Conference Agenda

Western Kentucky Early Childhood Summit
March 14th, 2015

Presented by:

*WKU Child Care Resource and Referral*

WKU South Campus
2355 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY

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<td>8:30 – 10:30</td>
<td><strong>Title:</strong> School House Rockin' Yoga</td>
<td><strong>Description:</strong> This program is designed to bring the yoga benefits to the environments serving children, families and teachers. This session will provide participants the definition of yoga and the benefit yoga brings to children of all ages. Participants will learn how to use yoga to help children move in a fun way, use music to soothe children and encourage the magic of imagination and yoga for fun activities.</td>
<td>Anice Bishop, Certified Yoga Instructor, Hot Yoga Bowling Green</td>
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<td><strong>Title:</strong> Gigantic, Enormous, Colossal: Supporting Vocabulary Development</td>
<td><strong>Description:</strong> Come learn about strategies to support children in learning new words. Research says children should be learning about 10 words a day from 12 months to 18 years, and if they do not...there is a growing gap that impacts reading comprehension, academic success, and career choices. Research will be embedded throughout the session, but the focus will be on practical activities to do with children.</td>
<td>Dr. Connie Smith, Early Childhood Specialist</td>
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<td><strong>Title:</strong> Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports for use with All Ages.</td>
<td><strong>Description:</strong> This training will provide an overview of the continuum of Behavioral Intervention and Supports. Topics covered will include classroom based interventions, group interventions, and targeted individual interventions.</td>
<td>Ryan Emmick, Head Teacher, Butler County Schools</td>
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## What’s Eating You? Nurturing Children’s Nutritional Development

**Description:** Children develop eating habits very early in life. Much of their habits are based on the eating experiences that see and what people are saying around them and to them. As children grow and develop, so does their list of food they like and foods they won’t touch. Knowing when and how children develop their eating habits and preferences can help you grow healthy eaters. Having a better understanding about “picky eaters,” childhood obesity and how children develop a sense of being hungry is critical in developing healthy eaters. Come join us to learn how to help children and maybe even learn a bit more about how you developed your own eating habits!

*Presenter: Christina Sanders, Preschool Teacher, Warren County Public Schools*
*Core Content: HSN; CDA Subject Area: 1; Training Level: 1*

## Are You Ready For School Readiness?

**Description:** Want to make sure the children in your care are ready for Kindergarten? Simple, fun and easy ways with resources you already have on hand and other resources that are available from your public library. Or maybe you just want creative ideas to get you through the day -either way, this workshop provides the same result - children learning through play. This will be hands on and very interactive. Come prepared to share!

*Presenter: Monica Edwards, Outreach Manager, Warren County Public Library;*
*Core Content: LEC; CDA Subject Area: 2; Training Level: 1*

## Music in the Classroom

**Description:** This session will allow participants the opportunity to explore ways to implement music into the classroom for all ages on all occasions. It is important to realize music cab help teach concepts (math, reading, science, etc), as well as to help get them moving!

*Presenter: Sharon Bonds, Owner/Director, Sharon’s Child Care*
*Core Content: LEC; CDA Subject Area: 3; Training Level: 1*

## Providers: Your Health Matters!

**Description:** This session is all about you! Topics covered will include nutrition, physical activity, and stress management. We will go over the basics to a healthier you.

*Presenter: Ashley Lillard, Child Care Health Consultant, Barren River District Health Dept.*
*Core Content: PD; CDA Subject Area: 6; Training Level: 2*
12:15-1:30

**Lunch and Learn** - Lunch provided by Chaney’s Dairy Barn

**Title:** What If? Did You Know?

**Description:** Grab your lunch and head on to the classroom to join us in this session where participants can hear from the expert about the regulations! Be prepared with your questions and be ready for the answers! One hour of credit will be provided for participants who attend the Lunch & Learn!

*Presenter: Felisa Coleman, Regional Program Manager, Division of Regulated Child Care*

*Core Content: PME; CDA Subject Area: 5; Training Level: 2*

1:45 – 3:15

**Title:** Beyond the Music

**Description:** Understanding that the arts can support and extend children’s acquisition of skills in language, science and math we will look at ways to apply music activities to the acquisition of skills in STEM education. By first considering the importance of aesthetics to learning across domains we will analyze three music based activities and connect them to Early Childhood Standards in Math, Science and Arts & Humanities.

*Presenter: Stephanie Koeller, Director, Holy Spirit Parkside*

*Core Content: LEC; CDA Subject Area: 2; Training Level: 1*

**Title:** The ABC’s of Kindergarten Readiness

**Description:** Kindergarten Readiness is taking center stage in early learning in Kentucky! Lawmakers consider it an investment. Administrators look to it for accountability. Teachers find it threatening. Parents find it confusing. What is kindergarten readiness? How can teachers prepare young children for this readiness initiative? Let’s break down the readiness concept into developmental areas and skill development. Learn what should children know and be able to do as they enter kindergarten. Understand more about why these things are important for school success. We will work together to brainstorm strategies and activities to best facilitate the development of kindergarten readiness skills in our programming.

*Presenter: Christina Sanders, Preschool Teacher, Warren County Public Schools*

*Core Content: PM/E; CDA Subject Area: 5; Training Level: 2*

**Title:** Let’s Dig It!

**Description:** Have you ever wondered how much fun it might be to be on an archaeology dig somewhere exotic? Well, we aren’t traveling outside of our imagination but we will have some fun and learn about some interesting ways to spark young children’s interest in this world of science and exploration. We will look at ways to bring this adult concept to an early childhood exploration of the world around us.

*Presenter: Heather Alms, WKU Child Care Resource & Referral*

*Core Content: LEC; CDA Subject Area: 2; Training Level: 2*
**Title:** ECE-TRIS--The What, Why and How

**Description:** This training will offer participants a hands-on opportunity to understand the Early Care and Education Training Record Information System (ECE-TRIS) system. They will learn what it does for them, how best to use it and why it is so important!

Training Objectives:
1) To help participants use ECE-TRIS
2) To help participants understand how ECE-TRIS can help them

*Presenter: Heather Alms, WKU Child Care Resource & Referral*
*Core Content: PD; CDA Subject Area: 6; Training Level: 1*

**Title:** Infants, Toddlers and Interactions – OH MY!

**Description:** Appropriate interactions with infants and toddlers are the KEY to children's growth and development. This workshop will focus on appropriate Adult:Child Interactions and what that means in the infant/toddler classroom.

*Presenter: Dr. Amy S. Hood. WKU Child Care Resource and Referral*
*Core Content: CGD; CDA Subject Area: 2; Training Level: 2*