUR ENGINES! Active Play Sparks Brain Growth & Physical Development

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Sharron Krull

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Let's Play Principal... (Still Teaching in the 'Key of Life')

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Mimi Brodsky Chenfeld

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Music is Play (For the Non-Musician): The Importance of Your Role

Karen Goulandris & Taylor Laski

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Becoming a Play Detective: Six Stages of Play in the Classroom

Kelly Rose